Abecedarius lyrics

Alligator, beetle, porcupine, whale,
Bobolink, panther, dragonfly, snail,
Crocodile, monkey, buffalo, hare,
Dromedary, leopard, mud turtle, bear,

Elephant, badger, pelican, ox,
Flying fish, reindeer, anaconda, fox,
Guinea pig, dolphin, antelope, goose,
Hummingbird, weasel, pickerel, moose,

Ibex, rhinoceros, owl, kangaroo,
Jackal, opossum, toad, cockatoo,
Kingfisher, peacock, anteater, bat
Lizard, ichneumon, honeybee, rat,

Mockingbird, camel, grasshopper, mouse,
Nightingale, spider, cuttlefish, grouse,
Ocelot, pheasant, wolverine, auk,
Periwinkle, ermine, katydid, hawk,

Quail, hippopotamus, armadillo, moth,
Rattlesnake, lion, woodpecker, sloth,
Salamander, goldfish, angleworm, dog,
Tiger, flamingo, scorpion, frog,

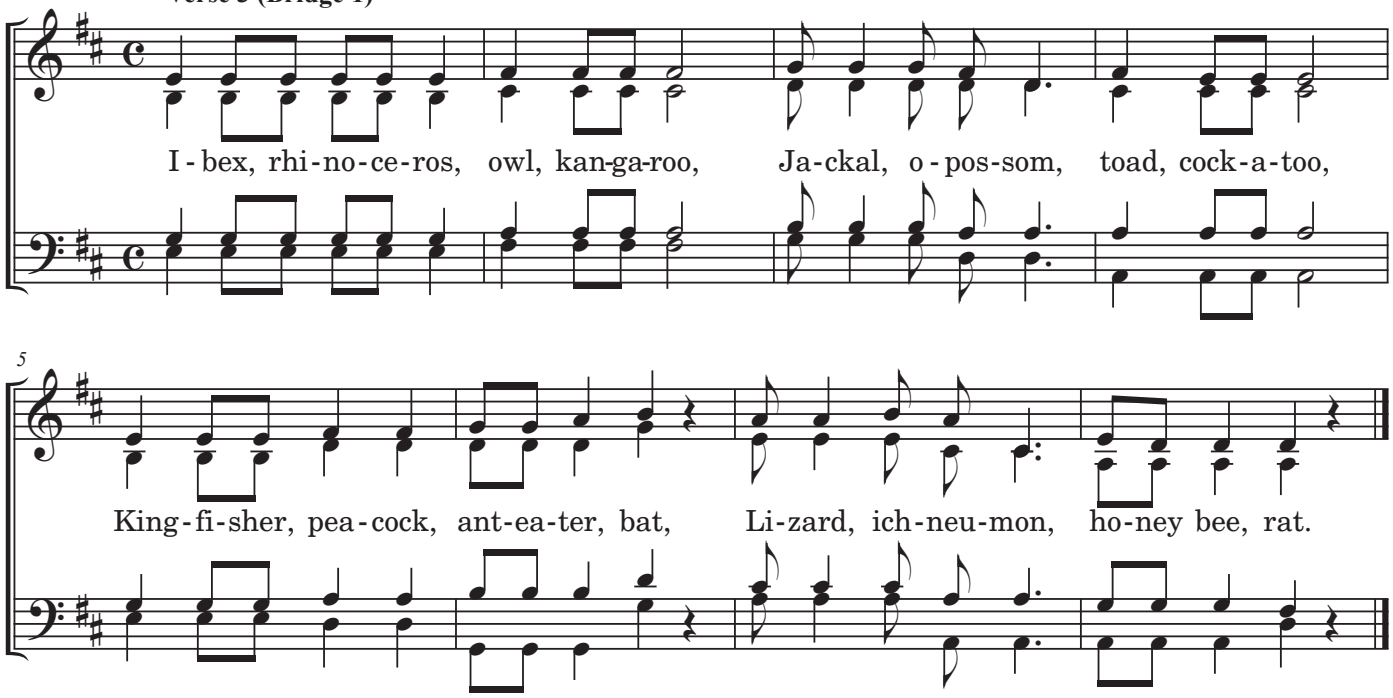
Unicorn, ostrich, nautilus, mole,
Viper, gorilla, basilisk, sole,
Whipporwill, beaver, centipede, fawn,
Xantho, canary, polliwog, swan,

Yellowhammer, eagle, hyena, lark,
Zebra, chameleon, butterfly, shark.
I'd tell you more but we're out of time;
Thanks to the Shakers for this Shaker rhyme.

