**If I Was A Blackbird** 6/8

**Bm F#m Bm F#m**

**Bm F#m A G**

I am a young sailor, my story is sad

**Bm F#m Bm F#m**

For once I was carefree and a brave sailor lad

**Bm F#m Bm F#m**

I courted a lassie by night and by day

**Bm F#m A G**

But now she has left me and sailed far a-way

***Chorus:***

**Bm F#m A G**

Oh if I was a blackbird, could whistle and sing

**Bm F#m Bm F#m**

I’d follow the vessel my true love sails in

**Bm F#m Bm F#m**

And in the top rigging I would there build my nest

**Bm F#m A G**

And I’d flutter my wings o'er her lily-white breast

**Bm F#m A G**

Or if I was a scholar and could handle a pen

**Bm F#m Bm F#m**

One secret love letter to my true love I’d send

**Bm F#m Bm F#m**

And I’d tell of my sorrow, my grief and my pain

**Bm F#m A G**

Since she’s gone and left me in yon flowery glen

***[Chorus]***

**Bm F#m A G**

I sailed o’er the ocean, my fortune to seek

**Bm F#m Bm F#m**

Though I missed her ca-ress and her kiss on my cheek

**Bm F#m Bm F#m**

I re-turned and I told her my love was still warm

**Bm F#m A G**

But she turned away lightly and great was her scorn

***[Chorus]***

**Bm F#m A G**

I offered to take her to Donnybrook Fair

**Bm F#m Bm F#m**

And to buy her fine ribbons to tie up her hair

**Bm F#m Bm F#m**

I offered to marry and to stay by her side

**Bm F#m A G**

But she said in the morning she sailed with the tide

***[Chorus]***

**Bm F#m A G**

My parents they chide me, and will not a-gree

**Bm F#m Bm F#m**

Saying that me and my false love married should never be

**Bm F#m Bm F#m**

Ah but let them de-prive me, or let them do what they will

**Bm F#m A G**

While there’s breath in my body, she's the one that I love still

***[Chorus]***

**Bm F#m A G**

Yes, I’d flutter my wings o'er her lily-white breast

***Bm F#m A G F#7 Bm***

**Dm: Dm Am C Bb (C3 – D4)**

**Bm: Bm F#m A G (A2 – B3)**

**Am: Am Em G F (G2 – A3)**

**Melody w/ Chords (Bm):**

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*B F# B C B A, A, A, B C B*

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*E D E F# A F# F# A B’ F# E F#*

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**Bm F#m A G**

*F# A F# B C B-A, A, A, A, B A, B*

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