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ADVERTISEMENT TO VOLUME SIXTH.

THE Editors of the Scotish Minstrel intimated, in an Advertisement prefixed to the Fifth Volume, that their collected materials were far from being exhausted, and, at the same time, announced their intention to add another Volume to the This they have now accomplished, and they flatter themselves, that, in point of interest and in value, it will lose nothing by a comparison with those which have preceded it. They have no longer to contend with many of the disadvantages which they experienced at the commencement of their labours; the distance of Mr Smith from Edinburgh, for instance, which rendered the necessary communication with him at once difficult and troublesome, having been obviated since his continued residence on the spot. Had they in like manner enjoyed the same advantage throughout the whole of the previous Volumes, they are confident they would not now have occasion to apologize for some occasional, although trivial, errors which had escaped their notice during the course of the publication. Should they, however, be called upon, at any after period, to send forth an improved edition of the Scotish Minstrel, they trust they will be enabled not merely to free it from being liable to such a charge, but, in many other respects, to render it still more deserving of the favourable regard which it has so liberally experienced, and to put it in competition with any existing Collection of the Melodies of Scotland.

As it seems as natural for Editors to say something for themselves, when about to take leave of the Public, as it is customary to bespeak its favour, they will avail themselves of this opportunity to say a few words in behalf of their favourite Minstrel. Like all his brethren, he is delighted with the layes of former times,—of which, among other ferly things,

"Some be of war and some of wo, Some of joy and mirth also, And some of treachery and of guile, And old adventures that fell the while, And many there are of fayrie, But most of love forsooth there he."*

^{*} See the introductory lines to the curious old legend, entitled Lai le Freine, composed by Marie de France, about the year 1240, of which there is an English translation of nearly a coeval date, familiar to the lovers of old metrical romance.

But fond as the Minstrel is of *auld sangis*, and ballads, and lilts, and rants of every description, he is, in an especial manner, partial to the legends of his native land, which are dear to every Scotish heart. In this Volume, the Reader will perceive, that *he* has been again gleaning from the same mountain-wilds, and musing "at the grey-stone of the martyr:"

"Sequestered haunts! so still, so fair,
That holy faith might worship there—
The shaggy gerse and brown heath wave
O'er many a nameless warrior's grave."

Yet, though the lyre of the Minstrel has often "thrilled the deepest notes of woe," when singing of a broken covenant, and the cruel persecution of his fathers, not less ardent has been his admiration of the firm and devoted conduct of the supporters of hereditary right, or his sympathy with loyalty in misfortune and exile. If, at times, he has been led astray by his feelings, whilst listening to the heart-stirring pibroch, and catching the wild notes of the Gathering, he can only reply, in the words of the "Shepherd of the Forest,"

"Somehow my heart, with its covenant-tie, Was knit to the Hielands, I cou'dna tell why."

Of these very interesting remains the Minstrel has been fortunate in being able to preserve many which otherwise might have been suffered to perish. He has been equally assiduous in searching after fragments which relate to either the one party or the other,—whether they be such as concern those who, in the times of the fiery persecution, displayed as much resignation under suffering as boldness in the hour of danger, or of those who, nearer our own days, actuated by feelings which no generous heart will condemn, evinced the like heroic firmness and resolution, although called forth in a cause less fortunate and less holy, but over which integrity of principle, unshaken loyalty, and attachment to a hopeless cause in the midst of adversity, have contributed to shed so much lustre.

In concluding their labours, the Editors feel it as a duty binding on them, in a public manner to express the obligations they are under to the various contributors who have taken an interest in the publication. To many of them they are prevented from acknowledging the favours they have conferred, in consequence of their being ignorant of the quarters from whence they came, whilst others of their friends have thought fit to impose on them injunctions to silence. In such cases they can merely express, in general terms, how much they are indebted to their kindness; and if, in any instance, they have not availed themselves of such con-

tributions, they are not the less grateful for their gratuitous assistance.* In particular, the Editors would have felt happy in being permitted to enumerate the many original and beautiful verses that adorn their pages, for which they are indebted to the author of the much-admired song, "The Land of the Leal" (vol. 3),—but they fear to wound a delicacy which shrinks from all observation. Such reserve, however, they apprehend, does not apply in every instance; and they beg to return their best acknowledgments to the Ettrick Shepherd for his kind services, in

CHARLES II. AND THE LAIRD OF COCKPEN.*

During the time of Oliver Cromwell's Protectorship, the principal residence of Charles II. was at the court of his sister in Holland. The laird of Cockpen, a staunch adherent to the House of Stuart, followed the prince thither, and attached himself to Charles' household. Cockpen, from his skill and proficiency in music, very much contributed to divert his royal master, by the impressive manner in which he played the favourite airs of his native country; but none pleased Charles so well as the tune of "Brose and Butter." So partial was he to this air, that with "Brose and Butter" sounding in his ears he was lulled asleep at night, and with "Brose and Butter" awaked from his morning slumber. At the Restoration, Cockpen returned to Scotland, where he found that, in consequence of his attachment to the royal cause, his estate had been attainted. Many were the applications he made to have it put again in his possession, but all to no purpose. He at length went to London, but was coldly received by the courtiers, put off with fair promises, and in all his attempts to gain an audience of the king, he was baffled and thwarted. Having formed an intimacy, as a musician, with the organist of the kings' chapel, he solicited, and obtained, as a special favour, permission to perform on the organ before his majesty, at the royal chapel. Cockpen exerted his talents to the utmost, thinking to attract the attention of Charles, but all his efforts were unavailing. On the conclusion of the service, instead of a common voluntary, in a fit of despair he struck up "Brose and Butter," which no sooner caught the ear of the king than he flew to the organ-gallery. The regular organist perceiving the vivid flashes of Charles' eye, was seized with such a panic, that he fell on his knees and protested his innocence. "It was not me, please your majesty, it was not me!"-"You! you!" exclaimed the enraptured monarch, as he hastily passed him,—" You never could play any thing like it in your life."-Then addressing his old associate in exile,-" Odds fish, Cockpen! I thought you would have made me dance."-" I could have danced to 'Brose and Butter' once with a light heart too," replied the performer,--" but my adherence to your majesty's interest has bereft me of the lands of Cockpen."-" You shall dance," said Charles,-" you shall dance, and be laird of Cockpen yet."-Accordingly the laird was immediately put in possession of his inheritance.

^{*} We cannot forbear noticing one lilt, sent us anonymously, for the old tune of "Brose and Butter," as, whatever may be thought of the song, the melody is, we believe, nearly as great a favourite with some of our friends as it was with Charles II.; and we are sure our readers will readily excuse our insertion of an anecdote which has been brought to our remembrance, wishing, as we do, that, when they are in any difficulties, they may know how to use the power of musical association to as good purpose as the laird of Cockpen.

^{*} Baron Cockburn's hereditary property.

having furnished them with many of the wild flowers gathered from the hills and valleys of his pastoral district,—and they assure him, that they prize his thymy sweets more highly than the cultured plants of a regular parterre. To several of Mr Smith's personal friends the Minstrel is likewise under no inconsiderable obligations; and the Editors have much pleasure in offering their best thanks to Mr Motherwell of Paisley, for the permission he has so obligingly granted them, of publishing several choice pieces from his scarce and valuable MSS., amongst which they beg particularly to notice the fine Jacobite song, "Ye bonnie Haughs" (page 77, vol. 5), and the interesting ballad of the Mermayden (page 80 of the present Volume), with their original melodies. They have also to present thanks to Mr Robert Allan of Kilbarchan, who favoured them with many excellent original songs, as well as old fragments recovered by him from among the peasantry in the West of Scotland; and, in like manner, to Mr Daniel Weir of Greenock, and Mr William Chalmers of Paisley, from both of whom they have received several songs of considerable merit.

The Editors must now take leave of the Scotish Minstrel, having used their best endeavours to render the volumes worthy of a place in the library, as well as to appear in the drawing-room. In attempting to form an extensive collection of the national airs of their country, the task has been a source to them of no inconsiderable degree of pleasure; and they have the satisfaction of considering, that the principles upon which they have uniformly proceeded, and in conformity with which the work was originally projected, are such as entitle them, at least, to the approbation of those who join a regard to morality and virtuous enjoyment with the desire to encourage the exertions of native genius.

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O were yon hills and vallies mine, Yon palace, and yon gardens fine! The world then the love should know I bear my Highland lassie, O. Within the glen, &c.

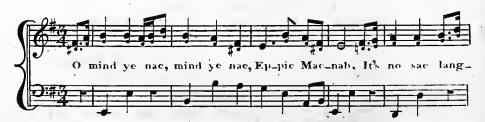
But fickle fortune frowns on me, And I maun cross the raging sea; But white my crimson currents flow, I'll love my Highland lassie, O... Within the glen, &c. Altho? thro? foreign climes I range,
I know her heart will never change;
For her bosom burns with honour's glow,
My faithful Highland lassie, O. ?
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For her I'll dare the billows? roar,
For her I'll trace a distant shore,
That Iodian wealth may lustre throw
Around my Highland lassie, O.
Within the glen, &c.

She has my heart, she has my hand, By sacred truth and honor's band!
'Till the mortal stroke shall lay me low, I'm thine my highland lassic, O. Farewell, the glen sae hushy, O, Farewell, the plain sae rashy, O; To other lands I now must go To sing my Highland lassic, O.



Nac mair ungen rous wish I hae,
Nor stronger in my breast,
Than if I canna mak thee sac,
At least to see thee blest.
Content am I, if Heaven shall give
But happiness to thee;
And as wi' thee I'd wish to live,
For thee I'd bear to die.





An' ye saw your wee bairnies now, Eppie Macnab,
Your mitherless bairnies now, Eppie Macnab,
They greet, and think shame,
Gin they hear but your name,
And they wring the heart's blude frae your ain Jock Rab.
O weary now, &c.

ON A BANK OF FLOWERS.



New-fangled lads, in their black cockauds,

Cast a gloom, like the darkness o' night,

True-hearted lads, wi' their white cockauds,

Cheer up like the morning tight!

Then fill your glass, and pledge your lass,

That Charlie's health around may pass;

Hurra, hurra, they cried, and cv'ry ane replied,

We'll fight for our lawfu' king.



Rest, lovely babe, &c.

Oh! ance, and I could little think

A lot sac hard would e'er be thine,

As thus a mother's tears to drink!

For, baby, thou hast drunk o' mine.

. Rest, lovely babe, &c.
O smile, my babe; for sic a smile
Thy lather aye put on to me;

O smile, my babe; and look the while, For thou look'st wi' thy father's ele-

Rest, lovely babe, &c.

