

# The Blackbird Of Sweet Avondale

Silly Wizard

By the sweet bay of Dublin, while carelessly strolling  
I sat myself down by a green myrtle shade  
Reclined on the beach, as the wild waves were rolling  
In sorrowful condoling, I saw a fair maid  
Her robes changed to mourning, that once were so glorious  
I stood in amazement to hear her sad wail  
Her heartstrings burst forth with wild accents uproarious  
Saying, "Where, where is my Blackbird of sweet Avondale?"  
"In the fair counties Meath, Wexford, Cork, and Tipperary,  
The rights of Old Ireland, my Blackbird did sing  
Ah, but woe to the hour, with heart light and airy  
Away from my arms, to Dublin took wing"  
"The fowlers waylaid him in hopes to ensnare him  
While I here in sorrow, his absence bewail  
Oh, it grieves me to think that the walls of Kilmainham  
Surround my dear Blackbird of sweet Avondale"  
"Oh, Ireland, my country, awake from your slumbers  
And give back my Blackbird, so dear unto me  
And let everyone know, by the strength of your numbers  
That we, as a nation, would wish to be free"  
"The cold prison dungeons is no habitation  
For one, to his country, was loyal and true  
Then give him his freedom, without hesitation  
And remember he fought hard for freedom and you"  
"Oh, Heaven, give ear to my consultation  
And strengthen the bold sons of Old Granuaile  
And God grant that my country will soon be a nation  
And bring back the Blackbird to sweet Avondale"