

## The Twa Corbies (traditional)

As I was walking all alane,  
I heard twa corbies makkin a mane,  
The tane untae the tither say,  
‘Whaur sall we gang and dine the day?  
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‘It’s in ahint yon auld fail dyke,  
I wot there lies a new slain knight,  
And naebody kens that he lies there  
But his hawk and his hound and his lady fair,  
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‘His hound is tae the huntin gane,  
His hawk tae fetch the wild fowl hame,  
And his lady’s taen anither mate,  
So we may mak oor denner swate,  
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‘It’s ye’ll sit on his white hause-bane,  
And I’ll pick oot his bonnie blue een,  
And wi ae lock o his gowden hair  
We’ll theek oor nest when it growes bare,  
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There’s mony a yin for him maks mane,  
But nane sall ken whaur he has gane,  
Ower his white banes when they are bare  
The win sall blaw for evermair,  
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## Twa Corbies *Two Ravens*

**alane** *alone*

**makkin a mane** *moaning*

**tane untae the tither** *one to the other*

**Whaur sall we gang and dine the day?**

*Where will we go to eat today?*

**ahint yon auld fail dyke** *behind that old turf wall*

**wot** *know*

**naebody kens** *nobody knows*

**gane** *gone*

**home** *home*

**taen** *taken*

**denner** *dinner*

**swate** *swate*

**hause-bane** *neck bone*

**bonnie** *beautiful* **een** *eyes*

**gowden** *golden*

**theek** *thatch*

**maks mane** *mourns*

**banes** *bones*

**win sall blaw for evermair**

*wind will blow for evermore*