

Jackdaw

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If I was a born again jackdaw
You know I'd help you, yes I would
An' if I was a born again jackdaw
You know I'd be there if I could. Well those in the know would have you believe
That the jackdaw is bad an' he steals
He's a symbol of darkness, a crow, the devil's own
An' the poet Laureate don't like 'em
An' Alfred Hitchcock didn't like 'em
An' it's a pretty safe bet that you don't like 'em
Well let me tell you something, I love 'em. An' if I was a born again jackdaw
You know I'd help you, yes I would
An' if I was a born again jackdaw
You know I'd be there if I could. But those in the know they'll scoff an' they'll say
If you were a sparrow or a robin you'd despise jackdaws
They steal your eggs an' eat your babies
Well I've thought about this an' I'll tell you
There might be a few rogue jackdaws
But they get their comeuppance, most care
If one in the flock gets left behind or set upon
Others return to help and secure its safety and well-being
An' I'll tell you something, I love 'em. An' if I was a born again jackdaw
You know I'd help you, yes I would
An' if I was a born again jackdaw
You know I'd be there if I could. An' I'll tell you something else what a jackdaw told me
"Your pecking order's all wrong", he said
"You're burning your book and soon you'll be no better
Than the fish in the sea
Listen to me". An' if I was a born again jackdaw
You know I'd help you, yes I would
An' if I was a born again jackdaw
You know I'd be there and I would.

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