

The Nightingale Has a Lyre of Gold

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[ðə 'na:ɪ.tɪŋ(tən).ge:ɪl hæz ʌ laɪr ɒv go:ʊld]

The lark's is a clarion call,
And the blackbird¹ plays but a boxwood flute,
But I love him best of all.



The song of the European blackbird is similar to the American mockingbird.