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One day a hungry robin saw a green inchworm sitting on a tree.

The robin wanted to eat the inchworm.

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The inchworm said “Don’t eat me. I measure things.”

The robin said “measure my tail!”
“That’s easy,” said the inchworm.

“One, two, three, four five inches”
“Wow,” said the robin “my tail is five inches long!” And with the inchworm, he flew to see other birds to measure.
The inchworm measured the neck of the flamingo.
He measured the toucan’s beak....
The legs of the heron....
The tail of the pheasant...
And the whole hummingbird.
One morning, the nightingale met the inchworm.

“Measure my song.”

said the nightingale
“But how?” said the inchworm. “I measure things, not songs.”
“Measure my song or I’ll eat you for breakfast,” said the nightingale. “I’ll try,” the inchworm said. "Sing"
The nightingale sang and the inchworm measured away.
He measured and measured... inch by inch....
until he inched out of sight!
The End