

## 2. THE LABURNUM TOP

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### Handout

The laburnum tree top is silence and motionless. On a September afternoon, the golden sunlight is spread on it. The few leaves left on the tree are turning yellow in autumn. All the seeds have already fallen to the ground.

But the silence is broken with the arrival of a small singing mother bird goldfinch. She has returned to meet and feed her young chicks. It makes a jerky chirping sounds from the branch end. the Mother's arrival creates a sudden stir and noise that startles the silence spread all around. The Little young ones are there in a nest/

The little bird has a smooth and Shiny body like a lizard. She is

extremely watchful and swift. The nest is built securely. The bird enters the thick bunch of leaves and twigs. And all of a sudden the tree comes alive like a noisy machine or

engine. It is the engine of her little chicks. They also start chirruping in excitement. They flap their little wings and put up a confusing noise.

It is the mother bird who creates all such noise to high pitch. Her face bears strips which are her identity marks, a kind of mask on her face.

The purpose of her visit is fulfilled. The bird once again flies away towards some unknown place, far away. Once again silence returns to the little laburnum tree again

