



Feathers, by J.R.Poulter 2019

There's a feather
On the breeze,
Drifting down
From up in trees!

Birdy, birdy
Can't you see
You're losing bits
That make you flit!

Oh my!
You still fly
Ever so high
Up in the sky...

Teacher Notes

Set up an electric fan in the classroom and let feathers of different sizes go in the fan's slip stream. Discuss why some feathers fly further than others. Discuss where those feathers may have come from on the bird – were they wing feathers or fluff from under the wing, or down from the bird's breast?

Activity: Take the children for a walk in the school playground or get them to explore the garden at home with a parent looking for feathers.
Activity: Try to find out what sort of birds the collected feathers come from.

Activity: If any of the children have a pet bird at home, ask them to bring in a photo of their pet or a feather from the bottom of the cage.