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n.

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[Middle English, crow, probably from Old Norse *krāka*; see *gera*-² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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