

# John Mellencamp, Baltimore Oriole

(Lyrics by Paul Francis Webster, Music by Hoagy Carmichael)

[Originally by Hoagy Carmichael]

Baltimore Oriole  
Took one look at that mercury, forty below  
No life for a lady  
To be draggin' her feathers around in the snow  
Leaving me blue, off she flew  
To the Tangipahoe-down Louisiana  
Where a two-tiin' Jaybird  
Met the divine Miss O

I'd like to ruffle his plumage  
That Baltimore Oriole  
Messed around with that big guy  
Till he singed her wings  
Forgivin' is easy-it's a woman like, now and then  
Could happen to thing  
Send her back home  
Home ain't home without her warbling  
How she can sing  
Make a lonely man happy, Baltimore Oriole  
Come down from that bough  
Fly to your daddy now.