

Sing a Song of Sixpence

From an English nursery rhyme [Br]

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Sing a song of sixpence,
[sɪŋ ʌ sɔŋ ɔv 'sɪks.pɛnts]

A pocket full of rye.
[ʌ 'pɒk.ɪt fʊl ɔv raɪ]

Four-and-twenty blackbirds,
Baked in a pie.

When the pie was opened
The birds began to sing;
Wasn't that a dainty dish
To set before the king?

The king was in his counting house
Counting out his money;
The queen was in the parlour
Eating bread and honey.

The maid was in the garden
Hanging out the clothes;
Up came a blackbird
And snapped off her nose.

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