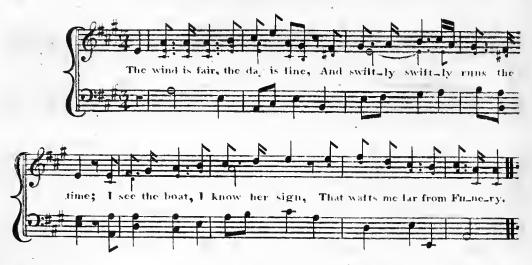
O that this widow'd heart would beat

'Till thou in years badst upward grown.

That I might learn thy future fate,

Nor leave thee in the world alone.

FAREWELL TO FUNERY.



A thousand, thousand tender ties, Unite my country and my sighs; My heart within me almost dies, To think of leaving Funery.

Olt with infant steps I've roll'd, Where Fingal's eastle stood of old, And fisten'd, white the shepherds told An ancient tale of Funery.

Olt have I sat at close of day, Where Ossian sung his martial lay, And view'd the sun's last setting ray, Wandering on Dununery.

Alt-na-Caillach, gentle stream!

That murmurs softly by the green;
What happy, joyous days, I've seen
Beside the stream of Funcry.

And must I leave those happy scenes!

Oh! see them spread the swelling sail;

Adicu! a while, my native plains,

I must depart from Funery.





The happy hour may soon be near.

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That brings us pleasant weather:

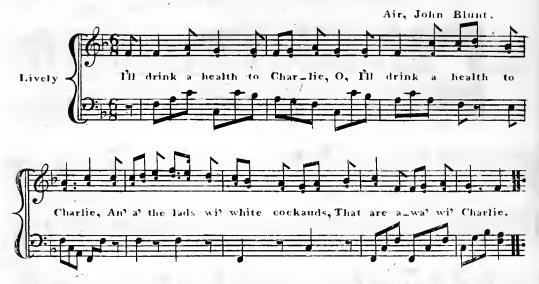
The weary night of care and griel.

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So dawning day has brought relief,

Fareweel our night of sorrow.

I'LL DRINK A HEALTH TO CHARLIE.



The day is come for Charlie, O,

The day is come for Charlie;

He's taen the field, an' a' maun yield

To Scotland and to Charlie,

Here's heart an' han' for Charlie, O, Here's heart an' han' for Charlie; There's no a whig, tho' eer sae big, Will draw forment prince Charlie.

Cope's run awa frac Charlie, O, Cope's run awa frac Charlie; He's run awa by morning's daw, He durst na' meet prince Charlie.

My blessing be on Charlie, O,
My blessing be on Charlie,
An' may nae loon c'er wear the crown
That but belongs to Charlie.

I'll drink a health to Charlie, O,
I'll drink a health to Charlie,
An' a' the lads wi' white eockauds,
That are awa wi' Charlie.



Sair I pled, the? fate, untriendly,
Stang?d my heart wi? waes and dules,
That some faithlu? hand might kindly
Lay?t amang my native mools.
Cronies dear, wha late an? early,
Ay to soothe my sorrows strave,
Think on ane wha lo?es you dearly,
Doom'd to seek an unco grave.

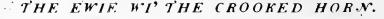
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Dings a dirk in my puir saul,
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Howms whare rows the gowden wave,
Blissfu' scenes, fareweel for ever,
I maun seek an unco grave!



But him she loed did prove untrue,

With a heigh ho, the green hollan tree,
Whilk caus'd the May fur sair to rue,

And the broom nae mair bloom'd bonnie.







I neither needed tar nor keil,
To mark her upo' hip or heel;
Her erooked horn it did as weel,
To ken her by amang them a?
The ewie, &c.

Cauld or hunger never dang her,
Wind or rain could never wrang her;
Ance she tay a owk, anl langer,
Out aneath a wreath of snaw.
The ewie, &c.

When other ewies lap the dyke,
And ate the kail for a the tyke,
My ewie never play'd the like,
But teas'd about the barn yard wa'.
The ewie, &c.

A hetter, nor a thriftier beast,
Nac honest man could weel hae wist;
For, silly thing, she never mist
To hae ilk year a lamb or twa.
The ewie, &c.

The first she had I gae to Jock,
To be to bim a kind o' stock,
And now the laddic has a flock
Of mair than thirty head to ca'.
The ewie, &c.

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The ewie, &c.

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For fear the fumart might devour her,

Or some mishanter had come o'er her,

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The ewie, &c.

Yet monday last, for a my keeping, I canna speak it without greeting, A villain came when I was sleeping, And staw my ewic, horn, and a ... The ewie, &c.

I sought her sair upo' the morn, And down beneath a buss o' thorn I got my ewie's crooked horn,
But ah! my ewie was awa!
The cwie, &c.

But an I had the Inon that did it, I hae sworn as weel as said it, Tho? a? the warld should forbid it, I wad gie his neck a thraw. The ewie, &c.

I never met wi's sic a turn

As this, since ever I was born,

My ewie wi's the crooked horn,

Puir silly ewie, stown awa.

The ewie, &c.

O had she died of crook or cauld, As ewies die when they are auld, It wadna been, by mony fauld,

Sac sair a heart to anc o's a'.

The ewie, &c.

For a' the claith that we hae worn, Frac her and her's sae aften shorn; The loss of her we could hae borne, Had fair strae death tane her awa.

The ewie, &c.

But, silly thing, to lose her life, Aneath a greedy villain's knife. I'm really fear'd that our goodwife Sall never win aboon't ava. The ewie, &.

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I'm thinking, wi' sic a braw Icllow, In poortith I might mak a len'; What care I in riches to wallow, If I mauna marry Tam Glen!

There's Lowrie, the laird o' Drumeller,
"Gude day to you, brute;" he comes ben;
He brags and he blaws o' his siller
But when will he dance like Tam Glen.

My minnie does constantly deave me,
And bids me beware o' young men;
They Hatter, she says, to deceive me,
But who can think sae o' Tam Gien.

My daddie says, gin I'll forsake him, He'll gie me gude hunder marks ten; But, if it's ordain'd I maun take him, O, wha will I get but Tam Glen!

Yestreen, at the valentines' dealing,

'My heart to my mou' gied a sten,
For thrice I drew ane without failing,

'And thrice it was written Tam Glen.

The last Halloween I was wankin
My droukit sark sleeve, as ye ken,
His likeness cam up the house stankin,
And the very grey breeks of Tam Glen.

Come counsel, dear tittie, don't tarry,
I'll gie you my bonnie black hen,
Gif ye will advise me to marry
The lad I lo'e dearly, Tam Glen.



Thou strik'st the dull peasant, he sinks in the dark,
Nor saves ev'n the wreck of a name!

Thou strik'st the young hero, a glorious mark!

He falls in the blaze of his lame.

In the field of proud honour, our swords in our hands
Our king and our country to save;

While victory shines on hie's last ebbing sands,
O, who would not die with the brave!

MY LOVE, COME LET US WANDER.



The silver moon is beaming,
On Clyde her light is streaming,
And, while the world is dreaming,
We'll talk of love, my dear.
None, my Jean, will share this bosom,
Where thine image loves to blossom,
And no storm will ever sever
That dear flowers, or part us ever.



^{*}Raven's stream, in the neighbourhood of Greenock.



I flee frae the grey-headed laird an' my lather,
I flee to my shepherd, wha trips owre the heather;
We are were fur glad when at e'en we'd forgather;
My black-hair'd dear laddie, O tak me awa.
My black-hair'd, &c.

The story is tauld, an' her father's confounded;
The ha' wi' his rage an' rampagin' resounded;
The horn, an' the shout's spreadin' clamour, far sounded,
To tell whathe shepherd had carried awa.
To tell, &c.

Owre hill, stream, an' valley, through bramble an' brecken, They flew till the jugitives were overtaken; They've torn them asinder, their tender hearts breakin'; The black-haird poor shepherd they drave him awa. The black-haird, &c.

The shepherd he look'd in a sad sort o' languish,
An' Flora, owre-come, in a heart breakin' auguish,
Exclaim'd "frosty-headed laird ne'er shall extinguish
My love for the laddic they've driven awa'!
My love, &c.

Then Flora, my life's saul, refrain thy sad sorrow, Nor heed ye the purposed plan o' tomorrow, The dotard is doited, the shepherds dear Flora, Ere morning's grey dawnin' will have thee awa. Ere morning's, &c.

The alterations in the words of this copy by the Author D. Tough.



Thou stock-dove, whose echo resounds thro? the glen;
Ye wild-whistling blackbirds, in you thorny den;
Thou green-crested lapwing, thy screaming lorbear;
I charge you, disturb not my slumbering fair.

How lotty, sweet Alton, thy neighbouring hills, Far mark'd with the courses of clear-winding rills; There daily I wander, as noon rises high, My flocks and my Mary's sweet cot in my eye.

How pleasant thy banks and green vallies below, Where wild in the woodlands the primroses blow; There oft, as mild evining weeps oven the lea, The sweet-scented birk shades my Mary and me.

Thy crystal stream, Alton, how lovely it glides,.
And winds by the cot where my Mary resides;
How wanton thy waters her snowy leet lave,
As gathering sweet flowerets she stems thy clear wave.

Flow gently, sweet Alton, among thy green braes; Flow gently, sweet river, the theme of my lays; My Mary's asleep by thy murmuring stream, Flow gently, sweet Alton, disturb not her dream.



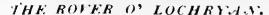
On you the blast, surcharged with rain and snow, In winter's dismal nights no more shall beat; Untelt by you the vertic sun may glow, And scorch the panting earth with baneful heat.

The thundering drum, the trumpet's swelling strain Unheard, shall form the long embattled line; Unheard, the deep foundations of the main Shall tumble, when the hostile squadrons join.

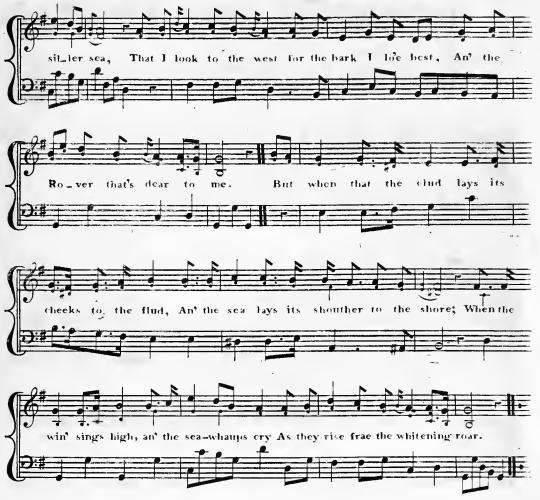
What though no funeral pomp, no borrowed tear,
Your hour of death to gazing crowds shall tell,
Nor weeping friends attend your sable bier,
Who sadly listen to the passing bell!

