

# THE "CROW'S FOOT" AREA



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*The crow's-foot has an ancient history as a symbol of death and despair.*

*The “Peace Symbol”, in its beginning days of the late 1950s and 1960s, was disparagingly referred to by political “right wing” entities as the “crow’s foot”.*

*The symbol known as the crow’s foot also called the “Witch’s Foot”, carried dire meanings. Medieval superstition claimed that witches used crow’s feet to cast death spells. The facial wrinkles known as crow’s feet were probably so named because they were associated with old age and it’s implication of approaching death.*

*Our Vietnam “Crow’s Foot” area offered up its share of death and despair, often affording the enemy a vast network of dense mountainous jungle terrain for refuge and seemingly endless valley settings ideal for ambushing U.S. Armed Forces.*



Crow.....  
Are you "cawing,"  
So I may know,  
The secrets of balance,  
Within my soul?  
Or are you sending  
Your sacred "caw",  
Just to remind me,  
Of universal laws?

By Jamie Sams and David Carson