Birds And Children Fly Away-Cal Smith
Author:Daniel Hoffman and Ray Pennington

```
G                    C     D7                          G
I stood with mom and poppa as the bus pulled in that day
   C               G              D7
To take me from my childhood to a man
  G                  C          D7                   G
I believe it was the first time I saw either of them cry
   C             D7               G
As momma held on tight to daddy's hand

                   C        D7                      G
Momma handed me a sandwich and some money she had saved
    C                  G              D7
And whispered that she knew I'd be a good man
    G                  C             D7             G
She gently smiled and told me that momma's always know
    C           D7              G
The only way to come back is to go

              D7                      C                 G
And birds and children fly away like clouds on a windy day
           C          G                   D7
And there's usually a rainbow after the rain
                                        C                 G
Birds and children fly away that's the Master's plan you know
C                  G                  D7
Children are God's gift to make love grow

And I can still hear poppa say
                                      G
Don't cry momma birds and children fly away

                            C             D7                   G
A thousand thoughts flashed through me as I watched them wave goodbye
    C                  G                  D7
How they taught me to fish and love and pray
  G               C            D7           G
I gave the man my ticket heard poppa gently say
      C         D7                                    G
Don't cry momma cause birds and children they just fly away

Repeat #3
```