



*Teacher instructions: Read this passage aloud to your learner.*

### *ALICE AND THE BIRD*

The bright sun was up, shining, and it was time for all children to be up, too, but a little girl named Alice was still lying asleep in her bed.

"Wake up! Wake up!" twittered the wee little, sweet little voice of a bird just outside her window. Little Alice popped her black eyes wide open and listened. "Wake up, Little Girl! Wake up!" sang the bird. Then Little Alice hopped right out of her bed and ran to the open window to look out. There sat the little bird in a tree, twittering, "Wake up, Little Girl! Wake up!"

Alice dressed herself as quickly as she could, in a neat little blue frock, and ran down stairs to breakfast. After breakfast she took her doll and went to play with Patty. At first Alice and Patty played happily with the doll and had no end of fun. But by and by the sun grew hot, and Alice began to grow cross. When Alice was holding the doll, Patty asked, "May I see the doll now, Alice?" Then Alice held it tight in her arms and said, "No, I want it. It is my doll!" All at once Alice heard the wee little, sweet little voice of the bird singing, "Share it! Share it!" Alice looked up, and there in a tree sat the little bird, twittering, "Share it! Share it!" "I hear you, Little Bird," said Alice. "I will share it! I will share it! Patty, you may have the doll." And Alice smiled and put the doll in Patty's lap. And after that, the two little girls played happily together until it was time for dinner.

When Alice went home to dinner she could not find her mother anywhere in the house. "Oh, where is Mother?" cried the little girl. "I want my dinner!" She felt so lonesome and hungry that two big tears rolled out of her black eyes and fell on her neat little blue frock. Just then she heard a wee little, sweet little voice twittering, "Cheer up! Cheer up!"

"Thank you, Little Bird," said Alice, beginning to laugh. She looked up and there sat the bird in a tree, twittering, "Cheer up, Little Girl! Cheer up!" "I will cheer up! I will be happy!" said Alice. Then she ran to play with her black kitten. She sang merrily, and was happy while she waited for her mother.

By and by Alice's mother came home. After dinner she took Alice for a long ride. The happy little girl saw the blue sea and the yellow sand and the white daisy fields and the green woods. Then her mother put Alice to bed, but she was so wide awake thinking about the sea and the sand and the fields and the woods that her black eyes would not shut up. All at once she heard a wee little, sweet little voice twittering, "Shut them, Little Girl! Shut them!" This time Alice knew without looking that it was the same little bird that had been near her all day. So she called out from her snug little bed, "I will shut them, Little Bird! Thank you for your cheery songs!" And soon she was fast asleep.

How happy the little bird was! It had helped Alice all day.

—EMILY ROSE BURT in Story-Telling Time.

# Discuss.



## Lesson 47



*Teacher instructions: Discuss the illustration and the passage with your learner.*



*What do you see in the illustration?*

*What do you remember from the story you just listened to? Tell me the story using your own words.*

*Read.*



Lesson 47



*Read this silently and then out loud.*

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said Alice, beginning to  
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the bird in a tree, twittering,  
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*Write.*



Lesson 47



*Copy the passage.*

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Write.

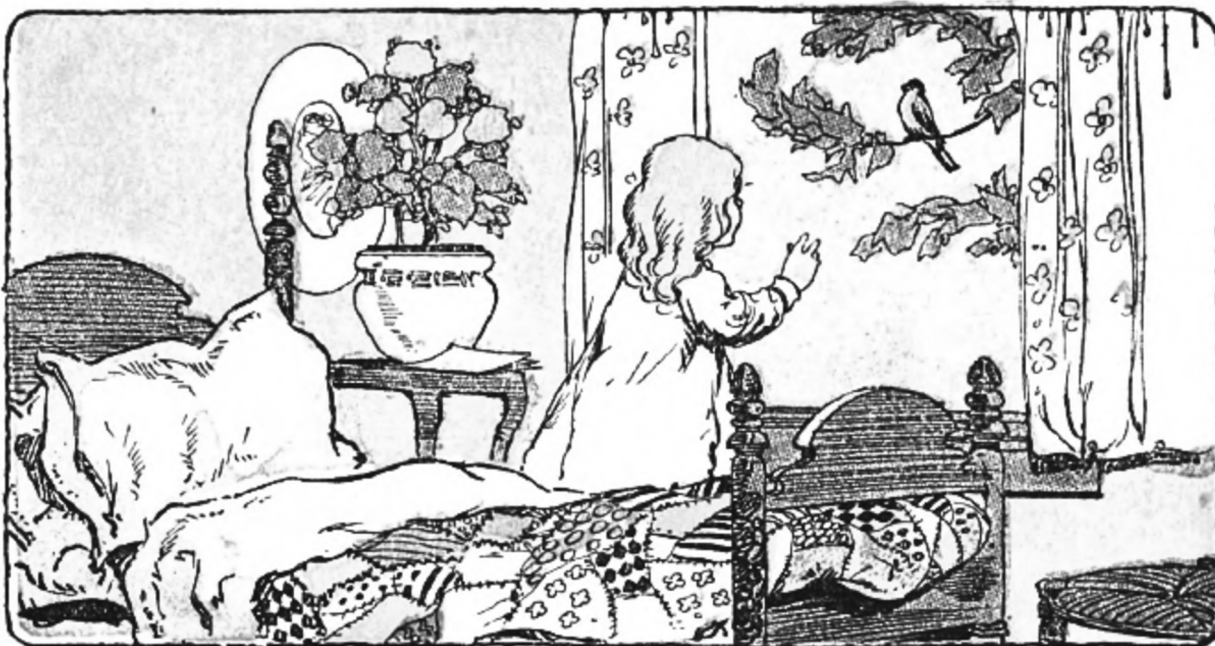


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Use the illustration as inspiration to write a sentence.



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