

Who Killed Cock Robin

Informant/Performer:
Mrs. J.F. Hornbeak
Moss Bluff, FL, 1937

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Who killed___ Ro - bin? Who killed___ Ro - bin?

I, said a spar - row, with my lit - tle bow and ar - row,

it was I, it was I, with my lit - tle bow and ar - row, it was I.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with a blank line under 'killed' in the first line. An asterisk is placed above the final note of the second line and the final note of the third line.

Transcribed by Gail Needleman

* When the text of the verse has a single syllable here,
only the first note (mi) is sung.

2. Who caught his blood, O who caught his blood?
I, said the fish, with my little dainty dish,
It was I, it was I, with my little dainty dish, it was I.
3. Who dug his grave? O who dug his grave?
I, said a crow, with my little spade and hoe,
It was I, it was I, with my little spade and hoe, it was I.
4. O who pulled him in? O who pulled him in?
I, said a bull, just as hard as I could pull,
It was I, it was I, just as hard as I could pull, it was I.
5. O who covered him up? O who covered him up?
I, said a duck, just because I covered him up,
It was I, it was I, just because I covered him up, it was I.
6. Who preached his fun'ral? Who preached his fun'ral?
I, said a swallow, just as loud as I could hollo,
It was I, it was I, just as loud as I could hollo, it was I.
7. O who mourned for Robin? Who mourned for Robin?
I, said a dove, with my little mourning love,
It was I, it was I, with my little mourning love, it was I.