Hummingbird's Hmmm...

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Hummingbird, hummingbird
What makes you sing
Is it sugary nectar
Other birds on their wing?





You seem so playful
Or is it anger we see
When you buzz each other
Scouting from branches of tree?

Those wings beat so quickly

Not staying put long

If we listen quite closely

Would we hear your soft song?

