**Birds Storytime**

**Sing “Hello Hello”** *(directions for movements are in italics)*

Hello Hello [wave]
Can you clap your hands? [clap hands]
Hello Hello [wave]
Can you stomp your feet? [stomp feet]
Can you reach up high? [reach arms up]
Can you turn around? [spin around]
Can you wiggle your fingers? [wiggle fingers]
And touch the ground? [touch the floor]

Hello Hello [wave]
Can you clap your hands? [clap hands]
Hello Hello [wave]
Can you stomp your feet? [stomp feet]
Can you reach up high? [reach arms up]
Can you turn around? [spin around]
Can you wiggle your fingers? [wiggle fingers]
And sit right down? [sit down]

**Read Lewis Cardinal’s First Winter** by Amy Crane Johnson and Robb Mommaerts

Watch, sing, dance along with “Rockin’ Robin”

**Do the action rhyme “Two Little Blackbirds”**

Two little blackbirds sitting on a hill [hold up index finger on each hand]
One named Jack and one named Jill [wiggle one finger, then the other]
Fly away Jack, fly away Jill [move one finger behind your back, then the other]
Come back Jack, come back Jill [bring one finger behind back out front, then the other]
Two little blackbirds sitting on a hill [hold up index finger on each hand]
One named Jack and one named Jill [wiggle one finger, then the other]

Two little blackbirds flying in the sky [hold up index finger on each hand]
One named low and one named high [wiggle one finger, then the other]
Fly away low, fly away high [move one finger behind your back down low, then the other up high]
Come back Jack, come back Jill [bring back one finger down low, then the other up high]
Two little blackbirds flying in the sky [hold up index finger on each hand]
One named low and one named high [wiggle one finger, then the other]

Two little blackbirds sitting on a cloud [hold up index finger on each hand]
One named quiet and one named loud [wiggle one finger, then the other]
Fly away low, fly away high [move one finger behind your back while whispering, then the other while singing loudly]
Come back quiet, come back loud [bring back one finger in front while whispering, then the other while singing loudly]
Two little blackbirds sitting on a cloud [hold up index finger on each hand]
One named quiet and one named loud [wiggle one finger, then the other]
Two little blackbirds sitting in a row [hold up index finger on each hand]
One named fast and one named slow [wiggle one finger, then the other]
Fly away fast, fly away high [move one finger behind your back quickly, then the other slowly]
Come back fast, come back slow [bring back one finger quickly, then the other up slowly]
Two little blackbirds sitting in a row [hold up index finger on each hand]
One named fast and one named slow [wiggle one finger, then the other]

Two little blackbirds sitting on a gate [hold up index finger on each hand]
One named early and one named late [wiggle one finger, then the other]
Fly away early, fly away high [move one finger behind your back a bit early, then the other late, after you sing the words]
Come back early, come back late [bring back one finger a bit early, then the other late]
Two little blackbirds sitting in a row [hold up index finger on each hand]
One named fast and one named slow [wiggle one finger, then the other]

Read *A Penguin Story* by Antoinette Portis

Watch, sing, and dance along to “The Penguin Shuffle”

Read *Little Hoot* by Amy Kraus Rosenthal and Jen Corace

Sing “Goodbye Song”

Wave high [wave high in the air]
Wave low [wave toward the ground]
Because it’s time [clap clap]
for us to go [clap clap]
Wave your fingers [wave fingers]
Wave your toes [wave toes]
Wave your bottom [shake bottom]
Wave your nose [wiggle nose]
Wave like that [small wave with fingers]
Wave like this [wave side to side with hand]
Wave your arms [wave arms]
Blow a kiss [blow a kiss]

Crafts and Extension Activities

Make a birdfeeder and watch the birds that come visit. Watch the penguins at the Georgia Aquarium’s Live Cam. Learn more about owls from the San Diego Zoo.

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