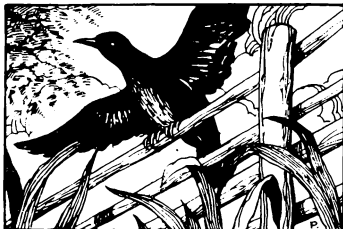


FOR THIRD GRADERS**The Crow**

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**C**AW, caw, caw,  
 We hear at early dawn;  
 The crow wakes up before the sun,  
 To eat the farmer's corn.

**Some Bird Riddles**

I.

I am a large, handsome bird. My bill is big and red. I have long, black eyelashes. I eat insects and fruits. My home is in a hole high up in a tree. What am I?

II.

I am a black bird. I have an ugly voice. I say "Caw! Caw!". I build my nest in the top of a tree. I like to eat corn, grasshoppers, and other insects. Sometimes I am called a "corn-thief." What am I?

III.

I am a pretty bird. I make people happy with my songs. Often I build my nest in a mango tree. My coat is yellow and black. My wings and some of my tail feathers are black. What am I?

IV.

I am called a bird of prey. I have strong claws and a curved bill. I hunt in the daytime. I eat grasshoppers, mice, frogs, and small snakes. What am I?

V.

I am a small bird. My tail is stiff and pointed. My bill is straight and chisel-like. My coat is all black, but my head and crest are scarlet. My breast is white. I make my home in the trunk of a tree. I use my sharp bill to drill holes in tree trunks. What am I?

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