

# The Blackbird

Nova Scotia Folk Song  
arr. Gary Ewer

Andante con moto ♩ = 104

S.

Pno.

*p*

*pedal freely throughout*

5

options:  
solo or tutti

*p*

1. I \_\_\_\_\_

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A

9

once knew a maid - en whose for - tune was so, She cour - ted a  
 (2.) true love is hand - some in ev - 'ry de - gree, My par - ents de -

14

sai - lor, a young sai - lor She cour - ted him  
 spise him be - cause he loves But let them de -

18

dear by night and by day Un - til this young  
 spise or say what they will, While there's life in my

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*tutti* *f* **B**

sai - lor he sailed miles a - way.  
 bo - som I'll love the lad still. Then if I were a

26

black - bird I'd whis - tle and I would fol - low the  
 black - bird I'd whis - tle sing, I would fol - low the

30

ship t<sup>l</sup> .ny true love sailed in, And on the top  
 .at my true love sailed in, And on sailed the top

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rig - ging I'd there build my nest Like an ea - gle I'd  
 \*I would pil - low my

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\*Alternate text

38

fly head to on his li - ly white\_\_ breast.

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1. optional solo *p*

2. My\_\_ *p*

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2.

optional solo

*mf*

3. If \_\_\_

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*p*

*mp*

**C**

tutti

I was a scho - lar, could - die a pen, A

tutti

I was a scho - lar, han - dle a pen, A

*mf*

option: one or three sops on top note

unis.

let - - ter I would send, I would

unis.

- ter of love to my sai - lor I'd send, I would

57

tell him my sor - rows, my griefs and my woes, If  
 tell him my sor - rows, my griefs and my woes, If

*mf*

61

I could but find him I wo'ld find him with  
 I could but find him I wo'ld find him with

65

*mp dim. poco* **poco rall.**  
 gold.  
*mp poco a poco*  
*mp dim. poco a poco* **p** **poco rall.**