

Aura Lee

Words & Music by W.W. Fosdick & George R. Poulton, ca 1861

Recorded by The Cumberland Three, 1960

G Gdim A7 Am7 D7 G D
As the blackbird in the spring, 'neath the willow tree,

G Gdim A7 Am7 D7 G
Sat and piped, I heard him sing, sing of Aura Lee.

Refrain:

G G/F# B7 C C/B Am7 Am7/G B7
Aura Lee, Aura Lee, maid with gol - den hair,

E7 Bm7-5 A7 Am7 D7 G
Sunshine came along with thee, and swallows in the air.

On her cheek the rose was born, 'twas music when she spoke;
In her eyes the light of morn with glorious splendor broke.

Repeat Refrain:

Take my heart and take my ring, I give by all to thee;
Take me for eternity, Dearest Aura Lee.

Repeat Refrain:

Aura Lee, the birds may flee the willow's golden hair;
Then the wintry winds may be blowing ev'rywhere.

Final Refrain:

Yet if they blue eyes I see, gloom will soon depart;
For to me, sweet Aura Lee, is sunshine to the heart.