

Module 4 Unit 4: Poem

The Butcherbird

Butcherbird, singing so bright
In the morning at first light
What process of creation
Led to your fair formation?

Singing solo or duet
Trio, ensemble, minuet
Mellow sounds of piping flute
Babies pleading crying cute

Beautiful eyes pierce the soul
Suit of white, black and charcoal
Jolly gymnast extraordinaire
Speed of flight beyond compare

Swiftly snatch a moth with glee
And impale it on the tree
Watch it squirm in pain all day
Enjoy the dying bouquet

King of song, athlete supreme
Cutie beauty like a dream
Killing others without thought
Not good nor evil nor taught

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An age of evolution
Mutation, revolution
Natural adaptation
Perfection, revelation

