## Three Little Birds Sitting on a Wall



Over the years I have enjoyed singing a song about three little birds sitting on a wall that, sadly, fly away one by one, but then, gladly, returned one by one. I started singing this to young people many years ago when I was a summer camp advisor and then later a camp director. They always seemed to enjoy it and would often ask for it again or again the next night. Then I started singing it to my younger relatives (nephews, nieces, etc.) and, now that I have a grandson (our first grandchild), know that he will be at least bilingual, and personally am learning Spanish, I decided to translate the song with the help of my bilingual daughter, Nancy, a Spanish teacher, and my friend Judy, multilingual and a Spanish teacher. I look forward to singing it to Kian as he grows older.

For visual effects in singing the song to others, use your imagination. I like to put up three fingers behind a sofa, chair, or table, and then reduce or add them one at a time as the birds leave or return. I also have used a sock puppet and one time a group of young campers used the song in a skit with wonderful homemade costumes, flying motions, etc. It was a wonderful sight to behold and I wish I had a video of them.

Below you will find the words in English and in Spanish. If you would like to hear it with the Spanish words, <u>click here</u>. To sing it in English with the correct cadence, substitute "little birdies" or "little pigeons" for "pajaritos."

Three little birdies
three little birdies
three little birdies
three little birdies
tres pajaritos
tres pajaritos
tres pajaritos
sentados en un muro

Oh, no, one flew away ¡Ay, no! Uno se fue volando.

Oh, what a pity ¡Ay! ¡Qué lástima!

Two little birdies

two little birdies

two little birdies

dos pajaritos

dos pajaritos

dos pajaritos

sitting on a wall

sentados en un muro

sentados en un muro

Oh, no, one flew away ;Ay, no! Uno se fue volando.

Oh, what a pity ¡Ay! ¡Qué lástima!

One little birdie Un pajarito one little birdie un pajarito one little birdie un pajarito

sitting on a wall sentado en un muro

Oh, no, it flew away ¡Ay, no! Uno se fue volando

Oh, what a pity ¡Ay! ¡Qué lástima!

No little birdies

no little birdies

no little birdies

no little birdies

sitting on a wall

Cero pajaritos

cero pajaritos

cero pajaritos

sentado en un muro

Oh, what a pity. No more birds. ¡Ay! ¡Qué lástima! No mas pajaritos Oh, no bird, how sad ¡Ay! Ningun pajarito. ¡Qué triste!

But wait, there comes a bird Pero espera.... alli viene una pajarito

Hooray, hooray Olé, bravo

One little birdie Un pajarito one little birdie un pajarito one little birdie un pajarito

sitting on a wall sentado en un muro

Look, here comes another bird Mira, alli viene otro pajarito

Hooray, hooray Olé, bravo

Two little birdies

two little birdies

two little birdies

dos pajaritos

dos pajaritos

sitting on a wall sentados en un muro

Look, here comes another bird Mira, alli viene otro pajarito

Hooray, hooray Olé, bravo

Three little birdies

three little birdies

tres pajaritos

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tres pajaritos

sitting on a wall sentados en un muro

Hooray, hooray Olé, bravo

And now for a hit parade extra, here I am singing <u>You Are My Sunshine</u> in English. This one, too, is enjoyed by Kian.

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