

The three crows or The three ravens (Billy, Mc Gee, Mc Gore)

Chant traditionnel.

Il existe de très nombreuses variantes de ce chant populaire

There was three crows sat on a tree
O Billy, Mc Gee, Mc Gore
There was three crows sat on a tree
O Billy, Mc Gee, Mc Gore
There was three crows sat on a tree
And they were black as crows could be
And they all flapped their wings and cried
Caw caw caw caw caw
And they all flapped their wings and cried
O Billy, Mc Gee, Mc Gore

Said one old crow unto his mate :
O Billy, Mc Gee, Mc Gore
Said one old crow unto his mate :
O Billy, Mc Gee, Mc Gore
Said one old crow unto his mate :
What will we do for grub to eat
And they all flapped their wings and cried
Caw caw caw caw caw
And they all flapped their wings and cried
O Billy, Mc Gee, Mc Gore

There's a dead horse on yonders plains
O Billy, Mc Gee, Mc Gore
There is a dead horse on yonders plains
O Billy, Mc Gee, Mc Gore
There is a dead horse on yonders plains
Just by some cruel butcher's slain
And they all flapped their wings and cried
Caw caw caw caw caw
And they all flapped their wings and cried
O Billy, Mc Gee, Mc Gore

We'll perch ourselves on his back bone
O Billy, Mc Gee, Mc Gore
We'll perch ourselves on his back bone
O Billy, Mc Gee, Mc Gore
We'll perch ourselves on his back bone
And pick his eyes out one by one
And they all flapped their wings and cried
Caw caw caw caw caw
And they all flapped their wings and cried
O Billy, Mc Gee, Mc Gore

*Il y avait trois corbeaux sur un arbre perchés
O Billy, Mc Gee, Mc Gore*

*Ils étaient noirs, autant que les corbeaux peuvent l'être
Et ils battirent tous des ailes et crièrent
Croa croa croa croa croa croa
Et ils battirent tous des ailes et crièrent
Billy, Mc Gee, Mc Gore*

Un vieux corbeau dit à son copain
O Billy, Mc Gee, Mc Gore

Qu'est-ce qu'on va faire pour trouver à bouffer ?

Y a un cheval mort là-bas dans les plaines
O Billy, Mc Gee, Mc Gore

Qui vient d'être abattu par un boucher cruel

On va se percher sur sa carcasse
O Billy, Mc Gee, Mc Gore

Et on lui arrachera les yeux, un par un