

A Bird and a bell and I

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Even if I spread my arms
I cannot fly in the sky at all.
But the bird that can fly
Cannot run on the ground as fast as I.

Even if I shake my body,
I cannot produce pretty sounds,
But the bell that can ring
Doesn't know as many songs as I.

The bird and the bell and I -
All are different but all are wonderful.

