

Moorambilla Literacy Modules

1. setting off...

In a cute old end terrace, in the coffee filled west,
lived a mummy with four little birds in her nest;
the eldest was Billie, a rogue and a hoot,
he was king of the bunch, loved to sing and boot scoot!

Our Billie was fearless, he was brilliant and brave,
but his home and his siblings were no longer his favourite
place anymore, 'cause he'd seen on his phone,
there were many more places for Billie than home!

So with verve dash and swagger, he spoke to his mum,
who was running a choir rehearsal on Zoom, ho hum!
"Mum, Mum," Billie nagged with that high sing song voice,
"Mum, Mum, can I leave? Can I please have the choice?"

Well then Billie the Bird pecked his mum on her beak,
he hugged her so tightly against her warm cheek;
filled with pride and devotion, a tear in her eye,
Mum said to her Billie "Now it's your time to fly."

Billie took a deep breath and then he flapped his strong wings,
on a daring adventure worried not by a thing;
rather chuffed at himself, soaring high in the sky;
he was busting to learn, to ask when, where and why?

Wild curiosity made him want to see all,
spotting something peculiar in a eucalypt tall;
a kookaburra doing pushups, it's hard to believe,
Billie chuckled, then sighed... that kookaburra must leave!

Now a bird doing fitness, well he'd seen that before,
on the bay run with others right up to the shore;
but a bird dressed in lycra and a crazy top hat,
would be oodles of fun there's no doubt about that!

This bird had some 'tude, she was funny and proud,
when she spoke from the branch she was certainly LOUD,
and her laughter and her smile surely enhanced,
she could whistle she could wink but could this bird dance?

The truth of it was, Billie well knew her style;
he'd been part of the inner west crowd for a while!
so they thought seriously if they left Norton street,
would the coffee be strong, or disgusting and weak?

Could he summon the courage, ask this bird to fly west,
to both fly the coup, not return to the nest;
how on earth would they cope, without their bar sport,
their avo on toast? And gluten free torte?

Was his ambition too bold, the task well too hard?
Billie thought to himself as he whipped out his card,
to get final supplies before popping the question,
a lycra clad kooka, well deserved the suggestion!

But Billie we knew was bold and was brave,
a life of possibilities, he certainly craved;
so without hesitation he flew right on up,
interrupting keen Kass on her fiftieth pushup!

Billie hoped in his heart, at this crazy suggestion,
that Kass Kookaburra would take it without question;
"I'm on an adventure, by my side you could fly,
just you and me Kass Kookaburra and the wide open sky!"

She looked at him closely, just what to decide,
she well knew of course it was a plan she admired;
Kass made up her mind, and I'm sure you can guess,
with no doubt in her voice, her answer was YES!

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