

## THE THREE CRAWES

Here is a Scots classic. Listen to The Three Crawes here  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WzCdQbxgkAO>

But can you do better? Read the words to the song and see if you can make up your own verses for some mair crawes...

**Three crawes sat up on a waw  
Sat upon a waw  
Sat upon a waw  
Three crawes sat upon a waw  
On a cauld and frosty mornin**

**The first craw couldnae flee at aw  
Couldnae flee at aw  
Couldnae flee at aw  
The first craw couldnae flee at aw  
On a cauld and frosty mornin**

**The second craw wis greetin for his maw  
Greetin for his maw  
Greetin for his maw  
The second craw wis greetin for his maw  
On a cauld and frosty mornin**

**The third craw fell and skint his jaw  
Fell and skint his jaw  
Fell and skint his jaw  
The third craw fell and skint his jaw  
On a cauld and frosty mornin**

**The fourth craw wisnae there at aw  
Wisnae there at aw  
Wisnae there at aw  
The fourth craw wisnae there at aw  
On a cauld and frosty mornin**

But whit about the fifth craw?

**The fifth craw couldnae heid a baw  
Couldnae heid a baw  
Couldnae heid a baw  
The fifth craw couldnae heid a baw  
On a cauld and frosty mornin**

And whit wis the sixth craw like?

**The sixth craw wis awfie awfie braw  
Awfie awfie braw  
Awfie awfie braw  
The sixth craw wis awfie awfie braw  
On a cauld and frosty mornin**

Make up your ain verses for mair of these funny craws.

### *Rhythm*

Think about the rhythm of the lines. Try to keep to the same number of beats as the original song.

for example

**The fifth craw wis nae use at heidin or kickin a baw** would be too long and clumsy.

**The sixth craw wis braw** would be too short.

To help you to get the best lines, count the number of beats in

**The first craw wis greetin for his maw**  
and  
**The second craw fell and skint his jaw**  
and  
**The third craw couldnae flee at aw**

### *Rhyme*

The secret of writing new rhymes for the famous Scots song The Three Craws is to find lots of good rhymes for the word **craw**.

Here are some Scots rhymes to help you. But don't just use only these. There are plenty rhymes for **craw** in English too.

What rhymes with **craw**?

aw, baw, blaw (blow), bobbinquaw (marsh or swamp), braw, caw (call), chaw (chew), daw (dawn), faw, hee-haw (nothing), gaw (wound), graw (grow), law (hill), naw (no), paw (dad), raw (row), slaw (slow)

For example

**The fifth craw could neither sook nor blaw**

or

**The sixth craw wis fleein aroon the law**

or

**The seeventh craw wis awfie awfie slaw**

*Making up some new craws*

Instead of numbering your craws, you could use a Scots adjective to describe them.

For example

**The bonnie craw wis always lookin braw**

**Always lookin braw**

**Always lookin braw**

**The bonnie craw wis always lookin braw**

**On a cauld and frosty mornin**

or

**The crabbit craw wis bealin at his paw**

**Bealin at his paw**

**Bealin at his paw**

**The crabbit craw wis bealin at his paw**

**On a cauld and frosty mornin**

or

**The glaikit craw fell in the bobbinquaw**

**Fell in the bobbinquaw**

**Fell in the bobbinquaw**

**The glaikit craw fell in the bobbinquaw**

**On a cauld and frosty mornin**