

# If I were a blackbird

Anon

Alison West

*p*  $\text{♩} = 84$

Soprano Recorder

Ooo, ooo, ooo, ooo,

Alto Recorder

Ooo, ooo, ooo, ooo, ooo,

Tenor Recorder

Ooo, ooo, ooo, ooo,

Bass Recorder

Ooo, ooo, ooo, ooo,

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*p* *mp* *p* *mp*

I once was all lone-ly and sad, I once went a-court-ing a

I was once a poor maid-en all lone-ly and sad, I once court-ed a

I once was all lone-ly and sad, once court-ed a

Ooo ooo once court-ed a

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brave sail - or lad, I court - ed him fond - ly by night and by day,

sail - or lad, by night, and by day, And

sail - or lad, by night, and by day,

sail - or lad, by night, and by day,

♩ = 120  
*mp*

21 *p*

ooo ————— ooo ————— If

now like a sail - or he's gone far a - way.

now he's gone far a - way.

now he's gone far a - way.

26

I — were a black-bird I'd whist-le and sing, I'd fol-low the vess-el my

Black - bird, whist-le and sing, Fol - low my

Black - bird, whist-le and sing, Fol - low my

Black - bird, whist-le and sing, Fol - low my

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true love sailed in, And in the top rig - ging I'd there build my

true love, Fol - - low my true

true love, Fol - - low my true

true love, Fol - - low my true

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rit.

nest, And pil - low my head on his li - ly - white breast.  
 love, Pil - - low, li - ly - white breast.  
 love, Pil - - low, li - ly - white breast.  
 love, Pil - - low, li - ly - white breast.

♩ = 84 tempo primo

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Ooo, ooo, ooo, ooo,  
 Ooo, ooo, ooo,  
 Ooo, ooo,  
 Ooo, ooo, ooo,

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My love, my love, His par - ents des-pised him be -  
 My love he was hand-some, in ev - ery de - gree, my love,  
 love, hand-some, ev - ery de - gree, my love,  
 love, hand-some, ev - ery de - gree, my love,

57 *mp*

cause he loved me, my love, he loved

he loved me, my love, he loved

he loved me, but they can des - pise him and say what they

he loved me, my love, my

62 *mp* *rit.* *mp* ♩ = 120

me, my love, my love. If

me, while I've breath in my bo - dy, I'll love that lad still.

will, my love, love that lad still.

love, my love, love that lad still.

68 *p*

I were a black-bird I'd whist-le and sing, I'd fol - low the vess - el my

Black - bird, whist-le and sing, Fol - low my

Black - bird, whist-le and sing, Fol - low my

Black - bird, whist-le and sing, Fol - low my