

2 There were three ravens

PARTSONG

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SOPRANO
There were three ravens sat on a tree, Down a-down, hey

ALTO
(There were three ravens sat on a tree,) Down a-down, hey--

TENOR
(There were three ravens sat on a tree,) Down a-down, hey

BASS
(There were three ravens sat on a tree,) Down a-down, hey

down a-down, There were three ravens sat on a tree, With a -

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down a-down, (There were three ravens sat on a tree,) With a -

down a-down, (There were three ravens sat on a tree,) With a -

- down. There were three ravens sat on a tree, They were as black as

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they might be, With a - down der-ry der-ry down down.

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- 2 The one of them said to his mate,
Down a-down (etc.),
The one of them said to his mate,
With a-down.
The one of them said to his mate,
Where shall we our breakfast take?
With a-down (etc.). *Remaining verses similarly.*
- 3 Down in yonder green field,
There lies a knight slain under his shield.
- 4 His hounds they lie down at his feet,
So well they can his master keep.
- 5 His hawks they fly so eagerly,
There's no fowle dare come him nie.
- 6 Down there comes a fallow doe,
As great with yong as she might goe.
- 7 She lift up his bloody hed,
And kist his wounds that were so red.
- 8 She get him up upon her backe,
And carried him to earthen lake.
- 9 She buried him before the prime,
She was dead herself ere ev'nsong time.
- 10 God send every gentleman
Such hawks, such hounds and such a leman.*

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