



THE TWA CORBIES

A Border Ballad set to music  
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## *The Twa Corbies*

**A**S I WAS walking all alane  
I heard twa corbies making a mane;  
The tane unto the tither did say,  
'Whar sall we gang and dine the day?'

'In behint yon auld fail dyke  
I wot there lies a new-slain knight;  
And naebody kens that he lies there  
But his hawk, his hound, and his lady fair.

'His hound is to the hunting gane,  
His hawk to fetch the wild-fowl hame,  
His lady's ta'en anither mate,  
So we may make our dinner sweet.

'Ye'll sit on his white hause-bane,  
And I'll pike out his bonny blue e'en:  
Wi' ae lock o' his gowden hair  
We'll theek our nest when it grows bare.

'Mony a one for him maks mane,  
But nane sall ken whar he is gane;  
O'er his white banes, when they are bare,  
The wind sall blaw for ever mair.'

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Border Ballad

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Voice *Largo* *pp*

Piano *Largo Misterioso* *pp*

As I was walk-ing all a-lane I

heard twa cor-bies mak-ing a mane; The tane ur-to the ti-ther did say,

'Whar sall we gang and dine the day?'

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*pp* *ppp*

'In be-hint yon auld fail dyke I wot there lies a new - slain knight; And

*ppp* *p* *mf* *f*

nae - bo - dy kens that he lies there. But his hawk, his

*pp*

hound, and his la - dy fair.

quicker

*p*

'His hound is to the hunt - ing gane, His

quicker

hawk to fetch the wild-fowl hame, His

*mf* *p*

*cresc.* *p*

la - dy's ta'en an - i - ther mate, So we may mak our din - ner

*mf*

*cresc.*

sweet.

*mf* *dim.* *pp*

*Red.* \*

'Ye'll sit on his white house-bane, And I'll pike out his bon - ny blue

*mp*

*mp*

*Red.* \* *Red.* \* *Red.* \* *Red.* \*

*p*

e'en: Wi' ae lock o' his gow - den

*mf* *rit.* *ff*

hair We'll theeke our nest when it grows

*ff* tempo

bare.

*ff* tempo *dim.*

*ff* tempo *dim.*

*dim.* *mp* *pp*

*mf* *p* misterioso dim. *3*

'Mon-y a one for himmaks mane, But nane sall ken whar he\_ is gane,

*p* *3*

O'er his white banes, \_\_\_\_\_ when they are bare,

*pp*

The wind sall blaw \_\_\_\_\_ for ev -

- er - mair?

*pp* *ppp*

*The*  
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