

# We Could Fly

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Mama, dear mama, look in yonder tree  
See that pretty little sparrow, a-lookin' back at me  
She can soar above the clouds, way up in the sky  
She can fly away from here, why, o why, can't I? Daughter, dear daughter, I'll tell you something true  
Remember Gran Eliza, well, every night she flew  
They tried to keep her down but there was nothing they could do She could fly, she could fly  
She could slip the bonds of earth and rise so high  
She could fly across the river  
Her spirit in her hands  
Searching, always searching for the promised land  
Mama, dear mama, mama tell me more  
I feel a trembling in my arms, I've never felt before  
Daughter, dear daughter, listen what I say  
Your granny always told me you'd feel that way some day  
Every time she looked at you she saw the old-time ways When we could fly, we could fly  
We could slip the bonds of earth and rise so high  
We could fly across the mountains  
Together, hand in hand  
Searching, always searching for the promised land Mama, dear mama, come and stand by me  
I feel a lightness in my feet, a longing to be free  
My heart it is a-shakin' with an old, old song  
I hear the voices sayin', it's time for moving on She took her mama by the hand, they rose up in the air  
They held each other tight and then  
They flew away from there  
They held each other tight and then they flew away from there  
They could fly, they could fly  
They could slip the bonds of earth and rise so high  
They could fly across the ocean  
Together, hand in hand  
Searching, always searching for the promised land  
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