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A-B-C-D

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A a

The auk.



A is an Auk,
Of the Artic sea,
He lives on the ice,
Where the winds blow free.

[Illustration: *The auk.*]

B b

The blue bird.

B is a Blue Bird.
In early spring,
How sweet his songs
Through the forest ring.

[Illustration: *The blue bird.*]

C c

The Condor.

C is a Condor,
On the Andes' height,
He plumes his wings
For a lofty flight.

[Illustration: *The Condor.*]

D d

The Duck.

D is a Duck
Of the canvas back sort;
To shoot at a flock
Is considered fine sport.

[Illustration: *The Duck.*]

E e

The Bald Eagle.

E's a Bald Eagle,
So bold and so free;



On the flag of our country
He spans land and sea.

[Illustration: *The Eagle*.]

F f

The Fish Hawk.

F is a Fish Hawk,
Who lives on the shore:
He catches his prey
Mid the ocean's roar.

[Illustration: *The Fish Hawk*.]

G g

The goose.

G is a Goose;
His feathers we take
And put them in sacking
Our beds to make.



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[Illustration: *The goose.*]

H h

The humming bird.

H is a Humming Bird,
Sporting mid flowers
And brightly enjoying
The sunny hours.

[Illustration: *The humming bird.*]

I i

The Ibis.

I is an Ibis,
Who wanders in bogs,
And lives upon lizards,
And fishes and frogs.

[Illustration: *The Ibis.*]

J j

The Jay.

J is a Jay,
With his blue and white coat,
With a crest on his head,
And a ring round his throat.

[Illustration: *The Jay.*]

K k

The King bird.

K is a King Bird,
Pugnacious and bold:
A hero in fight,
And a terrible scold.



[Illustration: *The King bird.*]

L l

The Lark.

L is a Lark,
A sociable bird;
His song in the meadow
Is frequently heard.

[Illustration: *The Lark.*]

M m

The magpie.

M is a Magpie,
He lives at the west,
Steals and scolds and eats carrion;
He's none of the best.

[Illustration: *The magpie.*]

N n

The night Heron.

N is a Night Heron,
Of fishes quite fond;
He looks for them now,
As he stands by the pond.

[Illustration: *The night Heron.*]

O o

The Owl.

O is an Owl,
Who hides through the day;
And comes out at night,
To seek for his prey.

[Illustration: *The Owl.*]

P p



The Pigeon.

P is a Pigeon
So rapid in flight,
That before you can shoot him
He's gone out of sight.

[Illustration: *The Pigeon*]

Q q

The Quail.

Q is a Quail,
Who hides in a tree,
And whistles "Bob-White"
With lively glee.

[Illustration: *The Quail.*]

R r

The Robin.

R is the Robin,
So kind and so good,
Who covered with leaves,
The poor Babes in the Wood.

[Illustration: *The Robin.*]

S s

The Swallow.

S is the Swallow,
She darts through the air
To catch little insects,
Her favorite fare.

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[Illustration: *The Swallow.*]

T t

The Turkey.

T is a Turkey,
A fine dashing beau,
By his fuming and strutting,
His pride you may know.

[Illustration: *The Turkey.*]

U u

The Upupa.

U's the Upupa,
Or Hoopoe. His crest
He can raise up or lower,
As suits him best.

[Illustration: *The Upupa.*]

V v

The Vulture.

V is a Vulture,
Who feeds on the dead,
When the dark battle-field,
With corpses is spread.

[Illustration: *The Vulture.*]

W w

The woodpecker.

W's a Woodpecker,
Who with his long bill,
Bores holes in a tree,
And of worms eats his fill.

[Illustration: *The woodpecker.*]

X x

The XANTHORONUS.

X is Xanthornus,
Or Baltimore Bird.
Oft in our orchards,
His music is heard.

[Illustration: *Xanthornus.*]

Y y

The Yellow bird.

Y is a Yellow Bird,
With feathers so bright,
Who sings all the day,
And sleeps all the night.

[Illustration: *The Yellow bird.*]

Z z

The letter Z, or roost.

Z stands for none
Of the feathered race.
It must serve as a roost,
Or lose the last place.

[Illustration: *The letter Z, or roost.*]

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