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# THE ITTY BITTY PEACOCK



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Once upon a time...  
There was an Itty Bitty Peacock.  
The Itty Bitty Peacock  
Was so small  
He was the talk of the whole flock!

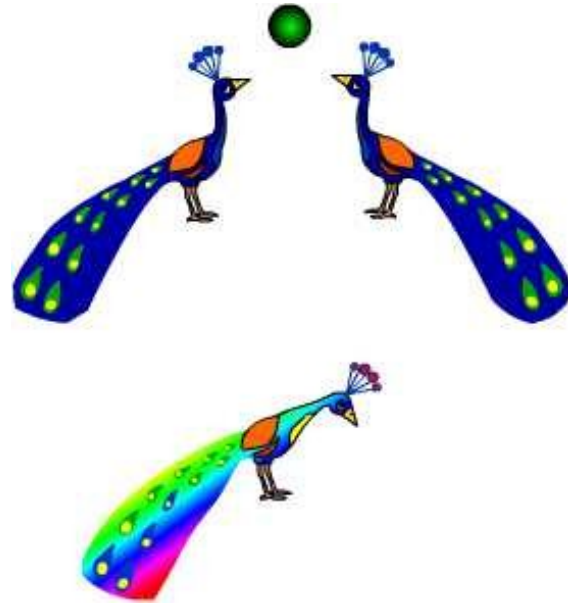
Even though he was tiny  
He had a tail  
That was big  
And very shiny!

When walking with  
The other birds  
He could hear whispers  
(Which are very quiet words!)

The whispers were all about  
Keeping the Itty Bitty Peacock out  
Of the games the others play.  
Poor Itty Bitty Peacock...  
He would just have to stay!

Itty Bitty Peacock was very slow,  
Even though his tiny legs would go  
Just as fast as he could try.  
He could not keep up,  
My, oh, my!

His wings were Itty Bitty, too,  
Which left him far behind  
Whenever they flew.  
What was he to do?



Said Itty Bitty Peacock

“I am different,

“That I can see.

“To you I am weird,

“As weird as can be.”

“I am low when I fly

“And slow when I run.

“Because of that

“You think I’m not fun.”

“At you I’m not mad.

“I’m not even sad.

“You just don’t know what it’s like

“To be Itty Bitty, a tiny tyke!”

“Let’s not worry

“About what I cannot do.

“Let’s just think

“In a way that’s new!”

“My tail, of course

“Is of regular size.

“Maybe we would be

“So very, very wise,”

“To use it

“As best as we can,

“To spread it out

“Just like a fan!”

For the first time ever

He opened his tail.

And when the wind came along.

He began to sail!



Now when the games are played,  
A happy time for all is made.  
Itty Bitty Peacock, you see  
Is now a sailing...a flying REFEREE!

And he lived happily ever after...



## LESSON PLAN

Why did the other peacocks want to keep Itty Bitty Peacock out of their games?

Even though Itty Bitty Peacock would try, he could not keep up with the others. Have you ever tried, and could not do what others do?

What did Itty Bitty Peacock find out he **COULD DO** when he spread his tail?

How many games do you know that need a referee?

What other things can you do if you cannot play?

What are some of the rhyming words in the story?