What though no sculptur'd pile your name displays,
Like those who perish in their country's cause!
What though no epic muse in living lays,
Records your dreadful daring with applause!

Yet shall remembrance from Oblivion's veil
Relieve your scene, and sigh with grief sincere,
And soft Compassion, at your tragic tale,
In silent tribute pay her kindred tear.





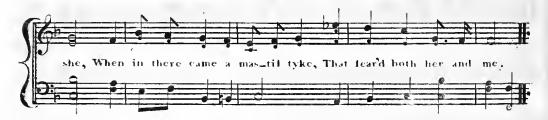


It's then that I look to the thickening rook,
An' watch by the midnight tide;
I ken the wind brings my rover hame,
An' the sea that he glories to ride.
O merry he sits 'mang his jovial crew,
Wi' the helm-heft in his hand,
An' he sings aloud to his boys in blue.'
As his e'es' upon Galloway's land...

""Unstent an' slack each reef and tack,
Gie her sail, boys, while it may sit;
She has roar'd thro' a heavier sea afore,
An' she'll roar thro' a heavier yet.
When landsmen sleep, or wake an' creep,
In the tempest's angry moan,
We dash thro' the drift, an' sing to the lift
O' the wave, that heaves us on'."

MY LADY SITS WITHIN HER BOWER.*





A bloody battle soon began Between this dog and me; When I then fled below the bed, And thought he'd worried me. O had I here my master dear! A gallant young squire is he; He would soon popper your black sides, And rid the house of thee,

O Nero is thy name I said, And weel .nam'd may ye he, Or ye'd neer hae bitten my Lady's finger, That he may force this surly tyke Or foughten sae sore wi' me.

O, Betty, call to me my page, . Make haste and gar him flee, Out owre the Earn to flee.

O hold your peace, you little pug, For what use can ye be, But to lie in a lady's laps, . 🛬 Or catch a mouse or flee.

The little page he came, he ran, A great big besom had he, And soon he forc'd this surly tyke Out owre the Earn to flee.

I know I am of little stature, And far far less than thee; But had I strength to my goodwill A dead dog ye should be,

Come all ye mickle mastif tykes, A warning take by me. Ne'er meddle wi' little gentle dogs That's born of high degree.

My father was an Earl's dog, My mother a Knight's was she, And it ill becomes a mastif tyke, To bite or snarl at me.

For I hae liv'd in this castle These seven, years and near three. But such misfortunes ne'er befel Since Prim they called me.

^{*}This song, with its melody, was written from the singing of M. Maxwell Sen! of Brediland.



How sweet to climb the mountain high,
While dawning gilds the eastern sky;
Or in the shade at noon to lie
Upon the fell so airy.
And, when the sun is sinking low,
Thro'woodland walks to wander slow;
Or kindly in my plaid to rowe
My gentle rosy Mary.

My native Isle! I love thee well;
I love thee more than I can tell;
Accept my last, my sad farewell!
In thee I may not tarry.
What makes my bosom heave so high?
What makes the dew-dropgild mine eye?
Alas! that dew would quickly dry,
If twere not for my Mary.

O youth! thou season light and gay,
How soon thy pleasures melt away!
Like dream dispell'd by dawning day,
Or waking wild vagary.
The thrush shall quit the woodland dale,
The lav'rock cease the dawn to hail,
Ere I forget my native vale,
Or my sweet lovely Mary.



Wives and lasses, young and aged,
Think no on each ither's fate;
Ilka ane it has it crosses;
Mortal joy was ne'er complete.
Ilka ane it has its blessings;
Peevish dinna pass them bye;
Seek them out like bonny berries,
Tho' among the thorns they lic.

 $\ref{TISNAEVERY LANGSINSYNE}.$





But I'm blyth that my heart's my ain,
And I'll keep it a' my life,
Untill that I meet wi' a lad
Wha has sense to wale a good wile.
For though I say't mysell,
That shou'd nae say't, tis true,
The lad that gets me for a wife
He'll ne'er hae occasion to rue.

I gang ay fou clean and fou tosh,
As a' the neighbours can tell,
Though I've seldom a gown on my back
But sic as I spin mysell:
And when I am clad in my kourtsey,
I think mysell as hraw
As Susie, wi' a' her pearling,
That's tane my laddie awa'.

But I wish they were buckled together,
And may they live happy for life;
Tho? Willie does slight me, and's left me,
The chield he deserves a good wife.
But O! I'm blyth that I've miss'd him,
As blyth as I weel can be;
For ane that's, sae keen o' the siller
Will never agree wi' me.

But, as the truth is, I'm hearty,

I hate to be scrimpit or scant;

The wee thing I had I'll mak use o't,

And has ane about me shall want.

For I'm a good guide o' the warld,

I ken when to hand and to gie;

For whinging and cringing for siller

Will never agree wi' me.

Contentment is better than riches,
An' he who has that has enough;
The master is seldom sae happy
As Robin, that drives the plough.
But if a young lad wou'd cast up,
Th mak me his partner for lile;
If the chield has the sense to be happy,
He'll fa' on his feet for a wife.

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When Love had fix'd his throne on earth,
Midst beauty's fond caresses, O,
His hours below mov'd dull and slow
Unless 'mang Paisley Lasses, O.
The witching face, in ev'ry place,
Like ghaists, our peace harasses, O;
But still we chace the lovely race
O' bonnie Paisley Lasses, O.

I see the belle, wi's silk and lace,
Wi's cornfu'e'e she passes, O;
But studied grace maun aye gie place
To bonnie Paisley Lasses, O.
Then, while in friendship's social ha'
We push aroun' the glasses, O;
Let's drink to them that charm us a';
The bonnie Paisley Lasses, O.



Hae I a wish? it's a' for thee;
I ken thy wish is me to please;
Our moments pass sae smooth away,
That numbers on us look and gaze.
Weel pleas'd they see our happy days,
Nor envy's sel' finds aught to blame;
And aye when weary cares arise
Thy bosom still shall be my hame.

I'll lay me there, and take my rest,
And if that aught disturb my dear,
I'll bid her laugh her cares away,
And heg her not to drap a tear.
Hae I a joy? it's a' her ain;
United still her heart and mine,
They're like the woodbine round the tree,
That's twin'd till death shall them disjoin.

THE YOUNG LAIRD AND EDINBURGH KATIE.



"O Katie, wilt thou gang wi' me,
And leave the dinsome town awhile?
The blossom's sprouting fracthe tree,
And a' the simmer's gaun to smile:
The mavis, lintie, and the lark,

The bleating lambs, and whistling hind, In ilka dale, green shaw, and park,

Will nourish health, and glad your mind?

"Soon as the clear goodman of day

Bends down this morning draught o'dew, We'll ga'e to some burn-side and play,

And gather flowers to buskyour brow: We'll pour the daisies on the green,

The lucken gowans frac the bog; Between hands now and then we'll lean,

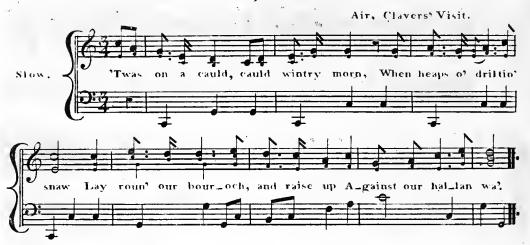
And sport upon the velvet log ??

"There's up into a pleasant gien,
A wee piece frac my father's tower,
A canny, saft, and flowery den,
Where circling birks have form'd a bower.
Whene'er the sun grows high and warm,
We'll to that cauler shade remove,
There sit, secure from ev'ry harm,
And breathe our constant vows o' love?'



For the my father has plenty
Of siller, and plenishing dainty,
Yet he's unco sweer
To twin wi' his gear,
And sae we had need to be tenty.
Tutor my parents wi' caution,
Be wylie in ilka motion;
Brag weel o yere land,
And there's my leal hand,
Win them, I'll be at your devotion.

TWAS ON A CAULD, CAULD WINTRY MORN.



My father sat wi? a thoughfu? e?e, His years fourscore and twa; But he had sworn to the covenant, The solemn league, and a?

"Lassic? quo'he, "your brethren three Are in the camp, whare nane But wha for the haly covenant Their solemn aith hae ta'en?

"Lassic? quo'he, "their travail's sair, An' we sit lowne an' calm; Bring down, bring down the haly beuk, We'll sing the mornin' psalm?

An' we sang the mornin' psalm, until The tears drapt frae our ee; My father pray'd for the camp o' God, I for my brethren three.

My lather raise, wi? a wistfu? ee, An' look'd o'er dale an' down, a "Lassie?' quo' he, "the cruel gledd Unto our nest bath flown?"

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Clavers, an' a' his wicked men,
Our bouroch pranc'd it roun;
Wi' awlu' aiths they drew their swords,
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"My father, could no thy grey hairs
Their bluidy hands restrain?
No, no, their hearts too harden'd were,

But their is ane in heaven aboon,

That sie ill deeds can see.

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The memory of Claverhouse is universally detested in Scotland, from the cruel-

THE HILLS O'GALLOWA.



Wi' music wild the woodlands rang,
And fragrance wing'd alang the lee,
When down we sat, the flowers amang,
Upon the banks o' stately Dee:
My Julia's arms encircled me;
Then sweetly slade the hours awa,
Till dawning coost a glimmerin' ee
Upon the hills o' Gallowa.

"It isna owsen, sheep, an' kye,
It isna gowd, it isna gear,
This lifted e'e wad hae', quo' 1,
"This warld's drumlie gloom to cheer;
But gie to me my Julia dear,
Ye powers, wha rowe this earthen ha';
An' O sae blythe through life I'll steer
Amang the hills o' Gallowa.

44When gloamin? daunders up the hill,
An' our gudeman ca's hame the cows.
Wi' her I'll trace the mossy rill
That through the rashes dimpled rows;
Or tint amang the scroggy knowes,
My birken pipe I'll sweetly blaw,
An' sing the streams, the straths, an' howes,
The hills an' dales, o' Gallowa.

"An' when auld Scotland's heathy hills,

Her rural nymphs an' jovial swains,

Her flow'ry wilds an' wimplin' rills,

Awake nac mair my canty strains.

Where friendship dwells an' freedom reigns.

Where heather blooms an' moor-cocks craw.

O dig my grave, an' lay my banes

Amang the hills o' Gallowa!'





