Ruby, the Bird Who Couldn’t Sing

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Have you ever heard of or seen a bird that couldn’t sing? One day Momma Robin was laying her eggs. She counted, “One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.” She had laid seven eggs.

The next day, Momma Robin was feeding her little chicks worms. “Cheep, cheep!” six little birds sang. All except the seventh bird named Ruby. She would just look up and flap her wings, but she could not sing.
Soon Momma Robin was teaching her birds to fly. Six of the birds flew and chirped, “Tweet, tweet!” Ruby just flapped and flew, but she could not sing.
A couple of months later, it was time to migrate. The birds started singing *Rockin' Robin...tweet, tweet, tweet!* All except for Ruby.
After a week, the bird family got to their destination. All the birds stared at the beautiful lake—all except for Ruby. They could not find her!

“Ruby! Ruby, where are you?” they called. Suddenly they saw something fly out of a nearby tree.

“It’s a hawk” Momma Robin said worriedly. All the birds were silent as they thought what must have happened to Ruby.
“Tweet, tweet! A hawk?!” Suddenly, Ruby popped out of the tree!

“Wait a minute! You are safe!! AND you can SING!!” said Momma Bird, relieved to find Ruby, and to hear her sing!

“I can! I can!” said Ruby in frantic excitement! “I guess I was so afraid there was a hawk that it just HAD to come out of me!”

In the spring, the bird family flew back home. They were so happy to see all of their friends again. They told them about how Ruby had finally found her voice. They all had a party to celebrate that Ruby had found her voice. They all started singing Rockin’ Robin… tweet, tweet, tweet!

Now you have seen and heard of a bird who could not sing!