

## The blackbird

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(c. 1555-1630)

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The musical score consists of five staves. The top staff is Soprano, followed by a group of Alto I and Alto II, then Tenor, and Bass at the bottom. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one sharp. Measure numbers 1 through 8 are indicated above the staves. The lyrics "The black-bird made the sweet- est sound, the black-bird" are repeated four times, once for each measure. The bass staff includes a fermata over the eighth note of the first measure.

S made the sweet - est sound, the sweet-est sound,

A made the sweet-est sound, the sweet - est sound, Whose tunes did

T made the sweet-est sound, Whose tunes did far ex - cel, far ex -

B 8 made the sweet - est sound, Whose tunes did far ex - cel, whose

B made the sweet-est sound, Whose tunes did far ex -

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S found, full ple-a-sant-ly and most pro-found, Was

A most pro-found, full ple-a-sant-ly and most pro-found, and most pro-found, Was

T ly and most pro-found, full ple-a-sant-ly and most pro-found, Was

B 8 Full ple-a-sant-ly and most pro-found, found, and most pro-found, Was

Full ple-a-sant-ly and most pro-found, found, and most pro-found, Was

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S all things plac-ed well, plac-ed well. Thy pret-ty tunes mine own sweet bird,

A all things plac-ed well. Thy pret-ty tunes, mine own sweet bird, mine

T all things plac-ed well. Thy pret-ty tunes, thy pret-ty tunes,

B 8 all things plac-ed well. Thy pret-ty tunes mine

all things plac-ed well. Thy

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S thy pret-ty tunes mine own sweet bird, mine own sweet bird, Done

A own sweet bird, thy pret-ty tunes, mine own sweet bird, Done

T mine own sweet bird, thy pret-ty tunes, mine own sweet bird, Done

B 8 own sweet bird, thy pret-ty tunes, mine own sweet bird, Done

pret-ty tunes, mine own sweet bird, mine own sweet bird,

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S with so good a grace, done with so good a

A with so good a grace, done with so good a grace, done with so good a

T 8 with so good a grace, done with so good a grace, with so good a

B Done with so good a grace, with so good a

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S grace, ex - tols thy name, pre - fers the same A-broad in ev' - ry

A grace, ex - tols thy name, pre - fers the same A-broad in ev' - ry

T 8 grace, ex - tols thy name, pre - fers the same A-broad in ev' - ry

B grace, ex - tols thy name, pre - fers the same A-broad in ev' - ry

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S place. Thy mu - sic grave, be - deck - ed well, be - deck - ed

A place. Thy mu - sic grave, be - deck - ed well, be - deck - ed

T 8 place. Thy mu - sic grave, be - deck - ed well

B place. Thy mu - sic grave, be - deck - ed

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S well With sun - dry points of  
A well With sun - dry points of skill, with sun - dry points of  
T well With sun - dry points of skill, with sun - dry points of  
B 8 With sun - dry points of skill, with sun - dry points of  
well With sun - dry points of skill, with sun - dry points, with sun-dry points of

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S skill, Be - wrays thy know-ledge ex - cel - lent, ex - cel -  
A skill, Be - wrays thy know-ledge ex - cel-lent, ex - cel -  
skill, Be - wrays thy know-ledge ex - cel-lent, ex - cel -  
T 8 skill, Be - wrays thy know-ledge ex - cel - lent, ex - cel -  
B skill, Be - wrays thy know-ledge ex - cel-lent,

65 70

S lent, ex - cel-lent, ex - cel-lent In - graft-ed, in - graft-ed in thy will. My  
A lent, ex - cel-lent, ex - cel-lent, In - graft - ed in thy will. My  
lent, ex - cel-lent, ex - cel-lent, In - graft - ed in thy will. My  
T 8 lent, ex - cel-lent, ex - cel-lent, In - graft - ed in thy will. My  
B ex - cel-lent, ex - cel-lent, In - graft - ed in thy will. My

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Soprano (S): tongue shall speak, my pen shall write In praise, in praise of thee to tell, The

Alto (A): tongue shall speak, my pen shall write In praise, in praise of thee to tell,

Tenor (T): tongue shall speak, my pen shall write In praise, In praise of thee to tell,

Bass (B):

8 tongue shall speak, my pen shall write In praise of thee to tell,

tongue shall speak, my pen shall write In praise of thee to tell,

[80]

S sweet-est bird that e - ver was, the sweet - est bird that

A the sweet - est bird that e-ver was, the sweet - est bird that e - ver was, that

T - The sweet-est bird that e - ver was, the sweet - est bird that

B 8 - The sweet - est bird that e-

The sweet - est bird that e - ver was, the sweet - est bird that