

The Three Ravens

Melismata. Musically Phancies. Fitting the Court, Citie, and Countrey Humours." London, 1611

Thomas Ravenscroft
(1590-1633)

Treble
Medivs
Tenor
BassVS

There were three Rauens sat on a tree, Downe, a downe, hay
There were three Rauens sat on a tree Downe, a downe, hay
8 There were three Rauens sat on a tree Downe, a downe, hay
There were three Rauens sat on a tree Downe, hey downe, hay

Detailed description: This block contains the first system of a four-part vocal setting. It features four staves: Treble, Medivs (likely Alto), Tenor, and BassVS (likely Bass). The music is in a common time signature (C) and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: 'There were three Rauens sat on a tree, Downe, a downe, hay'. The Tenor part has a '8' below the first measure, and the BassVS part has 'hey downe' instead of 'a downe' in the final measure.

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downe, hay downe. There were three Rauens sat on a tree, with a
downe, hay downe. There were three Rauens sat on a tree, with a
8 downe, hay downe. There were three Rauens sat on a tree with a
downe, hay downe. There were three Rauens sat on a tree with a

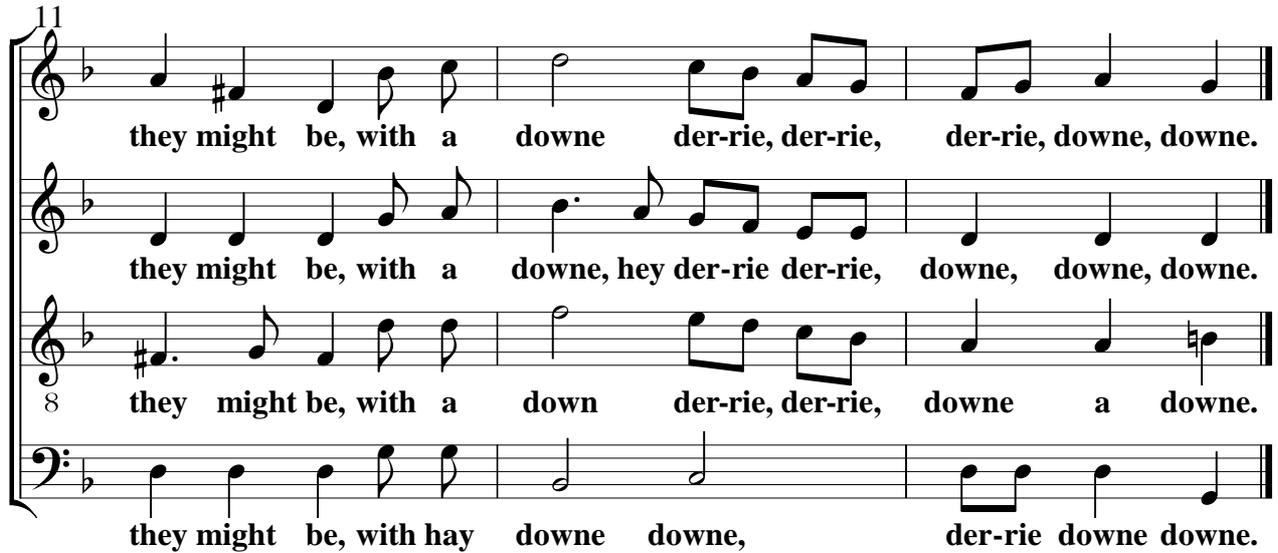
Detailed description: This block contains the second system of the musical score. It continues with four staves. The lyrics are: 'downe, hay downe. There were three Rauens sat on a tree, with a'. The Tenor part has an '8' below the first measure. The system ends with a '4' above the first measure of the next system.

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downe, There were three Rauens sat on a tree, they were as blacke as
downe, There were three Rauens sat on a tree, they were as blacke as
8 downe, There were three Rauens sat on a tree, they were as blacke as
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Detailed description: This block contains the third system of the musical score. It continues with four staves. The lyrics are: 'downe, There were three Rauens sat on a tree, they were as blacke as'. The Tenor part has an '8' below the first measure. The system ends with a '7' above the first measure of the next system.

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they might be, with a downe der-rie, der-rie, der-rie, downe, downe.

they might be, with a downe, hey der-rie der-rie, downe, downe, downe.

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they might be, with a down der-rie, der-rie, downe a downe.

they might be, with hay downe downe, der-rie downe downe.

1. There were three rauens sat on a tree
Downe a downe, hay downe, hay downe
There were three rauens sat on a tree
With a downe
There were three rauens sat on a tree
They were as black as they might be
With a downe derrie derrie derrie downe downe

2. The one of them said to his mate,
"Where shall we our breakefast take?"

3. "Downe in yonder greene field,
There lies a knight slain vnder his shield

4. "His hounds they lie downe at his feete,
So well they can their master keep.

5. "His haukes they flie so eagerly,
There's no fowle dare him come nie."

6. Downe there comes a fallow doe,
As great with yong as she might goe.

7. She lift vp his bloody hed,
And kist his wounds that were so red.

8. She got him vp vpon her backe,
And carried him to earthen lake.

9. She buried him before the prime,
She was dead herselfe ere euen-song time.

10. God send euery gentleman,
Such haukes, such hounds, and such a leman.