

# Migration

## A Dancing Song

Though birds migrate in the fall, we don't really miss their presence until mid-winter. First and foremost, this is a song for dancing! If you have scarves, get them out and let the children migrate around the room! It's also an opportunity to discuss migration, and appreciate our feathered friends, and to notice those who stay behind. Below are some great websites with information on bird migration. As the lyrics indicate, sparrows, hummingbirds (though not all), and most song birds migrate. Hummingbirds have an especially long journey, and they fly at night for safety, stopping to rest along the way. For more "choreographed" dancing, children can act out the parts of the birds as the song is played.

**\*ANOTHER IDEA:** Make a migration chart, and list local birds, where they are now, and then follow their return in the spring

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1. Tiny little sparrow tell me where do you go  
Before the leaves are off the trees and the ground is white with snow  
Says the sparrow, "I fly to where the sun warms the ground  
And enough food for us all can be found  
I fly away, I fly away
2. Tiny little hummingbird, where do you go  
Before the leaves are off the trees and the ground is white with snow  
Says the hummingbird, "I fly through the darkness of night,  
Often resting for it's such a long flight  
I fly away, I fly away
3. Songbird I miss you every winter when you go  
Before the leaves are off the trees and the ground is white with snow  
Says the songbird, "Don't worry I'll return in the spring,  
And I'll sit outside your window and sing."  
I fly away, I fly away
4. What a clever thing it is to know just when it's time to go  
Before the leaves are off the trees and the ground is white with snow  
Little birds you are brave, little birds you are strong  
Travel safely 'til you bring me back your song

I fly away, I fly away

I fly away,

I will listen for your song when you return on a warm spring day