Then let us leave the town, my love,
An' seek our country dwelling,
Where waving woods, and spreading How'rs
On ev'ry side are smiling.
We'll tread again the daisied green,
Where first your beauty mov'd me;
We'll trace again the woodland scene,
Where first ye own'd ye lov'd me:
We soon will view the roses blaw,
In a' the charms o' lancy;
For doubly dear these pleasures a',
When shar'd with you, my Nancy.



The sun is jogging down the brae,
Dimly through the mist he's shining,
And cranrough hoar creeps o'er the grass,
As day resigns his throne to e'ening.
Oft let me walk at twilight grey,
To view the face of dying nature,
Till spring again, wi' mantle green,
Delights the heart o' ilka creature.

MARY'S SMILES.



The rosy cheek may charm an hour,
But short's the pleasure it can gic;
For beauty fades like ony flower,
Or palls upo' the lover's e'c.
But virtue smiles aye sweet an' young,
Her beauties neither fade nor flee;
Thus Mary's charms my breast aye warms,
An' keeps the heart she's won frae me.

O what is wealth, an' what is fame?

Like beauty they may fade away;

An' what is friendship but a dream,

A vision aft that leads astray?

Sae then let fortune smile or frown,

Friends prove unkind, or faithfu' be,

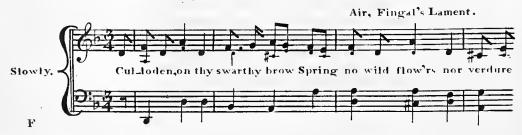
Still Mary's smiles, an' winning wyless

Will chear the heart she's won frae me-



I'll o'er the muir to Maggy, O,
I'll o'er the muir to Maggy, O;
I'll pass the den, and thro'the glen,
Sync o'er the muir to Maggy, O.
When day is past I tak my kent,
And hie me o'er the heather bent;
I feel sic joy, and blythe content,
While o'er the muir wi' Maggy, O.

CULLODEN, or LOCHIEL'S FAREWELL.





From Beauly's wild and woodland glens,
How proudly Lovat's banners soar!
How fierce the plaided Highland clans
Rush onward with the broad claymore!
Those hearts that high with honour heaves,
The volleying thunder there laid low!
Or scatter'd like the forest leaves,
When wintry winds begin to blow!

Where now thy honours, hrave Lochiel!
The braided plume's torn from thy brow!
What must thy haughty spirit feel,
When skulking like themountain roe!
While wild-birds chant from Lochy's bow'rs,
On April eve, their loves and joys,
The Lord of Lochy's loftiest tow'rs
To foreign lands an exile flies.

To his blue hills, that rose in view,
As o'er the deep his galley bore,
He often look'd, and cried, "Adieu!
I'll never see Lochaber more!
Though now thy wounds I cannot heal,
My dear, my injur'd native land!
In other climes thy foe shall feel
The weight of Cam' ron's deadly brand.

"Land of proud hearts and mountains grey!
Where Fingal fought and Ossian sung!
Mourn dark Culloden's fateful day,
That from thy chiefs the laurel wrung.
Where once they rul'd, and roam'd at will,
Free as their own dark mountain game,
Their sons are slaves, yet keenly feel
A longing for their fathers' fame.

"Shades of the mighty and the brave!
Who, faithful to your Stuart, fell!
No trophics mark your common grave,
Nor dirges to your mem'ry swell.
But generous hearts will weep your fate,
When far has roll'd the tide of time;
And bards unborn shall renovate
Your fading lame in loftiest rhyme?



There, was mickle love atween us twa _____.

O! twa could ne'er be fonder;

'An' the thing on yird was never made

That could hae gart us sunder.

But the way o' Heaven's aboon a' ken ____.

An' we mann bear what it likes to sen ___.

It's comfort tho' to weary men,

That the warst o' this warl's waes mann en'.

There's mony things that come an' gae ______
Just kent and just forgotten,_____
An' the flowers that busk a bonnie brae,
Gin anither year lie rotten.
But the last look o' that lovely e'e _____
An' the dying grip she gae to me _____
They're settled like eternity _____
O, Mary! that I were wi' thee!





Bright beams the sun in the glow of the morning,
As soltly murmurs the clear wimplin fountain;
The featherie brecken the green wood is deckin?;
O, sweet is the shade on the side of the mountain.

The warm purple haze comes up the strath glowing, Leaving the dew sparkling clear on ilk blossom; The Lark warbles cheerie, nac tear maks it eerie, As gaily it spreads to the breeze its fair bosom.

The bonnie wee gowan adorns the green toanin';

The sweet yellow primrose blooms fair i' the valley;
A' roun' us looks smiling; but naething sae wiling,

As the blythe look o' my ain bonny Aillie.

Now surly winter's fled o'er the black ocean,

Come, my dear lassie, tak share o' my plaidie;

The heather-belly blooming, the breeze sweet perfuming,

Will cheer, as ye six, by your ain Hielan laddie!



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Ah! there my young footsteps in infancy wander'd,
My cap was the bonnet, my cloak was the plaid;
On chieftains departed my memory ponder'd,
As daily I stray'd thro' the pine-cover'd glade.



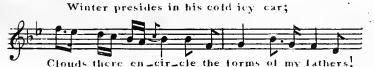
I sought not my home till the day's dying glory
Gave place to the rays of the bright polar star,
For fancy was cheer'd by traditional story
Disclos'd by the natives of dark Loch-na-garr.



Shades of the dead, have I not heard your voices
Rise on the night-rolling breath of the gale?

Surely the soul of the hero rejoices,
And rides on the wind o'er his own: Highland vale.

Round Loch-na-garr while the stormy mist gathers,



They dwell mid the tempests of dark Loch-na-garr.

Ill starr'd, tho' brave, did no vision foreboding

Tell you that fate had forsaken your cause?

Ah! were ye then destined to die at Culloden,

Tho' victory crown'd not your fall with applause?

Still were ye happy in death's earthy slumbers;

You rest with your clan in the caves of Brae-mar;

The pibroch resonnds, to the piper's found numbers,

Your deeds to the echoes of wild Loch-na-garr.

Years have roll'd on, Loch-na-garr, since I left you!

Years must chapse ere I see you again;
The nature of verdure and flowers has bereft you,

Yet still thou art dearer than Albien's plain.

England, thy beauties are tame and domestic

To one who has rov'd on the mountains afar!

Oh! for the crags that are wild and majestic,

The steep-frowning glories of dark Loch-na-garr!

O GIE MY LOVE BROSE, BROSE.



For Charlie he drew the braid sword,

For Charlie he lost house and haddin',

For Charlie he fought on the sward,

For Charlie he bled at Culloden.

O gi'c my love brose, brose, &c.

The chief that was true to his Prince

May yet hale a hame and a steadin',

But the whigums that had little mense,

Will dree the weird of their reidin.

O gi'e my love brose, brose, &c.

WHEN SILENT TIME WI'LIGHTLY FOOT.



As I drew near my ancient pile.

My heart heat a' the way,

Ilk place I passid seem'd yet to speak

Of some dear former day;

Those days that follow'd me afar,

Those happy days o' mine,

Which made me think the joys at hand

Were naething to lang syne.

Myivyd tow'rs now met my een,
Where minstrels us'd to blaw;
Nac friend stept forth wi' open arms,
Nac weel-ken'd face I saw;
Till Donald totter'd to the door,
Whom I left in his prime,
And grat to see the lad come back,
He bore about lang sync.

A new-sprung race o' motley kind,
Would now their welcome pay;
Wha shudder'd at my gothic wa's,
And wish'd my groves away;
"Cut, cut, 'they cry'd, 'yon gloomy trees,
Lay low you mournfu' pine."

'Ah no! your fathers' names grow there—
Memorials o' fang syne?





"Gudeman, O dinna be vaunty,
The time's no far, I trow,
That we'll be blyth an' canty,
An' we'll get mant enew;
For Charlie he's on the sea,
An' soon will be on shore,
An' there's some may fear an' dree,
For we'll get mant galore.





We'll prosper at the gospel lads,
That are unto the west countrie,
Ay wicked Clavers to demean,
And aye an ill dead may be die.
For he's drawn up it battle rank,
And that baith soon and hastifie,
But they wha five till simmer cum,
Some bludie days for this will see.

But up spak cruel Clavers then,
Wi' hastic wit, and wicked skill,
"Gie fire on you westlan men,
I think it is my sovereign's will?"
But up bespake his Cornet then,
'Its be wi' nac consent o' me,
I ken I'll ne'er come back again,
And mony mae as weal as me.

'There is not ane o' a' you men,

But wha is worthy ither three,
There is not ane among them a'

That in his cause will stap to die.
And as for Burly, him I knaw,

He's ane o' honor, birth, and fame,
Gie him a sword unto his hand,

He'll fight thysel and ither ten?

Up spak wicked Clavers then,
I wat his heart it raise tu? hie,
And he has cryed that a? may hear,
"Man,ye,hae sair deceived me!
I never kend the like afore,
Na never since I cam trae hame,
That ye sae cowardly here should prove,
And yet cum o? a noble Graeme?"

But up bespak his Cornet then,
'Since that it is your honour's wiff,
Mysel'shall be the foremost man,
That will gie fire on Loudon Hill.
At your command I'll lead them on,
But yet wi' nae consent o' me,
For weel I ken I'll ne'er return,
And mony mair as weel as me?'

Then up he drew in battle rank,

I wat he had a bonny train;
But the first time that bullets flew,
Aye, he lost twenty o' his men.
Then back he cam the way he gaed,
I wat right soon and suddenlie;
He gae command amang his men,
And sent them back and bade them flee.

Then up cam Burly bauld and stout,
Wis little train of westland men,
Wha, mair than either ance or twice,
In Edinborough confind had been.
They had been up to Lonon sent,
And yet they reaf cum safely down;
Sax troop of horsemen they had beat,
And chased them into Glasgow toune.

WHEN GLOAMIN SPREADS HER MANTLE GREY.



O happy days! what joy was mine,

While straying o'er thy beauteous wild,
Or on you sedgy bank reclined,
When morning dawn'd serencly mild.
The charm has fled! fond fancy's dream
And youth's fantastic days are o'er,
Shot-like the meteor's transient gleam,
That just appears, and is no more.

*The Barony of Auchinames lies on the south side of the village of Kilbarchan, in the County of Renfrew. The Crawford family, some of whom are well known in the history of Scotland, still hold the superiority. The old Castle, the walls of which were about nine feet in thickness, stood for many years a fine ruin; but it has lately been demolished for the purpose of building fences, and a farm-house, which now stands upon its site. It was on one of the inmates, Nelly, that Robert Semple of Beltrees wrote the beautiful Scots song "She rose and let me in."



