

What does little birdie say?

Childhood days are fleeting and this poem by Alfred, Lord Tennyson encapsulates the ephemeral nature of these most precious years while we wait for 'the little wings' to get stronger. Music by Dany Rosevear.

This can work as a lullaby or a hand play: **Line 1.: Open and close thumb and forefinger. 2. Make hands into a nest. 3. and 4. Cross wrists and flap hands. 5. Put closed hands to cheek. 6. Flap elbows. 7. Hands to cheek. 8. Hands fly away.**

Musical score for the song 'What does little birdie say?'. The score is written in treble clef, 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'What does lit - tle bir - die say, In her nest at peep of day? Let me fly, says lit - tle bir - die, Mo - ther, let me fly a - way. Bir - die, rest a lit - tle lon - ger, Till the lit - tle wings are stron - ger, So she rests a lit - tle lon - ger, Then she flies a - way.' The score includes guitar chords: D, A, D, G, D, A7, G, A, D, D, A, D, G, D, G, D, A, A7, D, A, D, A, A7, D.

What does little birdie say
In her nest at peep of day?
Let me fly, says little birdie,
Mother, let me fly away.
Birdie, rest a little longer,
Till the little wings are stronger,
So she rests a little longer,
Then she flies away.



What does little baby say,
In her bed at peep of day?
Baby says, like little birdie,
Let me rise and fly away.
Baby, sleep a little longer,
Till the little limbs are stronger;
If she sleeps a little longer,
Baby too shall fly away.