

Little Bird, Go Through My Window

Informant/Performer:
Eddie Nelson
Murrells Inlet, SC, 1937

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The musical score is written for a single voice on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of six staves of music. The first three staves are in 5/8 time, and the last three are in 2/4 time. The lyrics are: 1. Lit - tle bird, lit - tle bird, go through my win - dow, Lit - tle bird, lit - tle bird, go through my win - dow, Lit - tle bird, lit - tle bird, go through my win - dow. The fourth staff has two endings: 1. And buy mo - las - ses can - dy. 2. can - dy. The fifth staff is the chorus, marked with an asterisk (*), and the lyrics are: Go through my win - dow, my su - gar lump, Go through my win - dow, my su - gar lump. The sixth staff has two endings: 1. And buy mo - las - ses can - dy. Go 2. can - dy. There are also alternate endings marked * alt. and ** alt.

1. Lit - tle bird, lit - tle bird, go through my win - dow,
Lit - tle bird, lit - tle bird, go through my win - dow,
Lit - tle bird, lit - tle bird, go through my win - dow
And buy mo - las - ses can - dy. can - dy.
Chorus: *
Go through my win - dow, my su - gar lump, Go through my win - dow, my su - gar lump,
And buy mo - las - ses can - dy. Go can - dy.
* alt. ** alt.

Transcribed by Gail Needleman

2. Bluebird, bluebird, go through my window... etc.
Go through my window, my little bird...

Game Directions

It takes [at least] six children to play. Three on each side take hands and make an arch.
Then, couple by couple, the children drop hands and go under the arch.

Alan Lomax, *Our Singing Country*