In thy green and grassy crook
Mair lies hid than crusted stanes;
In thy bien and weirdly nook
Lic some stout Clan-Gillian banes.
Thou wast aye the kinsman's hame,
Routh and welcome was his fare;
But if serf or Saxon came,
He cross'd Murich's hirst nae mair.

Never hand in thee yet bred
Kendna how the sword to wield;
Never heart of thine had dread
Of the foray or the field;
Neer on straw, mat, bulk, or bed,
Son of thine lay down to die;
Every lad within thee bred.
Died beneath heaven's open de.

Charlie Stuart he cam here.

For our king, as right became;
Wha could shun the Bruce's heir?

Wha could tyne our royal name?

Firm to stand, and tree to fa?

Forth we march'd right valiantlic,
Gane is Scotland's king and law!

Woe to the Highlands and to me!

Here nae langer 1 mann stay;
But, when I my hame forget,
May my heart forget to play!
Fare thee weel, my father's cot,
Bothy o' the birken tree!
Sair the heart, and hard the lot,
O' the lad that parts wi' thee.

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The my friends deride me still,

Jamie, l'all disown thee never;

Let them scorn me as they will,

I'll be thine and thine for ever!

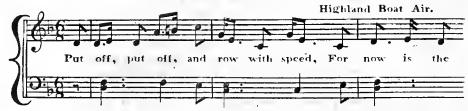
What are a my kin to me.

A' their pride of pedigree?

What were life, if wanting thee?

And what were death, if we maun sever?

QUEEN MARY'S ESCAPE FROM LOCH-LEVEN CASTLE.





Those pondrous keys shall the kelpies keep, And lodge in their caverns dark and deep; Nor shall Loch-Leven's towers or hall, Hold thee, our lovely lady, in thrall; Or be the haunt of traitors, sold, While Scotland has hands and hearts so bold; Then steersman, steersman, on with speed, For now is the time and the hour of need!

Hark! the alarum bell hath rung,
And the warder's voice hath treason sung!
The echoes to the falconers' roar,
Chime sweetly to the dashing oar:
Let tower, and hall, and battlements gleam,
We steer by the light of the taper's beam;
For Scotland and Mary, on with speed,
Now, now is the time and the hour of need!



"But when thou'rt far out-o'er the sea,
A fairer face, and pawkie e'e,
May steal that love ye've pledged to me,
An' thou forget thy dearie?'
'O never doubt, my Annie fair,
O never doubt my truth sincere;
I'll never fill that breast wi' care,
My life, my love, my dearie?

"When lightnings dart frac every cloud,
And pealing thunders roar aloud,
And rushing pours the rainy flood,
Thy Annie will be eerie?"

"When tempests rend the darkning sky,
When rolling billows burst and tly,
When death an horror meet ilk eye,
I'll think upon my dearie.



Rest, ye wild storms, in the cave of your slumbers!

How your dread howling a lover alarms!

Wauken, ye breezes; row gently, ye billows,

And waft my dear laddie ance main to my arms.

But, oh! if he's faithless, and minds na his Nannic,

Flow still between us, thou wide-roaring mains.

May I never see it, may I never trow it,

But, dying, believe that my Willie's my ain.





Let Lowland maids, in silken sheen,

Outshine the blooming Flora,

Give me, in tartan plaid, at een,

My bonnie Highland Nora:

For her I've climb'd the mountain's height,

And roam'd the summits airy,

For aye her smile could cheer the night
In bonnie green Glengary.





Twas his, deaf to pity, to tenderness dead,

The fallen to crush, and the humble to spurn;

But I staid not, his scorn, from his mansion I fled,

And my beating heart vow'd never more to return.

When home shall receive me, one home yet I know,

O'er its gloomy recess see the pine branches wave;

'Tis the tomb of my fathers!—The world is my foe,

And all my inheritance now is a grave.

'Tis the tomb of my fathers, the grey-moisten'd walls Declining to earth, speak, emphatic, decay;
The gate off its hinges, and half-opening, calls
"Approach, most unhappy, thy dwelling of clay?"
Alas! thou sole dwelling of all I hold dear,
How little this meeting once august my breast!
From a wanderer accept, oh, my fathers! this tear;
Receive him, the last of your race, to your rest!



O, sweetest minstrels! weet your pipe, .A tender soothin' note to blaw; Syne souf the"Broom of Cowdenknowes," Untike our ain, by nature made, Or"Roslin Castles" ruined wa. They bring to mind the happy days, Fu' aft I've spent wi' Jenny dear, Ah! now ye touch the very note, That gars me sigh, and drap a tear.

Your fremit lilts I downa bide, They never yield a charm for me; . Unlike the salt delight they gie; For weel I ween they warm the breast, Though sair oppressed wi' poortith cauld; An' sae an audd man's heart they cheer, He tines the thought that he is auld.

O, sweetest minstrels! halt a wee, Anither lilt afore ye gang; An' syne I'll close my wankrile ee, Enraptured wi' your bonny sang. They're gane! the moon begins to dawn; They're weary paidlin through the weet: They're gane, but on my ravished car, The dying sounds yet thrill fu' sweet.

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It's wae wi' me, &c.

Where is my clan? and where is my kin, That drew their swords at Charlie's ca? Frac the southland came a deadlie blast, And my clan and kin are a? as a.

It's wae wi' me, &c.

Where is my clan? and where is my kin?

And, Cumberland, whare is my bonnie ha'?

O wae be age upon thee and thine!

My clan and kin are a' awa.



There's no a lady but likes him weel; There's no a heart but he can steal; He may na speak but a word or twa, An' the bravest clan will up an' draw He's a sapling rare o' royaltie, The purest stem in Christendie,' An' Scotland's heart is aye the same, An' to his ha' an' ancient hame

To fight for the bonnie laddie. She'll welcome the bonnie laddie.





Frae the south and the north, o'cr the Tweed and the Forth,
Sic coming and ganging there never was seen;
The comers were cheery, the gangers were bleary,
Despairing, or hoping for Barrochan Jean.
The earlies at hame were a girning and graining,
The bairns were a greeting frac morning till e'en;
They gat nought for crowdy but runts boild to sowdie,
For naething gat growing for Barrochan Jean.

The doctors declared, it was past their describing;
The ministers said, 'twas a judgment for sin;
But they lookit sae blac, and their hearts were sae wae,
I was sure they were dying for Barrochan Jean.
The burns on road-sides were a' dry wi' their drinking,
Yet a' wadna sloken the drouth i' their skin;
A' around the peat-stacks, and against the dyke-backs,
E'en the winds were a' sighing, sweet Barrochan Jean.

The timmer ran done wi' the making o' coffins,

Kirk-yards o' their swaird were a' howkit fu' clean;

Dead lovers were packit like herring in barrels,

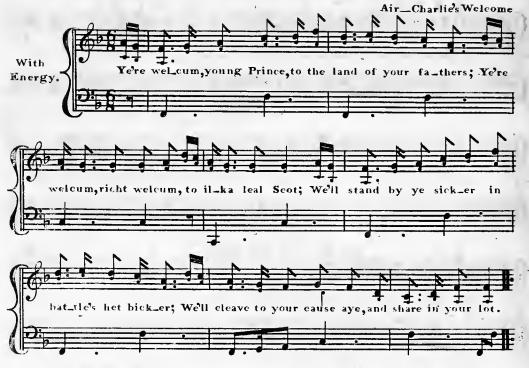
Sie thousands were dying for Barrochan Jean.

But mony braw thanks to the laird o' Glen-brodie,

The grass owre their graffs is now honny and green,

He staw the proud heart of our wanton young lady,

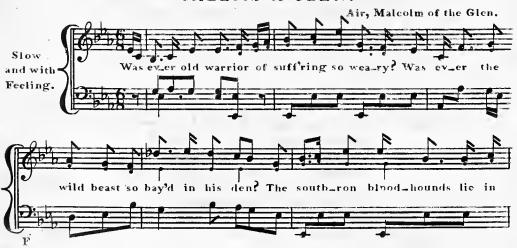
And spoil'd a' the charms o' her twa pawky e'en.



Sing, waly! ye whigs, wha devour Charlie's bigging;
The Hielands are up, and the Lawlands are steering;
And betly, I ween, they'll be at ye bedeen,
Wi' fire, gun, and braid sword, some sma' things a-speering.

Schaw to the blue skies the banner o' Charlie;
Guid faith, wi'our claymores we'll pay them some auld scores,
And ca' for accquittance some morning fu' early.

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The homes of my kinsmen are blazing to heaven,

The bright sun of morning has blushed at the view!

The moon has stood still on the verge of the even,

To wipe from her pale cheek the tint of the dew!

For the dew it lies red on the vales of Lochaber,

It sprinkles the cot, and it flows in the pen!

The pride of my country is fallen for ever!

Death, hast thou no shaft for old Callum-a-Gien!

The sun in his glory has look'd on our sorrow!

The stars have wept blood over hamlet and lea!

O, is there no day-spring for Scotland? no morrow

Of bright renovation for souls of the free?

Yes: one above all has beheld our devotion,

Our valour and faith are not hid from his ken;

The day is abiding of stern retribution

On all the proud foes of old Callum-a-Glen!

LORD THOMAS AND FAIR ANNET.



Lord Thomas said a word in jest, Fair Annet took it ill; . Ah! I will never wed a wife Against my ain friends' will.

Gif ye will never wed a wife, A wife will ne'er wed ye. Sae he is hame to tell his mother, And kneel'd down on his knee.

O rede, O rede, mither, he says, . A gude rede gie to me; O sall I tak the nut-browne maid, And let fair Annet be?

The nut-browne bride has gowd and gear, Fair Annet she's gat nane, And the little bewtie fair Annet has, O it will soon be gane.

And he has to his brither gane: Now, brither, rede ye me, Ah! sall I marrie the nut-browne bride, And let fair Annet he?

The nut-browne bride has kye; I wad hae ye marrie the nut-brownehride, Let us gae to S! Marie's kirk, And east fair Annet by.

Her oxen may die is the house, billy, And her kye into the byrc. And I sall has nacthing to mysell But a fat ladge by the fire.

And he has till his sister gane: Now, sister, rede ye me, O sall I marrie the nut browne-bride, And set fair Annet Iree?

Ise rede ve tak fair Annet, Thomas, And let the browne bride alane, Lest ye should sigh, and say, alas! What is this we brought hame?,

No, I will tak my mither's counsel, And marrie me out o' hand, And I will tak the nut-browne bride, Fair Annet may leave the land.

