

# The Bird Courting Song

Burl Ives

"Hi" said the little leather winged bat  
"I'll tell you the reason that  
The reason that I fly in the night  
Is because I lost my hearts delight"

"Hi" said the woodpecker sitting on a fence  
"Once I courted a handsome wench  
She got saucy and from me fled  
Ever since then my head's been red"

"Hi" said the bluebird as she flew  
"If I were a young man I'd have two  
If one got saucy and wanted to go  
I'd have a new string for my bow"

"Hi" said the blackbird to the crow  
"What makes mankind hate us so  
Ever since Noah's been born  
We've been pulling up young green corn"