

There's A Bluebird On Your Windowsill

Recorded by Wilf Carter

Written by Elizabeth Clarke in 1947.

Chorus:

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There's a Bluebird on your Windowsill
F C
There's a rainbow in your sky
F C
There are happy thoughts your heart to fill
G7 C
Near enough to make you cry

With every tear you've washed away
F C
All things kept locked in-side
F C
You count your joys this lovely day
G7 C
And you wonder why you cried

Chorus

And if by chance your heart grows sad
F C
You still can smile a-gain
F C
With every tear you've ever shed
G7 C
Comes sunshine after rain
- SOLO - CHORUS
The rainy days may come and go
F C
The clouds will roll away
F C
Every-thing will come if you wish it so
G7 C
As an answer when you pray

Chorus

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The first song by a Canadian to sell more than one million copies was born out of a simple, beautiful moment in the life of an ailing child. (There's a) Bluebird on Your Windowsill was written by Vancouver nurse (Carmen) Elizabeth Clarke, who worked at what was then called the Hospital for Sick and Crippled Children, now the Children's Hospital in Vancouver.

One of Clarke's little patients was a young boy who had one day been visited by a feathery caller, a sparrow, which had perched on the windowsill next to his bed. Clarke was inspired to sit down on the evening of that rainy day and write a poem about this bird, capturing her patient's charming encounter with a paper and pen, completing it in six hours' time. A melody was added to the words soon after.

The Rhythm Pals, a country music trio from New Westminster, B.C., who made their debut on CKNW, recorded a version of Clarke's song in 1948, thus putting it on regular radio rotation locally.