Up then rose fair Annet's father, Twa hours or it were day, And he is gane into the bower-Wherein lair Annet lay.

The nut-browne bride has oxen, brother. Rise up, rise, up fair Annet, he says, Put on your silken sheen; And see that rich wedden.

My maids, gae to my dressing-room,
And dress to me my hair;
Whare c'er ye laid a plait before,
See ye lay ten times mair.

My maids gae to my dressing-room,
And dress to me my smock,
The one half is o' the holland fine,
The other o' needle work.

The horse fair Annet rode upon, He amblit like the wind, Wi's siller he was shod before, Wi's burning gowd behind.

Four-and-twenty siller bells.

Were at tied till his mane,

Witac tift of the norland wind.

They tinkled ane by ane.

Four-and-twenty gay gude knights
Rade by fair Annet's side,
And four-and-twenty fair ladies,
As gin she had bin a bride.

And when she cam to Marie's kirk,

She sat on Marie's stean;
The cleading that lair Annet had on
It skinkled in their cen.

And whan she cam into the kirke,
She skimmer'd like the sun;
The belt that was aboute her waist
Was a wir pearles bedone.

And her een they were sac clear,
Lord Thomas he clear forgot the bride,
When fair Annet drew near.

He had a rose into his hand,

He gae it kisses three,

And reaching by the nut-browne bride,

Laid it on fair Annet's knee.

Up then spak the nut-browne bride,

She spak wit meikle spite,

And whair gat ye that rose-water

That does mak ye sae white?

That rose-water was made for me—
Was made for me my lane,
And I did get that rose-water
Whare ye will neir get nane.

The bride she drew a long bodkin Frac out her gay head gear,
And strake fair Annet to the heart,
That word spak never mair.

Lord Thomas saw fair Annet wax pale,
And marvelit what mote be;
But whan he saw her dear heart's blude,
A' wood wroth waxed he.

He drew his dagger that was sae sharp,
That was sae sharp and meet,
And drave it into the nut-browne bride,
That left deid at his feet.

Now stay for me, dear Annet, he said,
Now stay, my dear, he cried,
Then strake the dagger until his heart,
And lell deid by her side.

Lord Thomas was buried without kirk wa,
Fair Annet within the quiere,
And o' the tane their grew a birk,
The other a bonny briere.

And ay they grew, and ay they threw,
As they wad fain be neare,
And by this ye may ken right weil,
They wer twa luvers deare.



Round the rock, down by the knock,
Monnaughty, Tannachty, Moy, and Glentrive,
Brodie, and Balloch, and Ballindalloch,
They shall pay kane to the king belyve.
Let bark and brevin blaze o'er Strathaven,
When the red builok is over the hourn;
Then shall the maiden dread, low nn her pillow laid,
Who's to pay kane to the king the morn.

Down the glen, true Highlandmen,
Ronald, and Donald, and rantin Roy,
Gather and drive, spare not Glentrive,
But gently deal with the lady of Moy.
Appin can earry through, so can Glengary too,
And fairly they'll part to the hoof and the horn;
But Keppoch and Dunain too, they must be look'd unto,
Ere they pay kane to the king the morn.

Rouse the steer, out of his lair,

Keep his red nose to the west away;

Mark for the seven, or sword of heaven;

And loud is the midnight sough of the Spey.

When the brown cock crows day upon the mottled brac,

Then shall our gallant prince hail the horn

That tells both to wood and cleuch, over all Badenoch,

Who's to pay kane to the king the morn.



When I see the plover rising,
Or the curlew wheeling,
Then I trow some bonnie lad
Is coming to my sheeling.
Why should I sit an' sigh,
While the green wood blooms sac bonnie?
Laverocks sing, flowrets spring,
A' but me are cheery.

My wee cot is blest and happy;
Oh? tis neat an? cleanly!
Sweet the brier that blooms beside it;
Kind the heart that? lanely.
Come away, come away,
Herd, or hind, or boatman laddic,
L hac cow, kid, and ewe,
Gowd and gear, to gain ye.

THE CORBIE AND THE CRAW.



And look'd owre the nest where he lay,
And gied a flaff wi' his rousty wings,
And cried 'where te?'

Corbie. "Te pike a dead man that's lying
Ahint you meikle stane?"

Craw. 'Is he fat, is he fat, is he fat? If no, we may let him alane?

Corbie. "He cam frae merry England, to steal The sheep, and kill the deer?"

Craw. 'I'll come, I'll come, for an Englishman.

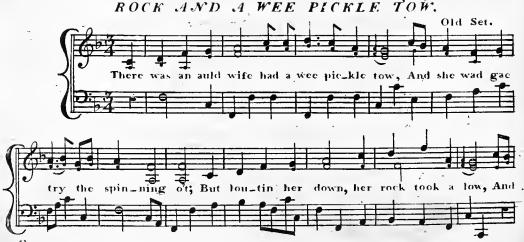
Is aye the best 'v cheer'.

Corbie. "O we may breakfast on his breast,

And on his back may dine;

For the Jave a? fled to their ain countrie,

And they?ve ne'er been back sinsyne??





I had been a wife these three-score o' years,
And never did try the spinning o't;
But how I was sarked, foul fa' them that spiers,
To mind me o' the beginning o't.
The women are now a days turned sac braw,
That itk and maun had a sark, some maun had twa;
But better the warld was when feint and ava
To hinder the first beginning o't.

Foul fa' them that ever advis'd me to spin!

It minds me o' the beginning o't;
I week might have ended as I had begun
And never have try'd the spinning o't.

But she's a wise wife wha kens her ain wierd,
I thought area a day it wad never he spicr'd,
How let you the low tack the rock by the beard,
When you gaed to try the spinning o't.

The spinning, the spinning, it gars my heart sab,

To think on the ill beginning ot!

I took't in my head to make me a wab,

And this was the first beginning o't.

But had I nine daughters as I hae but three,

The safest and soundest advice I wad gie,

That they wad frae spinning still keep their hands free,

For fear of an ill beginning o't.

But if they, in spite of my counsel, wad run
The dreary sad task of the spinning of,
Let them find a loun seat light up by the sun,
Syne venture on the beginning of:
For whas done as I've done, atake and avow!
To busk up a rock at the check of a low;
They'll say that I had little wit in my pow;
The meikle deil tak the spinning of!



Nac mair your bonnic birken bowers,

Your streamlets fair, and woodlands gay, Can cheer the weary winged hours

As up the glen I joyless stray: For a'my hopes hae flown away,

And, when they reach'd their native skies, Left me, amid the world of wae,

To weet the grave whare Julia lies.

It is na beauty's fairest bloom,

It is not maiden charms consignits.

And hurried to an early tomb,

That wrings my heart and clouds my mind: But sparkling wit, and sense retind,

And spotless truth without disguise. Makes me with sighs enrich the wind ...

That fans the grave where Julia lies.

BESSY AND HER SPINNING WHEEL.



On ilka hand the burnies trot, And meet below my theekit cot; The seented birk and hawthorn white, Across the pool their arms unite. Alike to screen the birdie's nest, And little fishes' caller rest; . The sun blinks kindly on the biel? Where blythe I turn my spinning-wheel. Amuse me at my spinning-wheel.

On lofty aiks the cushats wail, And echo cons the dolefu' tale; The lintwhite in the hazel bracs, Delighted, rival ither's lays; The craik amang the claver grey, The paitrick whirring o'er the ley, The swallow jinkin' roun my shiel',

Wi's ma' to sell, and less to buy, Aboon distress, below cnvy, O wha wad leave this humble state, For a' the pride o' a' the great! Amid their flairing idle toys, . Amid their cumbrous dinsome joys, Can they the peace and pleasure leel Of Bessy at her spinning-wheel?

COULD AUGHT OF SONG.



Then let the sudden bursting sigh.

The heart_felt pang discover;

And in the keen, yet tender eye,
O read the imploring lover!

For well I know thy gentle mind
Disdains art's gay disguising,

Beyond what fancy e'er refin'd

The voice of nature prizing.





When poortith looks wi's sour disdain,
It frights a body sair,
And gars them think they neer will meet
Delight or pleasure mair.
But the the heart be eer sac sad,
And prest wi' joyless care,
Hope lightly steps in at the last,
To fley awa? despair.

For love o' wealth let misers toil,
And fret baith late and air's
A cheerfu' heart has aye enough,
And whiles a mite to spare:
A leal true heart's a gift frae heav'n,
A gift that is maist rare;
It is a treasure o' itsel',
And lightens ilka care.

Let wealth and pride exalt themsels,
And boast of what they hae;
Compard will truth and honesty,
They are no worth a strac.
The honest heart keeps aye aboon,
Whateler the warld may say.
And laughs, and turns its shafts to scorn,
That ithers would dismay.

Sac let us mak' lite's burden light,
And drive ilk care awa;
Contentment is a dainty feast,
Altho' in hamely ha;
It gies a charm to ilka thing,
And mak's it look fu' braw;
The spendthrift, and the miser hard,
It soars aboon them a;

But there's ac thing among the lave,
To keep the heart in tune,
And but for that the weary spleen
Wad plague us late and soou;
A bonnic lass, a canty wife,
For sic is nature's law;
Without that charmer of our lives,
There's scarce a charm lava.



Can ye lo'e the knowes, lassie,
That ne'er war in riggs?
Or the bonnie lowne knowes,
Where the sweet Robin biggs?
Or the sang o' the Lintie,
When wooing his bride?
Then on wi' the tartan,
An' fy let us ride!

Can ye lo'e the burn, lassie,
That loups among linns?
Or the bonnic green holms,
Whare it cannily rins?
Wi'a cantie bit housie,
Sae snug by its side?
Then on wi' the tartan,
An' fy let us ride!







HOW LANG AND DREARY IS THE NIGHT.



When I think on the lightsome days
I spent wi? thee, my dearie;
And now what seas between us roar,
How can I be but ecric.
And now what seas, &c.

How slow ye move, ye heavy hours,

The joyless day how dreary!

It was nae sae ye glinted by,

When I was wi' my dearie.

It was nae sae, &c.





O fist you thrush, my Mary,
That warbles on the pine!
Its strain so light and airy,
Accords in joy with thine:
The fark that soars to heaven,
The sea-bird on the faem,
Are singing from morn 'till even,
Brave Cameron's welcome hame.

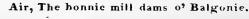
D'ye mind, my ain dear Mary,
When we hid in the tree,
And saw our Auchnacary,
All flaming fearfully?
The fire was red, red glaring,
And ruefu' was the pine
And aye you cried despairing,
My father's ha's are gane!

