

## The Three Crows

The musical score consists of three staves of music in treble clef. The first staff is in 4/4 time and contains two measures with a C chord above the first and a G7 chord above the second. The second staff is in 6/4 time for the first measure and 4/4 time for the second measure, with chords C, F, G7, and C above the notes. The third staff is in 4/4 time and contains two measures with chords Dm, G7, and C above the notes.

1. Three crows sat upon a wa',  
Sat upon a wa', sat upon a wa',  
Three crows sat upon a wa',  
On a cauld\*\*\* and frosty mornin'.
2. The first crow was greetin' for his maw,  
Greetin' for his maw, greetin' for his maw,  
The first crow was greetin' for his maw,  
On a cauld and frosty mornin'.
3. The second crow fell and broke his jaw,  
Fell and broke his jaw, fell and broke his jaw,  
The second crow fell and broke his jaw,  
On a cauld and frosty mornin'.
4. The third crow, couldnae caw at a',  
Couldnae caw at a', couldnae caw at a',  
The third crow, couldnae caw at a',  
On a cauld and frosty mornin'.
5. An that's a', absolutely a',  
Absolutely a', absolutely a',  
An that's a', absolutely a',  
On a cauld and frosty mornin'.

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### Meaning of Scottish words:

cauld = cold  
crows = crows  
greetin' = grieving

maw = mother  
wa' = wall

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"The Three Crows" is a Scottish nursery rhyme set to music. I learned it from a book of folksongs (since lost, title forgotten) that I acquired in high school in the early 1960's.