

Bounthy's father captures a dove and puts it in a cage. Bounthy likes listening to the dove's coo. His father catches more birds, but they are sad to be kept in cages. One day, Bounthy discovers the birds will not sing at all. Will Bounthy be able to make the birds happy so they will sing again?



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