

LITTLE BIRDIE

Traditional Bluegrass Song; **DATE:** early 1900's; **CATEGORY:** early Country and Bluegrass Songs; **RECORDING INFO:** Vernon Dalhart-1925; Coon Creek Girls; Greenbriar Boys; Wade Mainer; Roscoe Holcomb; Frank Proffitt; Stanley Brothers-1952; Bray Brothers; **NOTES:** From the notes on Frank Proffitt's second Folk-Legacy solo recording (C-36): This banjo song, now well-known through the performances of Ralph Stanley and Roscoe Holcomb, can be heard almost anywhere in the Appalachians.

Lit-tle Bird - ie, Lit - tle Bird - ie, What makes you fly so high?
It's be - cause I am a true lit-tle bird And I do not fear to die.

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C **G** **C**
Little Birdie, little birdie, What makes you fly so high?
G **C**
It's because I'm a true little bird, And I do not fear to die.

C **G** **C**
Chorus: Little Birdie, little birdie, Come and sing me a song
G **C**
Got a short time to be here, Got a long time to be gone.

I'm a long way from old Dixie, And my old Kentucky home
Now my parents are both dead and gone, Have no place to call my home.

Little birdie, little birdie, What makes you act so queer
You've got no cause to worry, And don't need no clothes to wear.