# Yellow Bird

Haitian poem “Choucoune” by Oswald Durand 1883, with music composed by Michel Mauléart Monton in 1893. This English version written in 20th C by Alan & Marilyn Bergman and first recorded in 1957.

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**[C]** Yel-**[B]↓**low **[C]** bird, up **[G7]** high in banana **[C]** tree

**[C]** Yel-**[B]↓**low **[C]** bird, you **[G7]** sit all alone like **[C]** me

**[C]** Yel-**[B]↓**low **[C]** bird, up **[G7]** high in banana **[C]** tree

**[C]** Yel-**[B]↓**low **[C]** bird, you **[G7]** sit all alone like **[C]** me

**[F]** Did your lady friend **[C]** leave the nest again?

**[G7]** That is very sad **[C]** makes me **[C7]** feel so bad

**[F]** You can fly away **[C]** in the sky away

**[G7]** You’re more lucky than **[C]** me **[B]↓** **/** **[C] /**

**[C]** I also had a **[F]** pretty girl **[G7]** she’s not with me to-**[C]**day

**[C]** They’re all the same those **[F]** pretty girls

**[G7]** Take tenderness, then they fly a-**[C]**way **[B]↓** **/** **[C] /**

**[C]** Yel-**[B]↓**low **[C]** bird, up **[G7]** high in banana **[C]** tree

**[C]** Yel-**[B]↓**low **[C]** bird, you **[G7]** sit all alone like **[C]** me

**[F]** Better fly away **[C]** in the sky away

**[G7]** Picker coming soon **[C]** pick from **[C7]** night to noon

**[F]** Black and yellow you **[C]** like banana too

**[G7]** They might pick you some **[C]** day **[B]↓** **/** **[C] /**

**[C]** Wish that I were a **[F]** yellow bird **[G7]** I’d fly away with **[C]** you

**[C]** But I am not a **[F]** yellow bird

**[G7]** So here I sit, nothing else to **[C]** do **[B]↓** **/** **[C] /**

**[C]** Yel-**[B]↓**low **[C]** bird…

**[C]** Yel-**[B]↓**low **[C]** bird…

**[C]** Yel-**[B]↓**low **[C]↓** bird

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