

FREE LITTLE BIRD

Old-Time Song and Breakdown; Original words by L. V. H. Crosby **DATE:** 1853; **CATEGORY:** Fiddle and Instrumental Tunes; **OTHER NAMES:** Little Birdie; Katy Cline; **RELATED TO:** Willie Dear; Katy Cline; Careless Love; **RECORDING INFO:** Dykes Magic City Trio-1927; Clarence Ashley & Fred Price; Roscoe Holcomb; Bascom Lamar Lunsford; New Lost City Ramblers; Hedy West; **NOTES:** "Free Little Bird" is an adaptation of "Kitty Clyde," written and composed by L. V. H. Crosby and published in 1853.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a common time signature (C). It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "1. I'm as free a lit - tle bird as I can be, I'm as free a lit - tle bird as I can be, I'm as free at my age as a bir - die in a cage, I'm as free a lit - tle bird as I can be. 2. Car - ry me". Chords are indicated above the staff: C, G7, C, C7, F, G7, C.

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I'm as free a little bird as I can be, I'm as free a little bird as I can be,
I'm as free at my age as a birdie in a cage, I'm as free a little bird as I can be.

Carry me home little birdie, carry me home,
Carry me home little birdie, carry me home,
Carry me home to my wife, she's the joy of my life,
Carry me home little birdie, carry me home.

I'll never build my nest on the ground, Neither in the forks of a tree.
I'll build my nest in the ruffles of her dress, Where the bad boys can never bother me