The Story of a Blue Bird by Tomek Bogacki

A little blue bird was born in the nest of a big tree. He grew fast.

"Why don’t you go and learn how to fly with your brother and sister? Don’t you wonder what is out there?" his mother asked. "Oh, yes. But I am still a little bit afraid," the blue bird answered.

So while the other birds tested their wings the little blue bird sat in the nest, watching.

At night he couldn’t sleep, imagining what might be out there beyond the trees. "Mama, Mama, what is out there?" he asked. "Nothing," she said. "Now go to sleep."

Nothing? he wondered… And he couldn’t stop thinking about it.

The next morning the little blue bird was gone, and everyone wondered what had happened.

"Nothing, nothing, where is this nothing?" the little blue bird thought as he walked away from his nest in the big tree.

"Is nothing high, or is nothing low? Is nothing here, or is nothing there? What does nothing look like?"

There was no one to ask, so he kept on going.

He came upon a pool of blue water. It looked like nothing he had ever seen before, but he didn’t know if this was the nothing he was looking for.

"What are you looking for?" someone asked him.

"Nothing," he answered, surprised. "Oh! Come with me," said the green bird. And the blue bird joined him.

Suddenly a flock of colorful birds came flying by. "What are you looking for?" they asked.

"Nothing," the green bird answered.

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“Oh! Come with us,” they called.

And the green bird spread his wings and flew up.

And the little blue bird forgot that he was afraid of flying. He, too, spread his wings and flew up to join them.

And they flew high, and they flew low. They flew here, and they flew there.

“How wonderful it is to fly,” the little blue bird thought.

“Where have you been? What have you seen?” asked his brother and sister when the blue bird came back home.

“What happened to make you fly so well?” asked his mother.

“Nothing,” said the blue bird, happily fluttering his wings.

“Tell us, tell us all about it,” said his brother and sister.

“Come with me!” said the blue bird.

And they flew high, and they flew low.

They flew here, and they flew there. They flew everywhere...all together.

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**Genre: Fiction**

In fiction for children, animals sometimes act like people. Look for ways the birds in the story act like people and ways they act like real birds.

**Think About**

1. What was the little blue bird looking for? What does he find?
2. How does the green bird help the blue bird?
3. Why is it easier for the blue bird to fly with his new friends than alone?
4. Tell about the first time you tried to do something. Tell what you did and how you felt.
5. What lesson does the blue bird learn in the story?