

A Bird Round for December 2023

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For Glasgow Madrigals' 'A Round a Month' project

1 Like as the star - ling flocks up - on the wing,

2 Like as the ro - bin when it snow - eth sings.

3 Like as the swal - low com - eth in the spring,

4 So will a song light to this world bring.

NOTES

Whoop! The final round of the year - time to celebrate. And what better way that with some birds and oldy-worldy language. You could swap the word 'song' for 'child' if you wanted to make it relevant for a carol service etc.

- This is a simple round - easy to teach, easy to pick up. The choosing note in the fourth part offers an alternative if you've no low singers. But you could also divide your singers and cover both notes if you wish.
- The pause marks shows a stopping place if you wish to end the round on a chord.
- This round (surprise, surprise!) works in 8 parts too - with entries coming at the beginning of bar 3.

FURTHER INFORMATION

'A Round a Month' is a project by Glasgow Madrigals.

You are free to use this round as you see fit, with your own choirs, singing groups, classes, on long bus journeys, in keep-fit classes etc. If used in performance, or written down in anyway, please credit the composer and lyricist. And please spread the word about this resource!

Glasgow Madrigals is an upper-voice choir based at the University of Glasgow, directed by Katy Lavinia Cooper and Catriona Downie.