

Burl Ives **"Snowbird"**

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Beneath this snowy mantle, cold and clean
The unborn grass lies waiting for its coat to turn to
green
The snowbird sings a song he always sings
And speaks to me of flowers that will bloom again in
spring

When I was young my heart was young then too
Anything that it would tell me, that's the thing that I
would do
But now I feel such emptiness within
For the thing that I want most in life is the thing I can't
win

Spread your tiny wings and fly away
And take the snow back with you, where it came from
on that day
The one I love forever is untrue
And if I could, you know that I would, fly away with you

The breeze along the river seems to say
That she'll only break my heart again should I decide to
stay
So little snowbird take me with you when you go
To that land of gentle breezes where the peaceful
waters flow

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