Fly Like a Bird
for Kate McMichael

Based on Psalm 139:1–4, 7–12, 23–24
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I want to soar like an eagle.

Though I may journey far away from home, I know I’ll never be alone.

Fly Like a Bird
VERSES

1. O God, you know who I am.
2. Where can I run from your love?
3. When I am down and afraid.

1. You know my hopes and my dreams, In my
2. Where can I hide from my God? From the
3. When I am falling away, you ex-

Fly Like a Bird
The arrangement on the recording is meant to inspire prayerful listening, but *Fly Like a Bird* is also an excellent song for liturgy. The tight three-part harmonies will make your contemporary choir soar. You might want to sing the first refrain and verse in unison before you go into harmonies. Bands and accompanists, please don’t rush the song, but don’t let it drag either. Bass players, please pay strict attention to the descending line in the second half of the verse. Indeed, the ascending and descending bass lines, chords and melody are arranged to give the impression of flying, like a bird. In my parish *Fly Like a Bird* has become a favorite communion song. We have also sung it at the Preparation of the Gifts and used it at Reconciliation services and funerals. Inspired by Psalm 139, it is also useful for youth retreats, prayer services and at Confirmation classes and gatherings.

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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INTRO (q = ca. 112)

Capo 3:

Fadd9
(Dadd9)

Am7
(F#m7)

Bbadd9
(G add 9)

Csus4
(A)

Fadd9
(Dadd9)

Am7
(F#m7)

REFRAIN

(Gadd9)

Bbadd9
(G add 9)

(F#m7)

(A)

(G)

(Dadd9)

Fadd9

Am7

Bbadd9
(G add 9)

(with Melody)

Fly like a bird______ to the Lord, my soul_____

Harmony

I want to soar like an eagle______ Though I may

journey far away______ from home, I know I'll never be a-

1-3

(D) (Dsus4)

F

(D) (Dsus4)

F

(F#m7)

(Gadd9)

Bbadd9
(G add 9)

(A)

(C)

(Dadd9)

Fadd9

(A)

(C/E)

Bbadd9
(G add 9)

(Gm7)

Em7

(A13)

C

(Dadd9)

Fadd9

(A/C)

Dm

(Gm7)

(A)

(C)

(D6,9)

Fine

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2. Where can I run from your love? Where can I
3. When I am down and afraid, when I am

1. hopes and my dreams. In my pondering and tears, in my
2. hide from my God? From the dawn of morning’s light to the
3. falling away, you extend a gentle hand, and I

1. joy and in my tears, O God, your presence is real.
2. darkness of the night, know you understand.
3. and in my tears.

Guitar Charts

Fly Like a Bird
Assembly Edition

FLY LIKE A BIRD

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Refrain

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1. pondering and fears, in my joy and in my tears,
2. dawn of morning’s light to the darkness of the night,
3. tend a gentle hand, and I know you understand.

1.3. O God, your presence is real.

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