

SIX POEMS FROM *PHOEBE'S SONGBIRD STATION*

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HERMIT THRUSH

showing outgoing overflowing
hush thrush

Though he
He's modest
 From the
 Wells the
Like the

PURPLE FINCH

vain plain brain
suppose clothes

This finch
Though he
 He is
 With his
And raspberry

WATER OUZEL OR DIPPER

way spray day
oughter water

The ouzel
He builds
 Though a

He walks
And nervously

hasn't a bright feather
and shy, not
deep forest
song of this
voice of a heart

has a right to be
goes with a girl who is
pleased, we
rosy-red
jam on his

is strange in his
his nest in the
bird hadn't
under
teeters all