

Who Killed Cock Robin

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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.

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 a 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.