

Crazy Man Michael

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Intro: [Dm] [F] [C] [Bb] [Bb] [Dm] [Am] [Dm] [C]

[Dm] Within the [F] fire and [C] out upon the [Am] sea
[Dm] Crazy Man [C] Michael was [Dm] walking
He [Dm] met with a [F] raven with [C] eyes black as [Am] coals
And [Dm] shortly [Am] they were [Dm] a-talking
"Your [Am] future, your future I [Dm] would tell to you
Your [Am] future you often have [C] asked me
Your [Dm] true love will [C] die by [Dm] your own right [Am] hand
And [Dm] Crazy Man [C] Michael will [Dm] cursèd be"

[Dm] Michael he [F] ranted and [C] Michael he [Am] raved
And [Dm] beat up the four [C] winds with his [Dm] fists-o
He [Dm] laughed and he [F] cried; he [C] shouted and he [Am] swore
For his [Dm] mad mind had [Am] trapped him with a [Dm] kiss-o
"You [Am] speak with an evil, you [Dm] speak with a hate
You [Am] speak for the devil that [C] haunts me
For [Dm] is she not the [C] fairest in [Dm] all the broad [Am] land?
Your [Dm] sorcerer's [C] words are to [Dm] taunt me"

In-betweenintro: [Dm] [F] [C] [Bb] [Bb] [Dm] [Am] [Dm] [C]

He [Dm] took out his [F] dagger of [C] fire and of [Am] steel
And [Dm] struck down the [C] raven through the [Dm] heart-o
The [Dm] bird fluttered [F] long and the [C] sky it did [Am] spin
And the [Dm] cold earth did [Am] wonder and [Dm] start-o
"Oh, [Am] where is the raven that [Dm] I struck down dead
That [Am] here did lie on the [C] ground-o?
I [Dm] see but my [C] true love [Dm] with a wound so [Am] red,
Where [Dm] her lover's [C] heart it did [Dm] pound-o"

[Dm] Crazy Man [F] Michael, he [C] wanders and [Am] walks,
And [Dm] talks to the [C] night and the [Dm] day-o.
But his [Dm] eyes they are [F] sane and his [C] speech it is [Am] clear
And [Dm] he longs to [Am] be far a- [Dm] way-o.
[Am] Michael he whistles the [Dm] simplest of tunes,
And [Am] asks of the wild wolves their [C] pardon.
For his [Dm] true love is [C] flown into [Dm] every flower [Am] grown
And [Dm] he must be [C] keeper of the [Dm] garden

Outro: [Dm] [F] [C] [Bb] [Bb] [Am] [Am] [Am]

C F Dm Bb Am

