

A Conversation with Crow

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I had a conversation with a Crow,
Her black feathers shimmering in the sun.
I asked her, "How should I sing?"
With her beautiful gruff voice, she said,
"However you would like."

I asked Miss Crow, "How will I know what I like?"
She ruffled her feathers and softly cooed,
"When you sing the way you want to,
Your heart will sing along."

"How will I know when my heart sings?"
Miss Crow cawed into the bright day,
"You will just know! It will leap like a frog
And feel like a thunderstorm.
Your heart will sigh like a waterfall
And it will sing like a bluebird.
When you finally sing your song,
You will feel it in your heart."

Miss Crow looked down from the lamp post,
Her eyes glittering in the sun.
"I can already see the question on your lips;
'Will what I sing truly matter?'
And, my dear, the truth is
Your song does matter.
So sing it, loud and proud
Through the valleys and the mountains
And the streets of the town!
Sing your song; Then, you will fly."

Elena Uhlenkamp came from a small town in the heart of Minnesota to UND to study English. She enjoys reading and writing fantasy, especially if it involves magic and dragons. She also likes to dabble in realistic fiction, science fiction, and horror. Besides reading and writing, Elena loves doing escape rooms with friends and family, embroidering, and trap shooting. She has a fantasy trilogy in the works and hopes to publish the first book in the next few years.