

# There Were Three Ravens

from "Melismata" - Musical Phansies  
Fitting the Court, Citie, and Country Humors

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Soprano

1. There were three Rauens sat on a tree, Downe, a downe, hay downe, hay downe. There  
3. Downe in yon - der green - e field, Downe, a downe, hay downe, hay downe.\_  
6. She bur - ied him be - fore the prime, Downe, a downe, hay downe, hay downe. She

Alto

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Tenor

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Bass

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6. She bur - ied him be - fore the prime, Downe, a downe, hay downe, hay downe. She

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Sop.

were three Rauens sat on a tree, with a downe, There were three Rauens sat on a tree, they  
Downe in yon - der green - e field, with a downe. Downe in yon - der green - e field, There  
bur - ied him be - fore the prime, with a downe. She bur - ied him be - fore the prime, She

Alto

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bur - ied him be - fore the prime, with a downe. She bur - ied him be - fore the prime, She

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bur - ied him be - fore the prime, with a downe. She bur - ied him be - fore the prime, She

Bass

were three Rauens sat on a tree, with a downe, There were three Rauens sat on a tree, they  
Downe in yon - der green - e field, with a downe. Downe in yon - der green - e field, There  
bur - ied him be - fore the prime, with a downe. She bur - ied him be - fore the prime, She

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Sop.

were as blacke as they might be, with a downe der-rie, der-rie, der-rie, downe, downe. 2.The  
lies a Knight slain under his shield, with a downe der-rie, der-rie, der-rie, downe, downe. 4. -  
was dead her selfe ere euen -song time, with a downe der-rie, der-rie, der-rie, downe, downe. 5.She

Alto

were as blacke as they might be, with a downe der-rie, der-rie, der-rie, downe, downe.  
lies a Knight slain under his shield, with a downe der-rie, der-rie, der-rie, downe, downe.  
was dead her selfe ere euen-song time, with a downe der-rie, der-rie, der-rie, downe, downe.

Ten.

were as blacke as they might be, with a downe der-rie, der-rie, der-rie, downe, downe.  
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was dead her selfe ere euen - song time, with a downe der-rie, der-rie, der-rie, downe, downe.

Bass

were as blacke as they might be, with a downe der-rie, der-rie, der-rie, downe, downe.  
lies a Knight slain under his shield, with a downe der-rie, der-rie, der-rie, downe, downe.  
was dead her selfe ere euen-song time, with a downe der-rie, der-rie, der-rie, downe, downe.

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Sop.

one of them said to his mate, Downe, a downe, hay downe, hay downe. The one of them said  
4. Downe there comes a fal-low Doe, Downe, a downe, hay downe, hay downe. Downe there comes a  
lift\_\_\_ up his bloud-y hed, Downe, a downe, hay downe, hay downe. She lift\_\_\_ up his

Alto

2,4,5.Oo Downe, a downe, hay, downe, hay downe. Oo

Ten.

2,4,5.Oo Downe, a downe, hay downe, hay downe. Oo

Bass

2,4,5.Oo Downe, a downe, hay downe, hay downe. Oo

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Sop. to his mate, with a downe, The one of them said to his mate, Where  
fal - low Doe, with a downe. Downe there comes a fal - low Doe. As  
bloud - y hed, with a downe. She lift up his bloud - y hed, And

Alto \_\_\_\_\_ With a downe, Oo \_\_\_\_\_

Ten. \_\_\_\_\_ with a downe, Oo \_\_\_\_\_

Bass \_\_\_\_\_ With a downe, Oo \_\_\_\_\_

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Sop. shall we our break-fast take? With a downe der-rie, der-rie, der-rie, downe, downe.  
great with yong as she might goe. With a downe der-rie, der-rie, der-rie, downe, downe.  
kist his wounds that were so red, with a downe der-rie, der-rie, der-rie, downe, downe.

Alto \_\_\_\_\_ With a downe der-rie, der-rie, der-rie, downe, downe.

Ten. \_\_\_\_\_ with a downe der-rie, der-rie, der-rie, downe, downe.

Bass \_\_\_\_\_ with a downe der-rie, der-rie, der-rie, downe, downe.

For verse five:  
Tenors - sing melody  
Sopranos - sing alto harmony  
Altos - sing tenor harmony if possible  
Basses - stay basses...