'To a Blackbird'

Songful, little singer you be!
With a song so gentle and sweet
That I'll listen to with rejoice and joy.
A song thy whistles so beautifully
With your peck in golden-yellow beauty!
As your whistling song shall sing so lovely,
With no fault and only with pride,
For I shall feel your song's touch upon me
'Cause I'll treasure it true.

Young blackbird. . . With joy to sing and whistle happily. For you are one of nature's birds that love song, To spread the melody of music and love.

Blissful beauty of song, birds *and* nature That you'll prove with joy, and a light of flare.

Yet, I watch you singin' with love in song; And feel the *heavenly* lift in my spirit. Upon all good things of life itself. Even though I couldn't tell, But only to listen and feel your song Without any resistance! Because young blackbird, Your song sings most clear and bright. I'll treasure your songful song With *endless* love . . . And with no fear.

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