

Yellow Bird

Traditional Caribbean Folk Song

The Kingston Trio (1958)

<https://youtu.be/Ntd4WPbII0k>

4 / 4 Time Calypso rhythm. [G] [D] [A] [D]

[D] Yellow bird, up **[A]** high in banana **[D]** tree.

[D] Yellow bird, you **[A]** sit all alone like **[D]** me.

[G] Did your lady friend,

[D] leave the nest again?

[A] That is very sad,

[D] makes me feel so bad.

[G] You can fly away,

[D] in the sky away.

[A] you're more lucky than **[D]** me.

[D] I also have a pretty girl,

[A] she's not with me, **[D]** today.

[D] They're all the same,

The **[G]** pretty girls,

Make them the **[A]** nest,

Then they fly a-**[D]**-way.

[D] Yellow bird, up **[A]** high in banana **[D]** tree.

[D] Yellow bird, you **[A]** sit all alone like **[D]** me.

[G] Better fly away,

In the sky **[D]** away.

[A] Picker coming soon,

[D] pick from night to noon.

[G] Black on yellow, you,

[D] like banana, too.

[A] They might pick you some **[D]** day.

[D] Wish that I were a **[G]** yellow bird.

I'd **[A]** fly away with **[D]** you.

[D] But I am not a **[G]** yellow bird.

So, here I sit,

[A] nothing else to **[D]** do.

Outro: **[D]** Yellow bird - **[D]** Yellow bird - **[D]** Yellow bird - **[D]** Yellow bird **[D]**↓

A Calypso Strum

| Beat | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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| Strum | D | d | u | u |

