



## **The Bird Song-- in G**

Version from Vincent Doherty learned from Kevin Mitchell (both from Derry, Northern Ireland)

**Instrumental: Skitheree Idle (hornpipey)**

(All):Said the hawk unto the crow one day,  
It's why do you in mourning stay?  
I was once in love and it didn't prove fact,  
And ever since I wear the black.

*Skitheree Idle Doodle didle doodle didle dum,  
Skitheree idle doodle didle doodle didle dum,*

*I was once in love and it didn't prove fact,  
And ever since I wear the black.*

Well the next jumped up was a big jay thrush,  
Was hiding neath a holly bush,  
Well the way to court I've heard them say,  
Is to court all night and sleep next day.

*Chorus and repeat*

Well the next jumped up was a Jenny wren,  
I know what I'd do if I was a man,  
In case one love should up and go,  
I'd wear two strings on every bow.

*Chorus and repeat*

(All)Well the last jumped up was a woolly wagtail,  
I once was in love and did prevail,  
I was once in love and I did prevail,  
And ever since I wag my tail.

*Chorus and repeat*

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\*For Vincent's beautiful rendition see <http://pipers.ie/source/media/?mediaId=27327>