



Listen To The Mockingbird: American Folksongs and Popular Music Lyrics of the 19th Century

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"Listen to the Mocking Bird" (1855) is an American popular song of the mid-19th century. Its lyrics were composed by Septimus Winner under the pseudonym "Alice Hawthorne", and its music was by Richard Milburn. It relates the story of a singer dreaming of his sweetheart, now dead and buried, and a mockingbird, whose song the couple once enjoyed, now singing over her grave. Yet the melody is moderately lively. "Listen to the Mocking Bird" was one of the most popular ballads of the era and sold more than twenty million copies of sheet music. Score Key: G major (Sound