

36 BLACKBIRDS AND THRUSHES

Collected and arranged by
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Andante affettuoso

VOICE

1. As I was a - walk - ing for
3. Her cheeks blushed like ro - ses, her

PIANO

my re - cre - a - tion, A - down by the gar - dens I si - lent - ly
arms full of po - sies, She stray'd in the mead - ows and, weep - ing, she

stray'd, I heard a fair maid mak - ing great la - men - ta - tion, Cry - ing:
said: My heart it is ach - ing, my poor heart is break - ing, For

Jim - my will be slain in the wars I'm a - fraid.
Jim - my will be slain in the wars I'm a - fraid.

mf *colla voce*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. The first system shows the beginning of the piece with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The tempo is marked 'Andante affettuoso'. The voice part begins with the lyrics '1. As I was a - walk - ing for' and '3. Her cheeks blushed like ro - ses, her'. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a similar pattern in the left hand. The second system continues the melody with lyrics 'my re - cre - a - tion, A - down by the gar - dens I si - lent - ly' and 'arms full of po - sies, She stray'd in the mead - ows and, weep - ing, she'. The third system has lyrics 'stray'd, I heard a fair maid mak - ing great la - men - ta - tion, Cry - ing:' and 'said: My heart it is ach - ing, my poor heart is break - ing, For'. The piano part includes dynamic markings 'mf' and 'colla voce'. The fourth system concludes with the lyrics 'Jim - my will be slain in the wars I'm a - fraid.' and 'Jim - my will be slain in the wars I'm a - fraid.'.

2. The black - birds and thrush - es sang in the green
 4. When Jim - my re - turnd with his heart full of

bush - es; The wood - doves and larks seem'd to mourn for this maid; And the
 burn - ing, He found his dear Nan - cy all dead in her grave. He—

song that she sang was con - cern - ing her lov - er: O Jim - my will be
 cried: I'm for - sa - ken, my poor heart is break - ing, O would that I

mf *colla voce*

slain in the wars I'm a - fraid.
 nev - er had left this fair

maid!

dim. *rall.*

First time *Second time*