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

**Dm Am Dm Am**

**Dm Am C Bb**

I am a young sailor, my story is sad

**Dm Am Dm Am**

For once I was carefree and a brave sailor lad

**Dm Am Dm Am**

I courted a lassie by night and by day

**Dm Am C Bb**

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

***Chorus:***

**Dm Am C Bb**

Oh if I was a blackbird, could whistle and sing

**Dm Am Dm Am**

I’d follow the vessel my true love sails in

**Dm Am Dm Am**

And in the top rigging I would there build my nest

**Dm Am C Bb**

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

**Dm Am C Bb**

Or if I was a scholar and could handle a pen

**Dm Am Dm Am**

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

**Dm Am Dm Am**

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

**Dm Am C Bb**

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

***[Chorus]***

**Dm Am C Bb**

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

**Dm Am Dm Am**

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

**Dm Am Dm Am**

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

**Dm Am C Bb**

But she turned away lightly and great was her scorn

***[Chorus]***

**Dm Am C Bb**

I offered to take her to Donnybrook Fair

**Dm Am Dm Am**

And to buy her fine ribbons to tie up her hair

**Dm Am Dm Am**

I offered to marry and to stay by her side

**Dm Am C Bb**

But she said in the morning she sailed with the tide

***[Chorus]***

**Dm Am C Bb**

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

**Dm Am Dm Am**

Saying that me and my false love married should never be

**Dm Am Dm Am**

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

**Dm Am C Bb**

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

***[Chorus]***

**Dm Am C Bb**

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

***Dm Am C Bb A7 Dm***

**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 (Dm):**

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*D A D E D C, C, C, D E D*

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**Dm Am C Bb**

*A C A D E D-C, C, C, C, E C, D*

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