

# Blackbird - A Passover Lesson from the Beatles

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In 1968, Paul McCartney introduced us to a new song; “Blackbird.” McCartney would later explain that “Blackbird” was not about a bird but instead it was about racial inequality in the United States.

McCartney said, “[Blackbird] was really a song from me to a black woman, experiencing these problems in the States: ‘Let me encourage you to keep trying, to keep your faith; there is hope.’”

On Passover we encourage everyone to keep trying, to keep your faith; there is hope.

*Blackbird* (John Lennon and Paul McCartney)

Blackbird singing in the dead of night  
Take these broken wings and learn to fly  
All your life  
You were only waiting for this moment to arise

Blackbird singing in the dead of night  
Take these sunken eyes and learn to see  
All your life  
You were only waiting for this moment to be free

Blackbird fly, blackbird fly  
Into the light of the dark black night

Blackbird fly, blackbird fly  
Into the light of the dark black night

Blackbird singing in the dead of night  
Take these broken wings and learn to fly  
All your life  
You were only waiting for this moment to arise  
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