

## The Bird That Never Flew

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Sometimes we feel the power of God's great hands  
Are felt by some not worthy  
While those who sing and praise God's name seemed to be passed  
by  
But worthy or not God loves us all even a little bird that coul  
dn't fly  
Why is life given and taken away too soon for some to tell  
And others live for many years and walk a path to hell.

A cripple since birth may speak God's name in tender tones with  
pain  
While a man with health and friends and wealth will take God's  
name in vain  
But God's reasons must not be known or questioned by me and you  
Like the little bird I saw the bird that never flew.

I feel close to each thing that God has made the earth the sky  
and the sea  
And each creature living here belongs to him even you and me  
And one day while I was walking along admiring some of God's be  
autiful things  
By the path on which I walked I saw a small bird that had no wi  
ngs.

So I sat down I held out my hand and that little bird climbed u  
pon  
And I held him for a long long time I thought maybe that his ma  
mma might come  
At last he looked at me as though he knew  
That he'd found him a friend and a home for a bird that never f  
lew.

So I built him a little house on the ground like few birds I'm  
sure have ever known  
And he seemed to be so happy there with his new friends and his  
new home  
And for two years I fed him and I watched him as with the other  
birds he'd play  
But when they got tired of playing they'd just fly away.

Then a look of loneliness in his eyes as he'd watch the birds f  
ly into the blue  
But then a look of understanding as though he knew why he could  
n't do that too  
And then one summer evening at sunset I saw a perfect picture o  
f love  
Everyone of his little playmates were beautiful snow white dove  
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Then the ruffle of the feathers as they started into flight  
Then I noticed that all the doves but one was white  
And he looked like my bird but he had wings of solid gold and brand new  
Then I knew it was my bird that little bird that never flew 'til then...