

ALOUTTE (FRENCH CANADIAN)

Refrain (2x's)

Alouette, gentille alouette, (Lark, nice lark)

Alouette, je te plumerai. (Lark, I will pluck you)

Je te plumerai la tête, Je te plumerai la tête (I will pluck your head)

Et la tête, et la tête (and your head)

Alouette, alouette (lark, lark)

Ah ! ah ! ah ! ah !

Je te plumerai le bec, Je te plumerai le bec (beak),

Et le bec, et le bec,

Et la tête, et la tête

Alouette, Alouette !

Ah ! ah ! ah ! ah !

(refrain)

Cou – bec - tête – alouette (neck, beak, head, lark)

Les ailes – cou – bec - tête – alouette (wings, neck, beak, head, lark)

What the song is about:

Larks are considered game just like we consider chickens as game to eat in the US. We don't eat larks in the US, so most Americans at least, think the song is mean. Now we see it's really not! It's as if we bought a chicken or a turkey from a farm and had to pluck the feathers out ourselves. While doing the chore we might have sung a song like "Alouette"... at least in the olden days they did!

