Bye, Bye Blackbird

by composer Ray Henderson and lyricist Mort Dixon

This was the #16 song of 1926

In 1982, the Recording Industry Association of America posthumously awarded John Coltrane a Grammy for "Best Jazz Solo Performance" for the work on his album, Bye Bye Blackbird.

"Bye, Bye, Blackbird" has been recorded by many artists, including–
Gene Austin who was first in 1926
Josephine Baker
Joe Cocker
Bing Crosby
Miles Davis
Etta James
Rickie Lee Jones
Diana Krall,
Peggy Lee
Ben Webster
Oscar Peterson
Julie London
Dean Martin
Johnny Mathis
Paul McCartney
Nina Simone
Frank Sinatra
Tiny Tim
Mel Torm?,
Sarah Vaughan
.....and many others

F Gm7 F
Pack up all my care and woe,
Am7 C7 F
Here I go, singin' low
F (F DIM) Gm7 C7
Bye.... bye.... black – bird
Gm Am Gm
Where somebody waits for me,
C7 Am7 Gm C7
Sugar's sweet, and so is she
Gm C7 F
Bye.... bye.... blackbird
F7 Cm7 D7
No one here can love or understand me;
Gm B♭m6 C7
Oh what hard luck stories they all hand me
F Gm7 F
Make my bed and light the light,
C7 Cm6 D7
I'll arrive late tonight
Gm C7 F NICE ENDING OR – B♭ B♭m6 F6
Blackbird, bye bye NICE TURNAROUND – Dm Gm7 C7

F Gm7 Am7 C7 Fdim Gm Am F7 Cm7 D7 B♭m6 Cm6 B♭ Dm F6

or for a really sweet ending chord try F6 (2)

There are so many wonderful, and different, arrangements of this great American Songbook standard from 1926 try this one – try lots of others – – and then maybe even create your own!

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