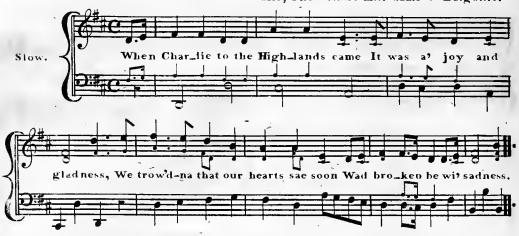
I said, my ain wee Mary,
D'ye see you cloud sae dun,
That sails aboon the carry,
And hides the weary sun?
Behind you cloud sae dreary,
Beyond and far within,
There's ane, my dear wee Mary,
That views this deadly sin,

He sees this ruciu' reavery,
The rage of dastard knave;
He saw our deeds of bravery,
And he'll reward the brave.
Though a' we had was given
For toyatty and faith,
I still had hopes that heaven
Would right the heroes' scaith.

The day is dawned in heaven,
For which we at thought lang;
The good, the just, is given
To right our nations wrang;
My ain dear Auchnacary,
I have thought lang for thee,
O sing to your harp, my Mary,
And sound its bonniest key.

CHARLIE TO THE HIGHLANDS CAME.





O why did heaven sae on us frown, And break our hearts wi'sorrow! Oit will never smile again, And bring a gladsome morrow!

Our dwellings, and our outlay gear, Lie smoking, and in ruin! Our bravest youths, like mountain deer, .The foe is oft pursuing.

Our hame is now the harren rock, As if by heaven forsaken; Our shelter, and our canopy, The heather and the braken.

Oh! we maun wander far and near, And foreign lands maun bide in; Our bonnie glens, we loed sae dear, We daur nae langer bide in.





The Mermaid sits on the sea-girt rock,
And smiling she woos the tempests shock;
The breakers heave, and the surge it sweeps,
And with dreeping locks her watch she keeps;
Away, away from the deadly shore,
Where the big waves beat, and the whirlwinds roar.

She braids her hair with wreck and with weed,
And bids the mariner's bark to speed,
As high it is tost, or dips in the wave,
She beckons them to her sea-weed cave:
Away, away from the deadly shore,
Where the big waves beat, and the whirlwinds roar.

Her cave was ne'er lighted by moonlight beam,
Nor cheer'd by the morning's rudy leam;
Her light is the monsters' eyes which glare,
And the dead man's lamp that's lighted there:
Away, away from the deadly shore,
Where the big waves beat, and the whirlwinds roar.

The darkeoing mist is around her hung,
And the dead sea-bell hath the kelpies rung;
'Tis hollow and wild, 'tis a sound so sad,
As would wake the dead from their oozy bed:
Away, away from the deadly shore,
Where the big waves beat, and the whirlwinds roar.

Her evening chime is that deep-ton'd bell, That rings the struggling mariners' knell, And sounds in their ears so loud and long, Like the totaby of a deathless song: Away, away from the deadly shore, Where the big waves beat, and the whirlwinds roar,

The light nings flash from the ebon cloud, And the chunders peak is deep and loud;
Nor an earthly voice, nor an earthly sound is heard, but the spirits that sing around;
Away, away from the deadly shore,
Where the big waves beat, and the whirlwinds roar.

On the brow of the wave to the vault of heaven, The bark is tost, it is onward driven!

By the dim dead-dights to the wide sea keep, '
It is death it is wreck ere the Mermaid sleep!

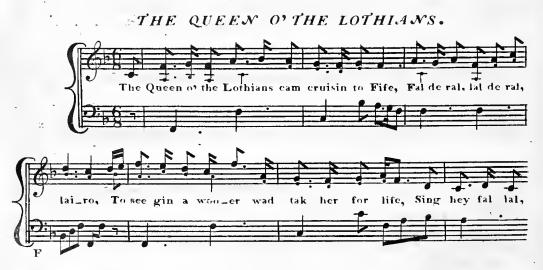
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Where the big waves beat, and the whirlwinds roar.

IN FAR DISTANT CLIMES.



The music of Scotia is sweet midst the scene;
But, ah! could you hear it when seas roll between;
'Tis then, and then only, the soul can divine —
The music that dwells in the songs of langsyne.

The spirit, when torn from earth's objects of love, Loses all its regrets in the chorus above; So in exile we cannot but cease to repine, When it hallows with extacy songs of langsyne.





She had no been lang at the brow of the hill, _ Fal, &c.
Till Jockie cam down for to visit Lochnell, _Sing hey, &c.

He took the aunt to the neuk of the half. Fal, &c. Whare nachody heard, and whare nachody saw, _Sing hey, &c.

Madam, he says, I've thought on your advice _ Fal. &c. I wad marry your niece, but I'm Hey'd she'll be nice, _Sing hey, &c.

Jockie, she says, the wark's done to your hand, _ Fal, &c. Ive spoke to my niece, and she's at your command, _ Sing hey, &c.

But troth, Madam, I canna woo, _ Fal, &c.
For aft I hae tried it, and aye I fa' thro; _ Sing hey, &c.

But, O dear Madam, and ye wad begin, Fal, &c.
For I'm as fley'd to do it, as it were a sin, Sing hey, &c.

Jenny eam in, and Jockie ran out, _ Fal, &c.

Madam, she says, what hae ye been about, _Sing hey, &c.

Jenny, she says, I've been workin for you, _ Fal, &c.
For what do ye think, Jockie's come here to woo, _Sing hey, &c.

Now Jenny tak care, and dash na the lad, _Fal, &c.
For offers like him are na ay to be had, _Sing hey, &c.

Madam, I'll tak the advice o' the wise, _Fal, &c.

I ken the lad's worth, and I own he's a prize, _Sing hey, &c.

Then she cries butt the house, Jockie come here, _Fal, &c. Ye've naething to do but the question to spier, _Sing hey, &c.

The question was spier'd, and the bargain was struck, Fals &c. The needors cam in and wish'd them gude luck, Sing hey, &c.

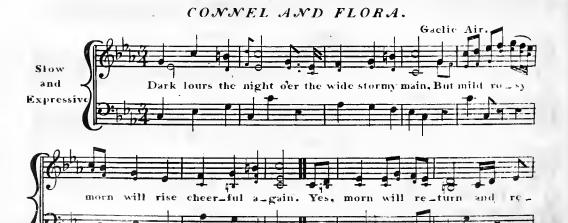


O! cam you by you water side?
Pud you the rose or lily?
Or, cam you by you meadow green?
Or, saw you my sweet Willie?

She sought him east, she sought him west,
She sought him braid and narrow,
And in the clifting o'a craig,
She fand him drown'd in Yarrow.

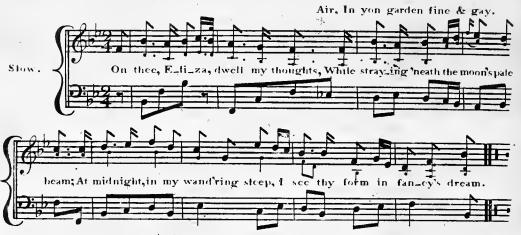
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* Written from the singing of M! Wm Chalmer's, Paisley.





ON THEE, ELIZA, DWELL MY THOUGHTS.



I see thee in the rosy morn,
Approach as toose-rob'd beauty's queen;
The morning smiles, but thou art lost;
Too soon is fled the sylvan scene!

Still fancy fondly dwells on thee,
And adds another day of care;
What bliss were mine could fancy paint
Thee true, as she can paint thee fair!

Ofly, ye dear deceitful dreams!

Ye silken cords that bind the heart;

Canst thou, Eliza, these intwines

And smile and triumph in the smart?





"It's now ten at night, and the stars gie nae light,
And the bells they ring, ding dong;
He's met wi' some delay, that causeth him to stay,
But he will be here ere lang?

The surly auld carl did naething but snarl,
And Johnny's face it grew red;
Yet the he often sigh'd, he neer a word replied
Till all were asleep in bed.

Up Johnny rose, and to the door he goes,
And gently he tirled the pin;
The lassic, taking tent, unto the door she went,
And she open'd, and let him in.

"And are you come at last? and do I hold you fast?
And is my Johnny true?"
"I ha'e nae time to tell, but sae lang's I lo'e mysel,
Sae lang shall I lo'e you?

WHERE ARE THE SOYS?

Where are the joys I have met in the morning, That dane'd to the lark's early song? Where is the peace that awaited my wand'ring, At evening, the wild woods among.

No more a-winding the course of you river, And marking sweet flow'rets sae fair; No more I trace the light footsteps of pleasure, But sorrow and sad sighing care.

Is it that simmer's forsaking our vallies,
And grim surly winter is near?

No, no, the bees, humming around their gay roses,
Proclaim it the pride of the year.

Fain would I hide what I fear to discover,

Yet long, long too well, have I known,
All that has caused this wreck in my bosom
Is Jeanie, fair Jeanie, alone.

Time cannot aid me, my griefs are immortal,

Nor hope dare a comfort bestow,

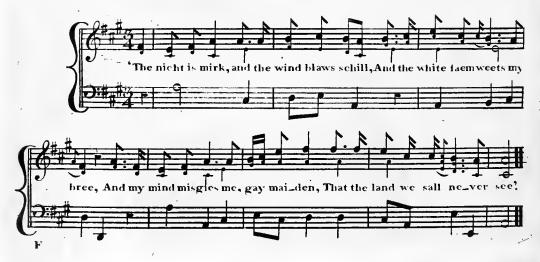
Come then, enamourd, and fond of my anguish,

Enjoyment I'll seek in my woe.



Go to Berwick, Johnnie,
And regain your honour;
Drive them o'er the Tweed,
And shaw our Scotish banner.
I am Rab the King,
And ye are Jock my brither;
But, before we lose her,
We'll a' there thegither.

 $THE\ \ MERMAYDE. V.$





"Oh! I never said that ane erthlie preest
Our bridal blessing should gie,
And I never said that a landwart bouir
Should hald my luve and me?

"And where is that preest, my bounie maiden,
If ane erthlie wicht is na he?"

"Oh! the wind will sough, and the sea will rair,
When weddit we twa sall be?"

'And where is that bouir, my bonnie maiden,
If on land it suld no be?'

"Oh! my blythe bouir is low," said the mermayden,
"In the bonnie green hou's o' the sea:
My gay bouir is biggit o' the gude ships' keels,
And the banes o' the drown'd at sea;
The fisch are the deer that fill my parks,
And the water waste my drurie.

And my bouir is sklaitit wi? the big blue wave,
And paved wi? the yellow sand,
And in my chalmers grow bonnie white flowers
That never grew on land.
And have ye e'er seen, my bonnie brydgroom,
A leman on earth that wuld gie
Aiker for aiker o' the red plough'd land,
As I'll gie to thee o' the sea?

