

*The Raggedy Jaggedy Craggedy Snaggedy
Dry Stone Wall*

The ant-eaten wind-beaten worm-eaten sun-sweetened
dry stone wall.

The raggedy jaggedy craggedy snaggedy
dry stone wall.

The sun-trapped snow-capped moss-capped madcap
dry stone wall.

The mouldery bouldery smouldery shouldery
dry stone wall.

The crosswise crabwise sheepwise slantwise
dry stone wall.

The crumbly grumbly jumbly tumbly
dry stone wall.

The moss house green house bug house guest house
dry stone wall.

The roughneck gruff beck tough sneck scruff wreck
dry stone wall.

The thunderous blunderous cantankerous wondrous
dry stone wall.

The rough-edged level ledge tight-wedged hard hedge
dry stone wall.

The macrocosmically rustic cryptozoically cosmic
dry stone wall.

The dark grey hideaway fairy fey glideaway
dry stone wall.

The ice-rift snowdrift makeshift river-gift
dry stone wall.

The Cumbrian sore-thumbrian breadcrumbrian
dry stone wall.

The stone-cold, stone dead, stonewashed, stone cast, stone age, stoneground, stoneweed,
stoneware, stone-cut, stone-worked, stone...walled
dry stone wall.

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