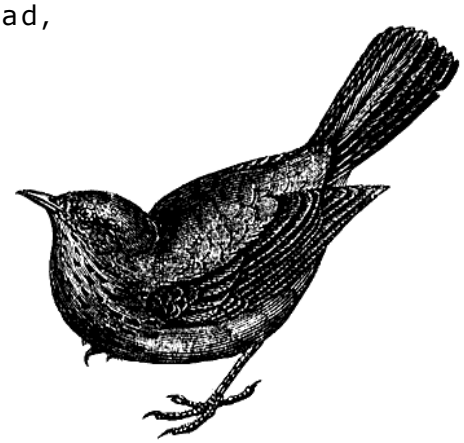
# IF I WAS A BLACKBIRD CLOZE

I am a young sailor, my story is sad,
Though once I was _____ and a brave sailor lad,
I courted a lassie by night and by day,
Ah but now she has left me, and sailed _____.



*Oh, if I was a blackbird, could whistle and sing,*
*I'd follow the vessel my true love sails in,*
*And in the top riggin' I would there build my nest,*
*And I'd flutter my wings o'er her lilly white breast.*

Or if I was a _____ and could handle the pen
Once secret love letter to my true love I'd send
And I tell of my _____, my grief and my pain
Since she's gone and left me in yon flowery glen.

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I sailed o'er the ocean, my _____ to seek
Though I missed her caress and her kiss on my cheek
I returned and I told her my love was still warm
but she turned away lightly and great was her _____.

*Oh, if I was a blackbird… (flute solo)*

I offered to take her to Donnybrook Fair
And to buy her fine _____ to tie up her hair
I offered to marry and to stay by her side
But she says in the morning she sailed _____.

*Oh, if I was a blackbird…*

My parents, they chide me, and will not agree
Sayin' that me and my false love, married should ne'er be
Oh let them _____ me, or let them do what they will
While there's breath in my body she's the one that I love still.

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