

11. THE THREE RAVENS

Trad., arr. Thomas Ravenscroft
(c. 1582 - c. 1635)

Treble Sop.

1. There were three ravens sat on a tree, They
 2. Down in yon - der green_ field, down - a down, hey down, hey down, There
 3. His hawks they fly so ea - ger - ly, There's

Medius Alto

[ah _____] down - a down_ hey_ down, hey down, [ah _____]

Tenor Tenor

[ah _____] down - a down, hey down, hey down, [ah _____]

Bassus Bass

[ah _____] down - a down, hey down, hey down, [ah _____]

Continuo

Andante $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 60$

p *mp*

10 (h)

were as black as they might be, The one of them said to his mate:
 lies a knight slain under his shield, with a down. His hounds they lie down at his feet, So
 no _____ fowl dare him come nigh, Down there comes a fal - low doe, As

[ah _____] with a down, [ah _____]

[ah _____] with a down, [ah _____]

[ah _____] with a ^{2.} down, [ah _____]

10 *mf*

1. The original text is spread over ten stanzas, because the first line is repeated three times.
 2. Original reads "hey".

"Where shall we our break-fast take?"
 well they can their ma - ster keep, with a down, der - ry, der - ry, der - ry, down, down.
 great with young as she might go,

_____] with a down, hey der - ry, der - ry, down, down, down.

_____] with a down, der - ry, der - ry, down, down, down.

_____] with a down, down, der - ry, down, down.

3. Original "a"

Verse 4

Soprano
 (others voices as
 before)

She lift ___ up his blood - y head, down - a down, hey down, hey down, And
 kissed his wounds that were so red, with a down. She got him up u - pon her back, And
 car - ried him to an earth - en lake, with a down, der - ry, der - ry, der - ry, down, down.

Verse 5

Soprano
 (others voices as
 before)

She bur - ried him be - fore the prime, down - a down, hey down, hey down, She was
 dead her - self ere e'en - song time, with a down, God send ___ e - v'ry gent - le - man Such
 hawks, such hounds and such a le - man, with a down, der - ry, der - ry, der - ry, down, down.