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Bird Children

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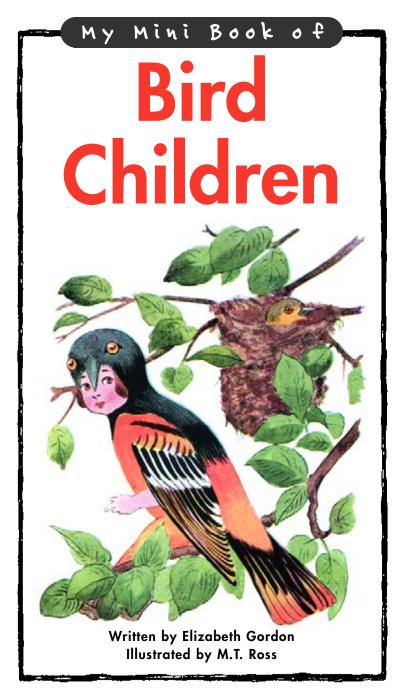
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Said Nightingale: "It's not my way To practice singing in the day, But wait till all the rest are through And I will gladly sing for you."



Canary-bird said to his mother: "Is that bird in the tree my brother?" Mama Canary said: "Oh, no! He's just a cousin — wild, you know."



Ivory-billed Woodpecker said: "Dear me! They're cutting down my family tree; Where can I live, I'd like to know, If men will spoil the forest so?"



Meadowlark has a flute-like voice, Sings a song that's very choice; Builds his nest low, near the ground, With woven grasses arched around.



Cardinal Bird wears vivid red, He's very amiable, 'tis said; He likes fresh fruits and seeds to eat And has a song that's very sweet.



In shallow water Mallard Duck At fishing sometimes tries his luck; At other times he thinks it's nice To nibble at the sweet wild rice.



Eagle has piercing yellow eyes, He's very strong and very wise; He's king and master over all The other birds, both great and small.



Great Blue Heron likes to fly, And so he builds his house up high, Way in the tops of tallest trees Where he lives, happy as you please.



Said Father Goose: "I think I'll take A stroll this morning to the lake." Mother Goose said: "Then I'll go, too, And maybe take a swim with you."



Friendly little Chickadee Is just as cunning as can be; Upon your windowsill he'll come And thank you kindly for a crumb.



Baltimore Oriole, pretty thing, Builds his nest of bits of string; He's sociable and likes to stay Where people live and children play.



Black, solemn-looking Mr. Crow Steals the good farmer's corn, you know; If you ask why he breaks the laws, He answers, wisely, "Caws, caws, caws."

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Said Penguin, pensively, one day: "Come, fishie dear, come out and play," But fishie answered, in a fright: "I've heard about your appetite."