

## **Jackson Browne**

### **"The Crow on the cradle"**

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The sheep's in the meadow  
The cow's in the corn  
Now is the time for a child to be born  
He'll laugh at the moon  
And cry for the sun  
And if it's a boy he'll carry a gun  
Sang the crow on the cradle

And if it should be that this baby's a girl  
Never you mind if her hair doesn't curl  
With rings on her fingers  
And bells on her toes  
And a bomber above her wherever she goes  
Sang the crow on the cradle

The crow on the cradle  
The black and the white  
Somebody's baby is born for a fight  
The crow on the cradle  
The white and the black  
Somebody's baby is not coming back  
Sang the crow on the cradle

Your mother and father will sweat and they'll save  
To build you a coffin and dig you a grave  
Hush-a-bye little one, never you weep  
For we've got a toy that can put you to sleep  
Sang the crow on the cradle

Bring me my gun, and I'll shoot that bird dead  
That's what your mother and father once said  
The crow on the cradle, what can we do  
Ah, this is a thing that I'll leave up to you  
Sang the crow on the cradle  
Sang the crow on the cradle

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