



## SO DIFFERENT!



*Teddy invites some Bird friends to meet him outside.  
Hummingbird, Lark, Robin, Sparrow, Wren, Blue Jay, Dove, Thrush,  
Blackbird and Goose wait.*

**Teddy:** I want all of my Bird friends to meet another bird pal, Ostrich. She's staying with me during fall break from the National Zoo.

**BlueBird** (*whispers*): Is she a bird?

**Teddy:** Yes, she is the largest living bird.

**Goose** (*looks up at Ostrich*): Want to fly with us to the lake to get some lunch?

*Ostrich looks puzzled.*

**Teddy:** She doesn't speak any of our languages so she can't understand you. I talk to her with a translator App. But I can tell you she can't fly.

**Cardinal:** She's a bird and can't fly. Never heard of such a thing.

**Teddy:** Look at her long legs. She can run really fast – up to 43 miles per hour.

**Sparrow** (*looks up at Ostrich*): Teddy, ask her if she likes living at the Zoo.

**Ostrich** (*shakes her small head on its long neck, opens her big mouth and hisses*): No!

**Robin:** Where does she really come from, Teddy?

**Teddy:** Her home is in South Africa, but zoo keepers caught her and shipped her to the Zoo in Washington.

**Blue Jay:** Shipped like a package from one continent to another? Not right!

**Wren** : It's very kind of you to give a break from being caged up at the zoo, Teddy!

**Teddy:** That's why I want you all to meet her and do some regular activities together.

**Goose:** But she's so much bigger than any of us.

**Hummingbird:** Specially me . . . she's giant compared to me.

**Wren:** She has such a long neck!

**Lark:** Her legs are so-o long too.

**Blue Jay:** Look at those feathers! What bird has such big showy feathers?

**Blackbird:** So tall - probably thinks she can look down on us.

**Teddy:** I don't think you're being fair to Ostrich. You need to get to know her, not just her outward appearance We are each different. What activity could we all do together?

**Hummingbird:** Let's form a bird choir.

**Teddy:** Great idea! Who will be the conductor?

**Raven:** I'm suitably dressed for the part and will conduct with my wings. I think the "Hallelujah Chorus" would be appropriate for us.

*Hummingbird hums, Lark warbles, Robin chirrs, Sparrow twitters, Wren warbles, Blue Jay chatters,  
Dove coos, Thrush and Blackbird whistle, Goose and Ostrich hiss.*

*A mighty burst of sound comes from all and a flapping of wings to the beat. Hal-le-lu-jah! Raven turns his head to nod at specific chorus members.*

**Teddy:** This is an amazing effort from all of you together! You are producing a mighty chorus together with Raven's expert conducting. A community of sound!



**How do I treat someone who is very different . . . from a different race, country and culture? Can I find ways to communicate with someone who speaks a different language? How can I help someone who is different to adapt?**