

## There Were Three Crows

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "There were three crows up in a tree. And they was black, as". The second staff contains the lyrics: "black could be. Said one old crow un - to his mate 'What shall we have this day to ate?'". There are two fermatas over the notes for "tree." and "ate?'".

There were three crows up in a tree. And they was black, as  
black could be. Said one old crow un - to his mate "What shall we have this day to ate?"

In yonder field there lies an 'oss [and he is] but three weeks djud ["dead"].  
We'll tear the flesh from off his bones and we'll tear the eyes out off of his yud ["head"].

Source: Sung by Tony Ballinger of Brockworth. Collected by Gwilym Davies 14 April 1977 at Upton St Leonards.  
Notes: The tune is the "Old Hundredth".

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