



James Berry: Windrush songs - Audio

Reminiscence Voice

James Berry:

Man, I want to go back to hear
hilltop cockcrow giving
answer to bottom yard rooster challenge
mother cow giving anxious 'moo'
for a calf keeping cool in the shade –
I want to renew all that.

Man, I want to go back to hear
cooing of ground-doves in quiet noon-time
and tree-top nightingales singing
to the moon long before daylight –
I want to renew all that.

Man, I want to go back to have
a curry-goat feed under coconut palms
rum flowing like a nature stream
and conchshell blowing for a big sea catch –
I want to renew all that.

Man, I want to go back to hear
Maama Tunny passing to church
fanning herself, calling [out]
'Good-morning' to our house.