- 1. There were three ravens sat on a tree
 down-a-down hey down-a-down
 and they were black as they might be with a down
 the one of them said to his mate:
 "What shall we for our breakfast take?"
 with a down derry derry down down.
- 2. Down in yonder green field down-a-down hey down-a-down there lies a knight slain under his shield with a down down there comes a fallow doe as great with young as she might go with a down derry derry down down.
- 3. She lifted up his bloody head down-a-down hey down-a-down and kissed his wounds that were so red with a down she got him up across her back and carried him to the earthen lack with a down derry derry down down.
- 4. She buried him before his prime down-a-down hey down-a-down she was dead herself ere evening time with a down God send every gentlemen fine hawks fine hounds and such a loved one with a down derry derry down hm.