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Recent Harlem posts for residents

<https://www.harlemworldmagazine.com/harlems-florence-mills-was-the-queen-of-happiness-who-marked-the-beginning-of-the-harlem-renaissance-1896-1927/>

<https://www.harlemworldmagazine.com/re-name-the-135th-street-plaza-in-st-nicholas-park-after-legendary-harlemite-florence-mills/>

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<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/2021/12/08/metropolitan-museum-acquires-james-van-der-zee-archive>

Musical tributes (courtesy of Youtube)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDAK4YwNh50>

Bye Bye Florence by Bert Howell (tenor) featuring Thomas "Fats" Waller, Pipe Organ on Victor 21062-B
BERT HOWELL (Tenor) Grand Organ Accompanied by Thomas "Fats" Waller Church studio, Camden, NJ, November 14, 1927. 40080-2 **Bye Bye Florence** (Memorial) Victor 21062-B Tribute to **Florence** Mills, beloved star of 1920s black theatre who died unexpectedly on November 1, 1927.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fh_73l0iogM&t=195s

Black Beauty, 2nd Recording - Duke Ellington

Composed by **Duke Ellington**. Performed by **Duke Ellington** and His Cotton Club Orchestra. Recorded 3/26/28. Composed in honor of entertainer **Florence Mills** (1896-1927) Record label: HMV, England (originally Victor, USA) Phonograph: Victor Victrola VV 4-7 (1927)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wU9dkd8wkyU>

Lambert Elegiac Blues Sheet Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WAx7oAsqSd4>

She's Gone To Join The Song-Birds In Heaven · Eva Taylor

Ms. Mills Signature Song

I'M A LITTLE BLACKBIRD LOOKING FOR A BLUEBIRD

(George W. Meyer, Arthur Johnston)

As recorded by:

Savoy Havana Band, Dir. Reg Batten
Unknown vocalist.

Recorded 23rd September 1926

Also recorded by:

Sidney Bechet / Clarence Williams

Louis Armstrong,
Dick Hyman
Earl Hines
.....and others.

I'm a little blackbird looking for a bluebird too
You know little blackbirds get a little lonesome too
And blue
I've been all over from east to west
In search of someone to feather my nest
Why don't I find one the same as you do
The answer must be that I am a hoodoo
I'm a little jazz-bo, looking for a rainbow, too
Building fairy castles same as all the white folks do
That's true
For love I'm dyin', my heart is cryin'
A wise old owl said keep on tryin'
I'm a little blackbird looking for a bluebird now.

(Transcribed from John Wright's 78 RPM
Record Collection by Bill Huntley - October 2013)