

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