

9A SONG Talking Bird 5 12 MP3

- a Read the song lyrics and think what the missing verbs might be.
 b Listen to the song and check.

Talking Bird



Oh, my talking bird
 Though you ¹ [k] [n] [o] [w] so few words
 They're on infinite repeat
 Like your brain can't ² [] [] [] [] up with your beak.

And you're kept in an open cage
 So you're free to ³ [] [] [] [] or ⁴ [] [] [] [] .
 Sometimes you ⁵ [] [] [] confused
 Like there is a hint I am trying to ⁶ [] [] [] [] you.

The longer you ⁷ [] [] [] [] , the less you
 know what to do.

It's hard to ⁸ [] [] [] your way out
 When you ⁹ [] [] [] [] in a house, in a house
 'Cause you don't ¹⁰ [] [] [] [] [] [] []
 That the windows were open the whole time.

Oh, my talking bird
 Though your feathers are tattered and furled
 I'll ¹¹ [] [] [] [] you all your days
 Till the breath ¹² [] [] [] [] [] [] your delicate frame.
 It's all here for you as long as you'll
¹³ [] [] [] [] [] [] to stay.
 It's all here for you as long as you don't ¹⁴ [] [] [] away.

- c Which word in the song means...?
- 1 very great; impossible to measure _____
 - 2 the soft light parts covering a bird's body _____
 - 3 something that you say or do in an indirect way in order to show sb what you are thinking _____
 - 4 old and torn; in bad condition _____
 - 5 rolled and fastened like a sail, a flag, or an umbrella _____
 - 6 the form or structure of a person or animal's body _____
- d Do you think the singer is addressing his child, his girlfriend, or an elderly parent? What is he trying to say?

SONG FACTS

This song was recorded by the American alternative rock band Death Cab for Cutie. The song comes from their album *Narrow Stairs* which was released in May 2008 and which reached the number 1 spot on the Billboard 200 Chart in the US. The album was also nominated for the 'Best Alternative Album' award at the Grammy Awards. The band's name comes from a song in the Beatles' 1967 movie *Magical Mystery Tour* and in a 2011 interview, the lead singer said that he wished they'd chosen a simpler name for the band.