



Twa Corbies

Traditional: Performed by Maddy Prior

As I was walking all alane
 I heard twa corbies making a main
 And tane untae the tither did say O
 Where shall we gang and dine the day O
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In behint yon auld fell dyke
 I wat there lies a new slain knight
 And naebody kens that he lies there O
 But his hawk and his hound and his lady fair O
 His hawk and his hound and his lady fair

His hound is tae the hunting gane
 His hound tae fetch the wild fowl hame
 His lady's taen anither mate O
 So we maun make our dinner sweet O
 We maun make our dinner sweet

Ye'll sit on his white hause bane
 And I'll pike out his bonny blue een
 Wi mony a lock o' his gowden hair O
 We'll theek our nest when it grows bare O
 We'll theek our nest when it grows bare

Mony a one for him makes main
 But nane shall ken where he is gane
 O'er his white bones when they are bare O
 The wind shall blow forever mair O
 The wind shall blow forever mair

Version # 2 (with Steeleye Span)

(alt.lyrics)

As I was walking all alane
 I heard twa corbies makin' mane
 And one ontae the other did say
 Where shall we gang and dine the day
 Where shall we gang and dine the day

In behind yon oul 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
 His hawk and his hound and his lady fair

His hawk is tae the hunting gane
 His hound to fetch the wild fowl hane
 His lady has taken another mate
 So we can make our dinner sweet
 We can make our dinner sweet

You can sit on his white breast bone
 And I'll pick out his bonny blue e'en
 And with a lock of his yellow hair
 We'll theek our nest when it grows bare
 We'll theek our nest when it grows bare

And many's a one for him makes mane
 Naebody kens where he has gane
 Through his white bones when they grow bare
 The wind shall blow forever mare
 The wind shall blow forever mare

(theek=feather our nest)