



The Wind

by Robert Louis Stevenson

**I saw you toss the kites on high
And blow the birds about the sky;
And all around I heard you pass,
Like ladies' skirts across the grass—**

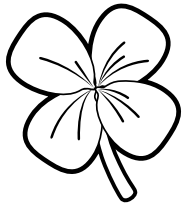
**O wind, a-blowing all day long,
O wind, that sings so loud a song!**

**I saw the different things you did,
But always you yourself you hid.
I felt you push, I heard you call,
I could not see yourself at all—**

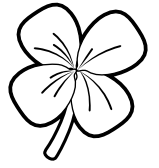
**O wind, a-blowing all day long,
O wind, that sings so loud a song!**

**O you that are so strong and cold,
O blower, are you young or old?
Are you a beast of field and tree,
Or just a stronger child than me?**

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O wind, that sings so loud a song!**



A Saint Patrick's Day Interview



Host: Today, we're learning about Saint Patrick's Day with an expert on the subject, Professor Murphy. Tell us, Professor, who was Saint Patrick?

Professor: Saint Patrick traveled the Irish countryside as a missionary around 430 AD. He helped build hundreds of schools and churches all over Ireland. But we don't know much about his actual life because many of the stories about him are thought to be myths or legends.

Host: Can you give us one example of a legend about Saint Patrick?

Professor: Sure. One famous legend says that Saint Patrick got rid of all of the snakes from Ireland. He stood on a hill and rang a bell that chased the snakes into the sea. Now, there really are no snakes in Ireland, but most scientists believe that is because there never were any in the first place.

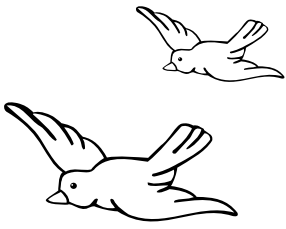
Host: Why do we celebrate Saint Patrick's Day?

Professor: March 17 marks the anniversary of Saint Patrick's death. It began as a religious holiday, when people would mourn his death and celebrate his life with a feast. Today, it is really a celebration of Irish culture and history, and it is observed by people all over the world. In fact, New York was the first city to hold a Saint Patrick's Day parade, in the 1700s!

Host: Can you tell us about some common Saint Patrick's Day traditions?

Professor: Well, most people wear green on Saint Patrick's Day. Ireland is known as the Emerald Isle, and green is a symbol of good luck. You'll also see another good-luck symbol, the shamrock, which shows up all over Ireland in the spring. If you're really lucky, you might even see a leprechaun!

Host: Thanks, Professor, and Happy Saint Patrick's Day!



Migrating Birds

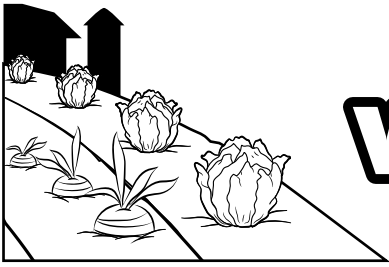
Birds, birds
Birds on the wing
Flying homewards
Birds on the wing

Flap, flutter
Birds on the wing
Migrating north
Birds on the wing

Glide, soar
Birds on the wing
Riding the wind
Birds on the wing

Lead, follow
Birds on the wing
A flying "V"
Birds on the wing

Stop, rest
Birds on the wing
Finally home
Birds on the wing



The Farm Workers' Struggle



- Narrator:** A farm in Central California in the 1960s, where migrant workers toil long hours for little pay...
- Father:** Your mother is sick today, Julia. You must work in her place.
- Julia:** But Papi, I want to go to school!
- Father:** I'm sorry, little one. We have no other way to earn a living.
- Julia:** Why is Mama sick, Papi?
- Father:** I'm not sure, mija.
- Narrator:** Julia's mother calls out weakly from the back of their small room.
- Mother:** It is the pesticides, mija, the poisons they spray on the plants.
- Father:** You don't know that, Juana.
- Mother:** César Chávez says it's true, Luis. He says we will all get sick if we keep breathing in the poison.
- Julia:** I don't want to get sick, Mama!
- Mother:** Hush, Julia. Everything will be OK. But we have to stand up for our rights.
- Father:** We will lose our jobs if we listen to César Chávez! The farm owners do not like the idea of a workers' union.
- Mother:** We have to stand together. It's the only way they will listen to us.
- Father:** How will we eat, if we refuse to work?
- Mother:** César Chávez ate nothing for 25 days to show his support for migrant workers like us. It can be done.
- Father:** Sí, se puede. Yes, it can be done, but it will not be easy.
- Narrator:** César Chávez dedicated his life to helping farm workers. He organized nonviolent strikes and boycotts that improved pay and working conditions for millions of people. He is remembered as one of America's great civil rights leaders.