

## Clifford T. Ward "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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