

Aura Lee

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1. As the black - bird in the spring, 'neath the wil - low tree _____
sat and piped, I heard him sing, sing - ing "Au - ra Lee."
Au - ra Lee, Au - ra Lee, maid with gol - den hair,
sun - shine came a - long with thee and swal - lows in the air.

2. In thy blush the rose was born, music when you spake.
Through thine azure eye the morn' sparkling seemed to break.
Aura Lee, Aura Lee, birds of crimson wing
never songs have sung to me as in that bright sweet spring.
3. Aura Lee, the bird may flee the willow's golden hair,
swing through winter fitfully on the stormy air.
Yet if thy blue eyes I see, gloom will soon depart,
for to me sweet Aura Lee is sunshine through the heart.
4. When the mistletoe was green midst the winter's snows,
sunshine in thy face was seen, kissing lips of rose.
Aura Lee, Aura Lee, take my golden ring,
love and light return with thee, and swallows with the spring.