

# Threë craws sat upon a wa'

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*A number song from Scotland in the Scottish vernacular. Some time ago I videoed the English version that I sang regularly in the classroom from the classic children's songbook 'Sing a song one' published by Inner London Education Authorities in 1978.*

*However many visitors to my channel from Scotland felt I was doing their dearly loved song a disservice – would I sing 'Frere Jaques' in English? So I have now remedied that and brought in a Glaswegian friend as a consultant!*

*Vocabulary: Craws – crows, wa' – wall, cauld – cold, greetin' – crying, maw – mother, flee – fly, wisnae – wasn't.*

***Hold up three fingers. Mime the other movements.***



Thre craws sat upon a wa',  
Sat upon a wa', sat upon a wa'- a'-a'- a'  
Thre craws sat upon a wa',  
On a cauld and frosty mornin'.

The first craw was grætin' for his maw,  
Grætin' for his maw, grætin' for his maw, - a'-a'- a'  
The first craw was grætin' for his maw,  
On a cauld and frosty mornin'.

The second craw fell and broke his jaw,  
Fell and broke his jaw, fell and broke his jaw, - a'-a'- a'  
The second craw fell and broke his jaw,  
On a cauld and frosty mornin'.

The third craw, couldnæ flæ at a',  
Couldnæ flæ at a', couldnæ flæ at a', - a'-a'- a'  
The third craw, couldnæ flæ at a',  
On a cauld and frosty mornin'.

The fourth craw wisnæ theræ at a',  
Wisnæ theræ at a', wisnæ theræ at a'.- a'-a'- a'  
The fourth craw wisnæ theræ at a'  
On a cauld and frosty mornin'.

That's a' I know about the craws,  
Know about the craws, know about the craws-a'-a'-a's.  
That's a' I know about the craws,  
On a cauld and frosty mornin'.