

If I were a Blackbird D-A-D

Em G Em Bm

I am a young maiden, my story is sad

I followed him gladly to Donnybrook Faire

My parents they chide me, and will not agree

He sailed o'er the ocean, his fortune to seek

G Bm Em Bm

For once I was carefree and in love with a lad

He bought me fine ribbons to tie in my hair

saying me and my true love never married should be

I missed his caresses and his kiss on my cheek

Em Bm Em Bm

He courted me sweetly by night and by day

He offered to marry and stay by my side

but let me defy them, let me do what I will

He returned and I told him my love was still warm

G Em G Em

But now he has left me and gone far away

but then in the morning he sailed with the tide

While there's life in my spirit, he's the one that I love still

He turned away lightly and great was his scorn

Chorus:

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if I were a blackbird, the wind neath my wings

G Bm Em Bm

I would follow the vessel my true love sails in

Em Bm Em Bm

in the top rigging I would there build my nest

G Em G Em

I'd flutter my wings o'er his broad golden chest

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