Abecedarius Bridge

words - Shakers 1878
music and arr. Peter Amidon

Verse 3 (Bridge 1)



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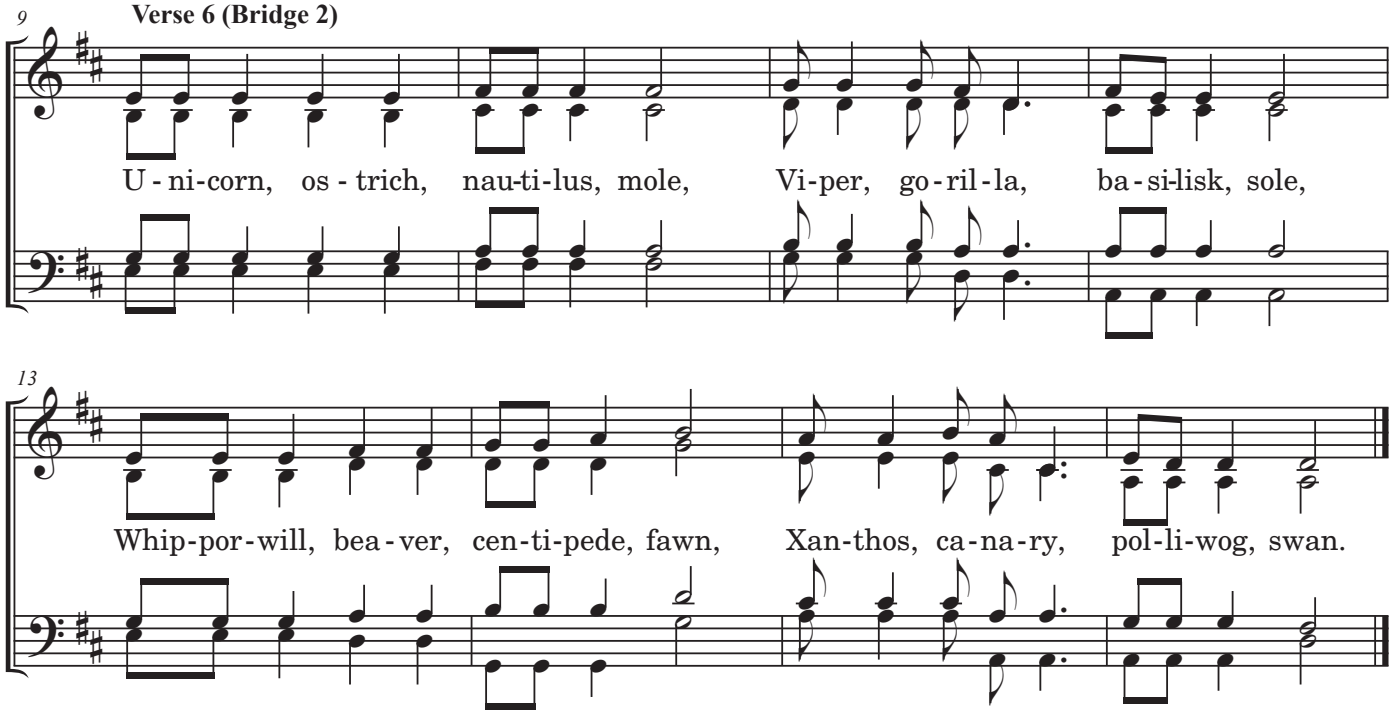

