

Mother Bird

Poem By: Judie Eberhardt

Mother bird is busy
Flying from tree to tree
Trying to find the right one
To raise her family.

Should it be a maple, or maybe a pine?
Whichever it is, it will be just fine
She finds a twig, some string and a stick
And hurries to attach them so they stick.

She sits on her eggs to keep them warm
And hopes they don't fall during the storm
The nest is sturdy and holds them well
The babies suddenly arrive from their shell.

Mother bird is happy and as proud as can be
Now she is searching for worms you see
She feeds her babies most of the day
They chirp and chirp but no time to play.

It's time to learn to fly from the nest
Mother bird doesn't get very much rest
The babies are so eager to fly
But sad to tell their mother, good-bye.



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 - C. Pretty
 - D. None of the above
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 - D. Proud
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