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# **"Red-Winged Blackbird"**

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Red-Winged Blackbird - Ray Sawyer  
(Joel Jaffe)

The indians say that the blackbird  
Was flying too close to the sun  
And the bright burning flames changed his wings and  
his name  
To remind him how far he had come

On the banks of the yellow Rio Grande  
There's a little stone shack built by hand  
And a young man with more than a lot on his mind  
Sits and stares out across the desert sand

Red-winged Blackbird fly  
Away from Neuvo Laredo  
I'll be there by and by  
When I'm on my way back home

In the dry dusty month of September  
He arrived with the West Texas wind  
In flight from the lies and the life he had lived  
He'd return but he did not know when

Red-winged Blackbird fly  
Away from Neuvo Laredo

I'll be there by and by  
When I'm on my way back home

One morning the Red-winged Blackbird  
Left his barbed wire fence before dawn  
For the young man his flight had a magical meaning  
And the day after that he was gone

Red-winged Blackbird fly  
Away from Neuvo Laredo  
I'll be there by and by  
When I'm on my way back home

Red-winged Blackbird fly  
Away from Neuvo Laredo

I'll be there by and by  
When I'm on my way back home....

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