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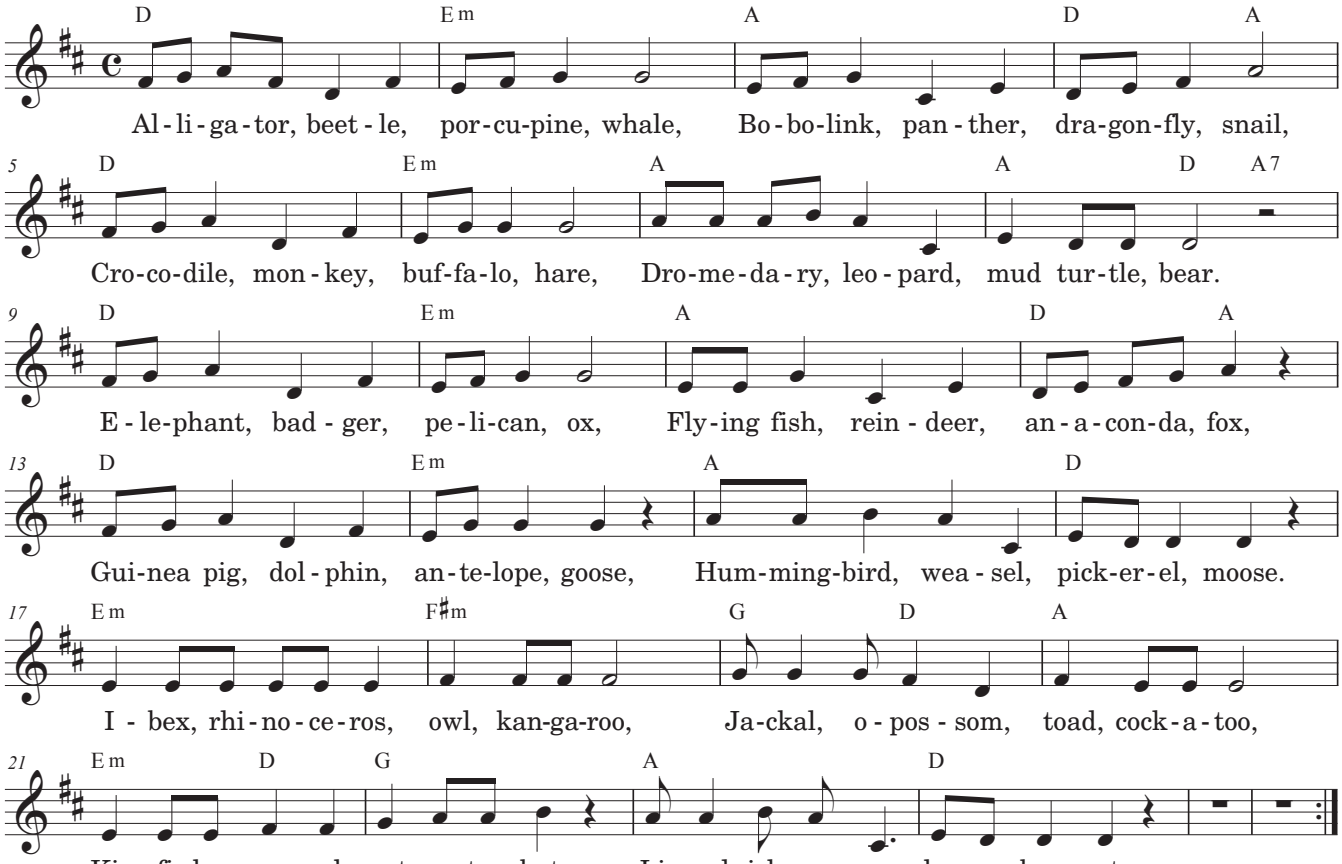
Shaker Abecedarius

text - Shaker Abecedarius
from the Shaker Manifesto, 1882
last two lines by Peter Amidon
music Peter Amidon 2020



verse one

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verse two

Mockingbird, camel, grasshopper, mouse,
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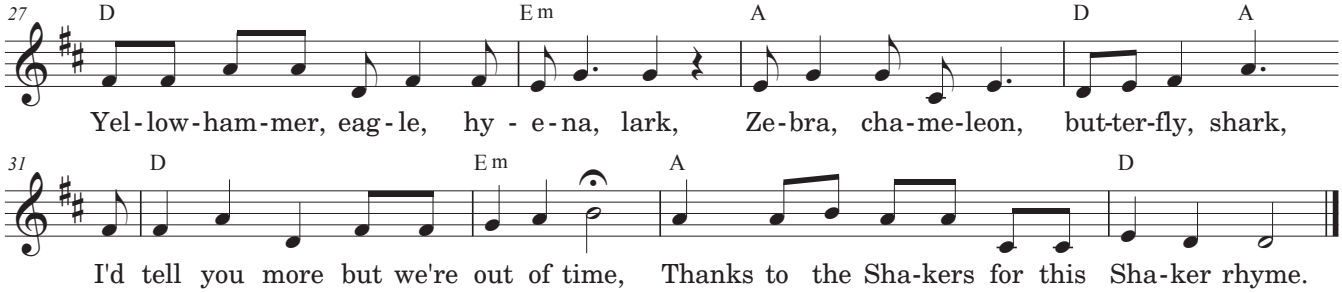

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