

# Singing Calypso Songs

*for creating your own calypso song*

## Activities to try...

Can you change some of the lyrics in this simple song to make your own version? Calypso songs are often written to tell a story, can you tell us a story about you through the same melody as this song?

### Feeling Unsure? 😐

- Sing along with the version from last week but just change a few words, the animal and the colour or perhaps the type of tree
- Keep the words a bit silly if you like e.g. “purple squirrel up there in chestnut tree”!

### Feeling Confident? 😊

- Try changing more of the words in the chorus to start to tell us a bit more about you or a story that you know well
- Keep the words of the chorus about your ‘main character’ but make sure they still fit with the music i.e. try replacing the first line with this and sing it out loud to hear how it sounds with the audio track “Sarah Hill is going to school today”,

### Feeling Very Confident? 😄

- Can you change all of the lyrics to tell us a whole story?
- Can you change some of the singing rhythms to still fit in with the music even if they don’t have the same shape as the original words?



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# Lyrics

## CHORUS

Yellow Bird up high in banana tree  
Yellow Bird you sit all alone like me

## VERSE

Did your lady friend  
Leave the nest again?  
That is very sad  
Makes me feel so bad  
You can fly away  
In the sky away  
You're more lucky than me

## BREAK (10 bars)

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## OUTRO

Yellow Bird  
Yellow Bird  
Yell---ow--- Bird-----

