

Three crows 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.

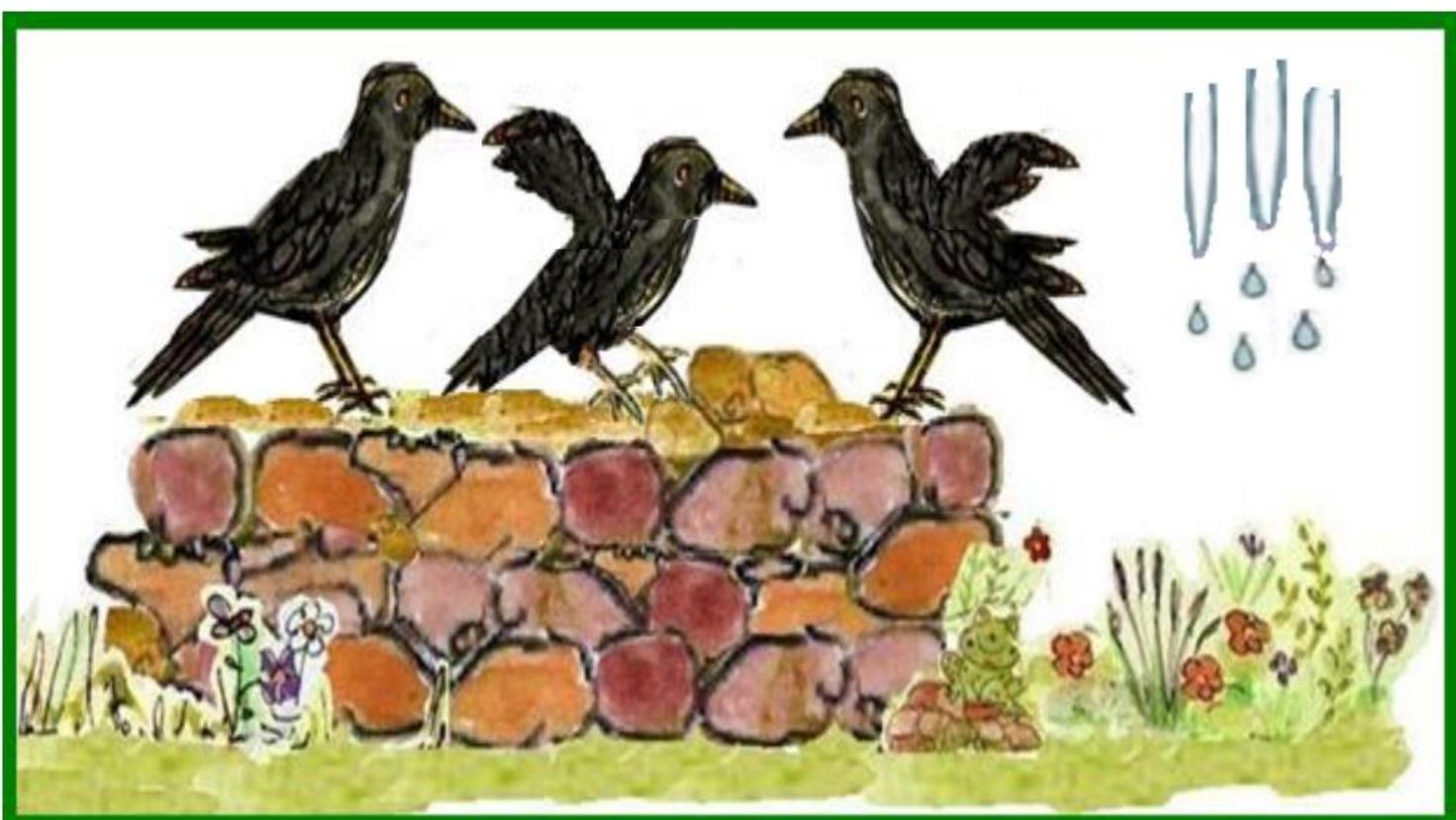
However many visitors to my channel from Scotland felt I was doing their dearly loved song a disservice – would I sing 'Frere Jaques' in English? So I have now remedied that and brought in a Glaswegian friend as a consultant!

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

Hold up three fingers. Mime the other movements.



Two staves of musical notation in common time (4/4). The first staff starts with a C major chord, followed by a G7 chord, and then a C major chord. The lyrics are: "Three crows sat up - on a wa', sat up - on a wa', sat up - on a wa' - a' - a' - a'." The second staff starts with a C major chord, followed by a G7 chord, and then a C major chord. The lyrics are: "Three crows sat up - on a wa', On a cauld and fros - ty mor - nim'."



Three crows sat upon a wa',
Sat upon a wa', sat upon a wa' - a' - a' - a'

Three crows sat upon a wa',
On a cauld and frosty mornin'.

The first crow was greetin' for his maw,
Greetin' for his maw, greetin' for his maw, - a' - a' - a'

The first crow was greetin' for his maw,
On a cauld and frosty mornin'.

The second crow fell and broke his jaw,
Fell and broke his jaw, fell and broke his jaw, - a' - a' - a'

The second crow fell and broke his jaw,
On a cauld and frosty mornin'.

The third crow, couldnae flee at a',
Couldnae flee at a', couldnae flee at a', - a' - a' - a'

The third crow, couldnae flee at a',
On a cauld and frosty mornin'.

The fourth crow wisnae there at a',
Wisnae there at a', wisnae there at a'. - a' - a' - a'

The fourth crow wisnae there at a',
On a cauld and frosty mornin'.

That's a' I know about the crows,
Know about the crows, know about the crows - a' - a' - a's.

That's a' I know about the crows,
On a cauld and frosty mornin'.