

A New Birdie Just Like All The Rest

*It's spring! little bunnies!
It's spring! little birdies!
The warm sun is shining again!
From a cold, wet winter season*

*Baby colts! Baby goats!
Tiny heads poking out from every burrow!
All adult birds rushing and choosing the best,
Perfect dry twigs to build a safe, little nest.*

*There you are, almost grown up!
Any moment to fly from nest and tree
Parent birds, now encouraging, quite loudly
Scolding human intruders - including me!*

*Hurry! little bird! Learn all that they teach!
For you may be - within hours - on your own!
As Mother and Father bird, from your nest, forever
Will have flown.*

*They must quickly teach you fear and flight,
Show you how to forage and what to eat.
They've taught you lots of wrong from right
Soon, they must disappear - in a heartbeat.*

*You were quite used to screeching for food;
Your tiny beak agape, for anything good, or new.
Soon you will need to fend wisely; of nest, family and self.
Sadly, your sibling fell below, into the grass and dew.*

*Now! the neighborhood is becoming very chatty!
As they cheer all these birdies on - as each attempts to fly!
Every adult bird joins in with parents' excitement -
As each young bird tries and tries, to leap into the sky!*

*The whole scene is kinetic energy!
Baby birds began darting about our garden and under the eaves
All in different stages of development - from the many trees.
In and out! All about! Through the branches and leaves.*

*I know all those familiar markings!
I've known you since you were new!
Hey! there's a baby bird zipping through the daisies!...
Or, is that you?!*

*It is so difficult to spot who's who?
Around your very busy tree and nest!
It could be you! or - a baby sparrow neighbor?
Now, you are beginning to resemble all the rest!*

*Those light and dark brown sparrow feathers-
I swear! are surely you!
Oh! there another one flies by - exactly the same!
Another dips and dives! Oh! now I haven't a clue!*

*Your parents were so mighty proud!
You learned your lessons well!
But they have both left that nest...
There will be no goodbyes to tell.*

*In their absence, they've sent both happy and sad
Messages to you, "Fare-Thee-Well!", and
"You became all grown up; when you learned to fly!"*

*They knew then that you would no longer need them.
For they worked very hard to feed, teach and protect you;
Up until now; to help you, Leap Into The Sky!*

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