

Dedicated to High Rocks for Girls; Hillsboro, West Virginia

Be Like the Bird

words by
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a round in five parts

music by
ABBIE BETINIS

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Be like the bird that, paus-ing in her

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flight a - while on boughs too slight,

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feels them give way be - neath her, and

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sings, and sings, and sings

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— know - ing she hath wings.

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Abbie writes: This canon was composed in 2009, just after I'd completed cancer treatment for the second time. My parents and I sent it out as our Christmas card that year which continued a tradition started in 1922 by my great-grandfather, Rev. Bates G. Burt, who then passed it to his son, my great-uncle Alfred Burt, now famous for carols like "Caroling, Caroling" and "Some Children See Him."

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This particular canon, inspired by my own struggle, is dedicated to *High Rocks for Girls*, an innovative school for middle and high school girls founded by Susan Burt in the mountains of rural West Virginia. May *High Rocks* continue to educate, empower, and inspire each student to know that "she hath wings."