

## Mandy Patinkin "Green Finch And Linnet Bird"

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Green finch and linnet bird, nightingale, blackbird  
How is it you sing?  
How can you jubilate, singing in cages  
Never taking wing?

Outside, the sky waits, beckoning, beckoning  
Just beyond the bars  
How can you remain, staring at the rain  
Maddened by the stars?

How is it you sing anything?  
How is it you sing?  
Green finch and linnet bird, nightingale, blackbird  
How is it you sing?

Whence comes this melody, constantly flowing?  
Is it rejoicing or merely hallowing?  
Are you discussing or fussing  
Or simply dreaming?

Are you crowing? Are you screaming?  
Ringdove and robinet, is it for wages?  
Singing to be sold?  
Have you decided, it's safer in cages  
Singing when you're told?

My cage has many rooms, damask and dark  
Nothing there sings, not even a lark  
Larks never will, you know, when they're captive  
Teach me to be more adaptive, ah

Green finch, and linnet bird, nightingale, blackbird  
Teach me how to sing  
If I cannot fly  
Let me sing

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