

Folk & Traditional Song Lyrics

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1.

Bye, burdie, in a bogie,
In amang a pickle foggie;
But the burdie wan away,
And we sought it many a day,
Till we found it out at last,
Draigled in a wild-deuk's nest.

Bye, birdie, &c.--Da capo.

2.

There was a hennie had a birdie,
And the birdie it flew out,
And she sought it east and wast,
And she got it at the last,
Draggled in a deuk's nest;
And she bade it gang awa' hame,
Wi' a cauld back and a hungry wame.

3.

Baa! birdie in a bog.
In amang a pickle fog;
But the birdie flew awa',
Baa! birdie, baa!
And they socht it far and wide,
Up and doon the country side,
And they fand it oot at last,
Drookit in a wild-deuk's nest;
And they bade it aye gang hame,
Cauld feet and hungry wame.

4.

Ba birdie, in a bog,
Doon amang a pickle fog.

Ba birdie, ran awa',
An' I socht him a' day.

An' I fand him oot at last,
Hidin' in a craw's nest;

An' I took him by the powe,

An' I flang him owre the knowe.

An' tell'd him to rin hame,
Cauld, wat, an' hungry wean!

(1) Chambers PRS (1870), 28 (with music); Montgomerie SNR (1946), 97 (No. 119) [+ music].

(2) PRS (1847), 183.

(3) Rymour Club Misc. I (1906-11), 31 (+ music) (in 5 lines); line 6 supplied from another copy, p. 32.

(4) MacLennan SNR (1909), 20. Cf. "Ba, birdie on a stane".

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