

Full Score - sample

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Forty Little Birdies

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$\text{♩} = 184$ Swing the eighths $\text{♩} = \text{♩}^{\text{3}}$

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It features a piano accompaniment and a vocal line. The piano part includes a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, with various chords and dynamics. The vocal line consists of a single melodic line with lyrics underneath. The score is divided into systems, with measures 1-4, 5-7, 8-11, and 12-15 shown. A large diagonal watermark 'Purchase from www.redcastlepublishing.com' is overlaid across the score.

System 1 (Measures 1-4): Chords: C, F7, C, F7, F/G. Dynamics: *mf*. Includes a triplet of eighth notes.

System 2 (Measures 5-7): Chord: C. Lyrics: 1. For - ty lit - tle bird - ies sit - tin' on the wi - re For - ty lit - tle bird - ies a -

System 3 (Measures 8-11): Chords: F, F7, F, C, C7. Lyrics: prac - tic - in' for cho - ir. Some sing low. Peep, peep, peep. Some sing high - er.

System 4 (Measures 12-15): Chords: C, G, G7, F, F7. Lyrics: Peep, peep, peep, peep, peep, peep. All of them to - geth - er sound - ing might - y pret - ty,

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Duration: approx. 2:14

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15 C C7 C

sing - in' in the cho - ir on the tel - e - phone wire. Peep, peep.

18 C7 C C7 F

Peep, peep, peep, peep, peep, peep. Peep, peep. etc...

22 F7 C C7 G

(Peeps...) Peep, peep.

26 F C C

peep, peep, peep, peep.

2. For - ty lit - tle bird - ies
3. For - ty lit - tle bird - ies

Forty Little Birdies

Forty little birdies sittin' on the wire.
 Forty little birdies a-practicin' for choir.
 Some sing low. Peep, peep, peep.
 Some sing higher. Peep, peep, peep, peep, peep, peep.
 All of them together sounding mighty pretty,
 Singin' in the choir on the telephone wire.

(Call and response section)

Peep, peep. Peep, peep, peep, peep, peep, peep. etc

Forty little birdies sittin' on the wire.
 Forty little birdies, all of them retired.
 They don't work. Peep, peep, peep.
 They cannot be fired. Peep, peep, peep, peep, peep, peep.
 If work is for the birds, oh, what an occupation;
 Restin' and retirin' on the telephone wire.

(Call and response section)

Peep, peep. Peep, peep, peep, peep, peep, peep. etc

Forty little birdies sittin' on the wire.
 Doin' just whatever their little hearts desire.
 Chat all day. Peep, peep, peep.
 Read circulars and flyers. Peep, peep, peep, peep, peep, peep.
 Doin' mainly nothin' 'cause nothin' is required;
 Visitin' with neighbours on the telephone wire.

(Call and response section)

Peep, peep. Peep, peep, peep, peep, peep, peep. etc

Improvisation section (Peep, peep, peep, etc.)

Peep, peep, peep. Peep. Peep. Peep, peep.

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