

Blackbirds, Fly

Equality of rights
under the law
shall not be

entirely aboveboard
deadheaded or weeded
impaired
(worse things have happened)

Equality of rights
shall not be

denied or abridged
by the powers that be
(whoever they are)

nor by the unknown
ground of where
you're headed

The law

shall not be desolated by surrogate
motherhood

I would be—

I would
recommend—

Equality of rights
under the law

shall not put a family
of blackbirds in a tree

Equality
of rights under the law

shall not be denied
to the beautiful blackbirds of heaven.

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