

# Red-winged Blackbird

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With spirit ♩ = c. 72

Piano

*mp*

*pedal freely*

The piano introduction is in 2/4 time, key of B-flat major. The right hand plays a series of eighth-note chords, while the left hand plays a simple eighth-note bass line. The tempo is marked 'With spirit' and the metronome marking is '♩ = c. 72'. The dynamic is mezzo-piano (mp). The piece concludes with a final chord in the right hand and a half-note in the left hand.

Solo

**A**

*mp*

Thought I heard a red-winged black-  
-winged black-bird down my road,--

Pno

*p*

The first vocal solo begins at measure 5, marked with a box containing the letter 'A'. The melody is in the treble clef, starting on a half note and moving in eighth notes. The piano accompaniment is in the bass clef, providing a simple harmonic support. The dynamic for the solo is mezzo-piano (mp), and for the piano accompaniment, it is piano (p). The lyrics are 'Thought I heard a red-winged black- / -winged black-bird down my road,--'.

Solo

9

Thought I b<sup>7</sup> red-winged black-bird, Red-winged black-bird down my road.--

Pno

The second vocal solo begins at measure 9. The melody continues in the treble clef. The piano accompaniment continues in the bass clef. The lyrics are 'Thought I b<sup>7</sup> red-winged black-bird, Red-winged black-bird down my road.--'.

**B**

13

S *mp* He'll be there be - side the ri-ver,

S2 *mp* He'll be th side the ri-ver,

A *mp* He'll be - side the ri-ver,

Pno *mp*

17

S win - ter fin' - lly s bones, - He'll be king a - mong the rush-es,

S2 win - ter fin' eaks its bones, - He'll be king a - mong the rush-es,

A win - lly breaks its bones, - He'll be king a - mong the rush-es,

Pno

C

21

S *mf*  
He'll be mas - ter of his home... Thought I heard a red-winged black-bird,

S2 *mf*  
He'll be mas - ter of his home... Thought I heard... black - bird,\_\_\_

A *mf*  
He'll be mas - ter of his home... Thought I ... black - bird,\_\_\_

Pno

25

S  
Red - winged black-bird my road, Thought I heard a red-winged black-bird,

S2  
black - bird black - bird, Thought I heard a black - bird,\_\_\_

A  
bl: black - bird, Thought I heard a black - bird,\_\_\_

Pno

29

S Red - winged black-bird down my road...

S2 Red - winged black-bird down my road...

A Red - winged black-bird down my road...

Pno



33

S Safe as Mos - es in the rush-es

S2 Safe as Mos - es in the rush-es

A hm

Pno

**D**

*mp*

37

S Builds his home on the riv - er wide, ah ah

S2 Builds his home on the riv - er wide, Ev - 'ry tin hear him sing-ing,

A hm Ev - I hear him sing-ing,

Pno

41

S Makes me feel like side... Ah, a black - bird, *mf*

S2 Makes me feel ng in - side... Ah, a black - bird, *mf*

A Makes like spring in - side... Thought I heard a red-winged black-bird, *mf*

Pno

**E**

45 7

S down, down my road, Ah, a black - bird,

S2 down, down my road, Ah, a black - bird,

A Red-winged black-bird down my road, Thought I red-winged black-bird,

Pno

49

S Red-winged black-bird down my

S2 Red-winged black-bird dow

A Red - winged black - bird my road.

Pno

53 8va

Pno

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*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

e tell-ing me too, Of where he went

do do do do

do do do

61

Solo

He'll be tell-ing me too, Of where he went to win - ter last year,

S

do do do do do do do do do

S2

do do do do do do do

A

do do do do do do do

Pno

65 **H**

Solo How he's go-ing back there too...

S do do do do do do Thought I *mf* a black - bird,

S2 do do do do Thought I *mf* d\_ a red winged black-bird,

A do do do do do Tr heard a black - bird,

Pno *mf*

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69

S black - bird road, Thought I heard\_ a black - bird,

S2 Red - winged black on my road, Thought I heard\_ a red winged black-bird,

A Red - winged down my road, Thought I heard a black - bird,

Pno



73

S Red - winged black-bird down my road. *f* I thought I heard a

S2 Red - winged black-bird down my road. *f* I ht I heard a

A Red - winged black-bird down my road. *f* ught I heard a

Pno

76

S black - bird, black - bird down my road, *f* I

S2 red - winged black Red - winged black-bird down my road, *f* I

A black Red - winged black-bird down my road, *f* I

Pno

79

S thought I heard a black - bird, Red - winged black - bird

S2 thought I heard a red - winged black - bird, Red - winged black - bird

A thought I heard a black - bird, Red - winged black - bird

Pno

82

S down my road.

S2 *p* down my road.

A *p* down my road.

Pno