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- I
The blackbird's eye
Moved;
Poke it with a stick.
- II
Three blackbirds die
As easily as...
Three blackbirds
- III
The blackbird fell like a
Stone
When I shot it in the autumn winds.
- IV
A man and a woman
Are one.
A man and a woman and a blackbird,
...is perverted.
- V
I prefer hitting blackbirds
With a soup ladle.
- VI
A blackbird with
An icicle stuck through it,
Lay at the base of a
Frost covered window.
- VII
Women stomp upon
Blackbirds in the market place.
The blackbirds die.
- VIII
I know I know
More
Than dead blackbirds
Know.
- IX
When the blackbird flew
Out of sight,
I zapped it with an ICBM
- X
A flock of blackbirds
Flew through the red light
Of a microwave tower,
And were instantly
Cooked blackbirds.
- XI
Once, as I drove across
Connecticut,
A blackbird iced itself
On my windshield.
- XII
I held a blackbird
Under a moving river.
It must never fly again.
- XIII
Pack a blackbird
Into your next snowball.
Throw it at a cedar tree.

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