

There were three Ravens

... the condensed choral version

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Melismata (1611)

Soprano



There were three ravens sat on a tree, down a down hey
Down in yon - der green field, down a down hey
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She bur - ied him be - fore the Prime, down a down hey

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