

There were three Ravens sat on a tree,

From "Melismata" (1611)

TREBLE.

Thomas Ravenscroft

1. There were three ravens sat on a tree, Down a down, hey
 down, hey down, There were three ravens sat on a tree, with a
 downe, There were three ravens sat on a tree, They were as black as
 black might be, With a down, der-rie, der-rie, der-rie down, down.

2. The one of them said to his mate,
 down a downe hey downe
 The one of the said to his mate,
 with a downe:
 The one of them said to his mate
 Where shall we our breake – fast
 take?
 With a downe, derrie, derrie, der-
 rie, downe, downe.

3. Downe in yonder greene field,
 down a downe hey downe, hey
 downe.
 Downe in yonder greene field,
 with a downe:
 Downe in yonder greene field,
 There lies a Knight slain under his
 shield,
 With a downe dery downe, down.

4. His hounds they lie downe at his
 feete,
 down a downe hey downe, hey
 downe.

His hounds they lie downe at his
 feete, with a downe:
 His hounds they lie downe at his
 feete,
 So well they can their Master keepe,
 With a downe dery downe, down.

5. His Haukes they flie so eagerly
 down a downe hey downe, hey
 downe.

His Haukes they flie so eagerly
 with a downe:
 His Haukes they flie so eagerly
 Ther's no fowle dare him come nie.
 With a downe dery downe, down.

6. Downe there comes a fallow Doe,
 down a downe hey downe, hey
 downe.

Downe there comes a fallow Doe,
 with a downe:
 Downe there comes a fallow Doe,
 As great with yong as she might goe.
 With a downe dery downe, down.

7. She lift up his bloody hed,
 down a downe hey downe, hey
 downe.

She lift up his bloody hed,
 with a downe:

She lift up his bloody hed,
 And kist his wounds that were so red
 With a downe dery downe, down.

8. She got him up upon her backe,
 down a downe hey downe, hey
 downe.

She got him up upon her backe,
 with a downe:

She got him up upon her backe,
 And carried him to earthen lake
 With a downe dery downe, down.

9. She buried him before the prime,

down a downe hey downe, hey
 downe.

She buried him before the prime,
 with a downe:

She buried him before the prime,
 She was dead her selfe ere even-song
 time.

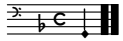
With a downe dery downe, down.

10. God send every gentleman
 down a downe hey downe, hey
 downe.

God send every gentleman
 with a downe:

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 Such haukes, such hounds, and such
 a Leman,

With a downe dery downe, down.



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with hey downe downe, derrie downe downe.



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were as black as black might be, With a down, der-rie, der-rie, der-rie down, down.
 with a downe, hey der-rie der-rie, downe, downe, downe.
 with a downe der-rie, der-rie downe a downe.
 with hey downe downe, der-rie downe downe.