

# Spring song / All the birds

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The melody of this famous German song; 'Alle Vögel sind schon da' written by Hoffmann von Fallersleben can be traced back to the 15th century. The arrival of migrating birds tells us spring has arrived however many such as those below have overwintered ready to burst into morning song as the first rays of warming spring sunshine appear.

**Stand in a space. Verse 1. Fly around the room. Skip in a small circle making hands open and close like beaks. Find a partner, hold hands and skip around on the spot.**

**2. Move round the room in pairs holding hands while flapping outside arm. Find a second pair and skip round on the spot. Leader drops hands and takes the line of four off round the room waving to other groups as they pass. 3. Lines join hands in one large class line which moves into one big circle. Skip into the circle and back out again. Circle skips round to the left.**

The image shows a musical score for the song 'All the birds are back once again'. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has chords D, G, D, A, D, A7, D. The second staff has chords D, A, D, A, D, A, D, A. The third staff has chords D, G, D, A, D, A7, D.

All the birds are back once a - gain, Lis - ten to them sing - ing;  
Whist - ling, chir - ping, tril - ling a - long, Ma - king mu - sic in won - drous song,  
Spring bursts forth as sound fills the air, Me - lo - dies so thrill - ing.

All the birds are back once again,  
Listen to them singing;  
Whistling, chirping, trilling along,  
Making music in wondrous song,  
Spring bursts forth as sound fills the air,  
Melodies so thrilling.



All the birds how cheerful are they,  
Nimble hopping, nesting!  
Starling, blackbird, chaffinch and thrush,  
Birds are flocking surely for us,  
Wishing each a happy year,  
Bringing all their blessings.

Take to heart the message they bring:  
Live your lives with pleasure.  
We would like to be cheerful too,  
Outside playing like the birds do,  
Singing, jumping, laughter and fun.  
All of this we'll treasure.