The mune will rise in half ane hour,
And the wee bricht sterns will shine;
Then we'll sink to my bouir 'neath the wan water
Full lifty fathom and nine.'

A wild, wild skreich, gied the Tey brydgroom,
And a loud, loud lauch, the bryde;
For the mune rase up, and the twa sank down
Under the silver'd tide.

THE WREATH.*



I pluck'd a green wreath from the Bard's hallow'd tomb,
But it was not the wreath of his fame;
No, the wreath of his fame shall unfadingly bloom
In the glory that circles his name!

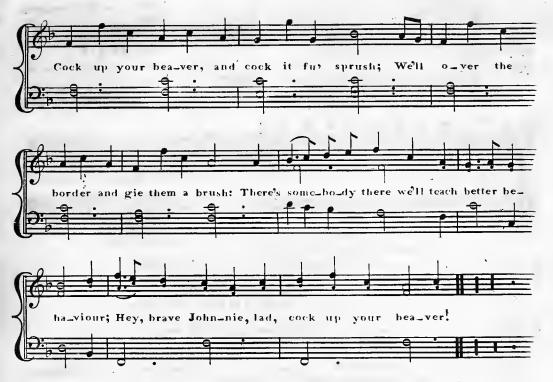
Yes, Burns, while the children of Scotia shall heave 'A sigh o'er the grave of the bard!

To thee, native minstrel, affection shall weave A wreath of eternal regard!

*Written at the suggestion of a Lady, who had visited the grave of Burns, and gathered some wild flowers from the turf which covered his mortal remains.







Cock it up right, and fauld it nae down,
And cock the white rose on the band of the crown;
Cock it on the right side, no on the wrang,
And yese be at Carlisle or it be lang.
There's somebody there that likes slinking and slav'ry;
Somebody there that likes knapping and knav'ry;
But somebody's coming will make them to waver;
Hey, brave Johnnie, lad, cock up your beaver!

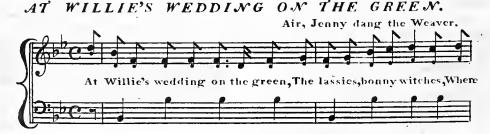
Sawney was bred wi'a broker o' wigs;
But now he's gaun southward to lather the whigs;
And he's to set up as their shopman and shaver;
Hey, brave Johnnie, lad, cock up your beaver!
Jockie was bred for a tanner, ye ken,
But now he's gaun southward to curry goodmen,
With Andrew Ferrara for barker and cleaver;
Hey, brave Johnnie, lad, cock up your beaver!

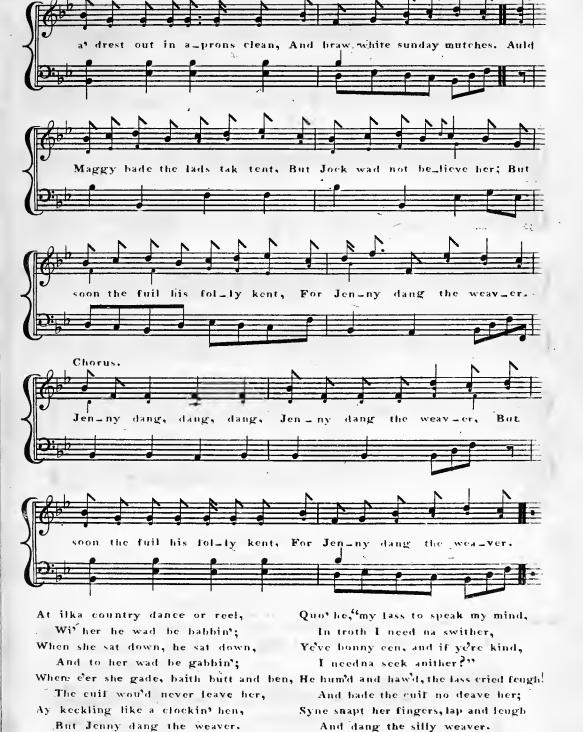
Donald was bred for a lifter o' kye,
A stealer o' deer, and a drover forbye;
But now he's gaun over the border a blink,
And he's to get red gowd to bundle and clink.
There's Donald the drover, and Duncan the caird,
And Sawney the shaver, and Logic the laird;
These are lads that will flinch frae you never;
Hey, brave Johnnie, lad, cock up your beaver!

SURE MY FEAN IS BEAUTY'S BLOSSOM.



I ha'e seen the floweret springin',
Gaily on the sunny lea;
I ha'e heard the mavis singin'
Sweetly on the hawthorn tree;
But, my Jeanie, peerless dearie!
She's the flower attracts mine ee;
Whan she tunes her voice sae cheerie,
She's the mavis dear to me!





And Jenny dang, &c.

Jenny dang, &c.

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Bess should like a picture be,

Nailed to a wa? whar a? might see,

And muckle thought o? she wad be

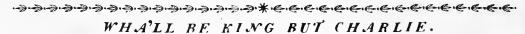
And no kent for a gawkie.

Oh, steek your mouth then, cousin dear,

And nae mair havers let us hear;

Oh steek your mouth, and never fear,

Yese no be ca'd a gawkie.







The Highland clans wi's word in hand,
Frae John o' Groat's to Airly,
Ha'e to a man declard to stand,
Or fa', wi' royal Charlie.
Come thro' the heather, &c.

The Lowlands a', baith great an' sma',
Wi' mony a Lord an' Laird, ha'c
Declar'd for Scotia's King an' law,
An' speir ye, wha but Charlie.
Come thro' the heather, &c.

There's neer a lass in a the land,
But vows baith late an early,
To man she'll neer gie heart or hand,
Wha wadna fecht for Charlie.
Come thro' the heather, &c.

Then, here's a health to Charlie's cause,
An' be't compleat an' early,
His very name our heart's blood warms.
To arms for royal Charlie.
- Come thro' the heather, &c.



SCHIR GORMALYN AND THE REID WOULFF.



Then this burde bricht to bring

Frae the Woulffishalde indigne,
Did himsel boune;
His aventuris, grit to tell,
Dois mi weake witt precell,
Quhairfoir me rede you well,
His laude to roune.

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Gude Gormalyn bene pricken onne,

Ane Squyer be him ronne,

Stalwarth and fre.

Ouir forthis, holtis, and how,

Quhyll thay prochen till a lowe,

Meruailous till see.

Brennand bauld on ane knowe,

"Quhair wonnis thow knicht,
In armour clere dicht?"

Spak furth ane man.

'I gang; quod Gormalyn,
'Sum straunge aventur in,
Sua betide me hap and gyn,
Do quhat I can.

Quhat cace has happit the,
Sith sic dolore I see
Thorow this land gude?
Quhat bene this fyrie flare,
Trubland the mokie aire,

And sua moche of dispaire, With teiris afflude?'

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*Deciphered, and put into modern Notation, from an old vellum MS in possession of Wm Motherwell Esq! a Gentleman whose indefatigable researches have rescued many a "Gem of the kind" from oblivion. Those who feel any inclination to see the remaining stanzas of this "marrow-bone for the tooth of the antiquary" may consult the pages of the "Harp of Renfrewshire" a work of considerable merit, published by M. John Lawrence Jun! of Paisley, where they will find a very interesting and ingenious account of the MS. in question.

MARY (UNNINGHAM.





Gi'e owre, gi'e owre wi'thy words o' mirth,
There's nae mirth in your heart;
To hide the deadlie thraws o' the breast,
Ye hae na yet the art.

I ken ye loed him wi? that luve,

.That maidens aften rue;
.Oh hard, hard was the heart, I wat,
That could be fause to you!

Wild is your e'e, Mary Cunningham!

Look na sae wild on me!

I cam to tell that your ance fause luve,
Is fause nae mair to ye.

Does he loe me yet? owre late, owre late,
Ye tell the blissfu? tale!

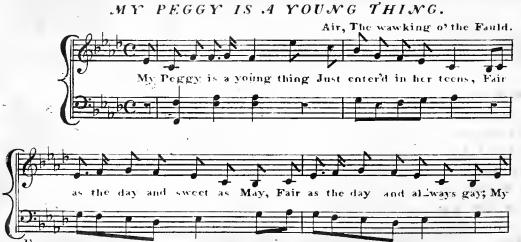
For the deadlie drug that burns my frame
Maun sune o'er life prevail.

Forgi'e, forgi'e, Mary Cunningham!

Heav'n sair has punish'd my sin!

We'll part nac mair, but like bridegroom and bride

We'll sleep the cauld yird within.





My Peggy smiles sae kindly.

Whene'er I whisper love,

That I look down on a' the town,

That I look down upon a crown;

My Peggy smiles sae kindly,

It makes me blyth and bauld,

And naething gi'es me sic delight

As wawking o' the fauld.

My Peggy sings sae saftly
When on my pipe 1 play;
By a' the rest it is conlest,
By a' the rest, that she sings best:
My Peggy sings sae saftly,
And in her sangs are tauld,
With innocence, the wale o' sense,
At wawking o' the fauld.

O FOR ANE AND TWENTY, TAM!



A gleib o' lan', a claut o' gear,

Was left me by my auntie, Tam;

At kith or kin 1 need-na spier,

An 1 saw ane an' twenty, Tam.

An' O for, &c.

They'll had me wed a wealthy cool,

They'll mysel had plenty, Tam;

But hear'st thou, laddie, there's my loof,

I'm thine at ane an' twenty, Tam.

An' O for, &c.

BALOO, BALOO, MY WIEE WEE THING.



Baloo, baloo, my wee wee thing.

O saftly close thy blinkin? e?e!

Baloo, baloo, my wee wee thing,

For thou art doubly dear to me.

Thy face is simple, sweet, and mild,

Like ony simmer c'ening 1a';

Thy sparkling c'e is bonnie black;

Thy neek is like the mountain snaw.

Baloo, baloo, my wee wee thing,
O saltly close thy blinkin' e'e!
Baloo, baloos my wee wee thing,
For thou art doubly dear to me.
O but thy daddie's absence lang,
Might break my dowie heart in twa,
Wert thou na left a dawtit pledge,
To steal the eeric hours awa!

^{*}This air is generally sung in Scotland by nurses when lulling children to sleep.

THE TOD.



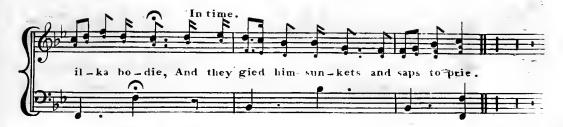
"I was down amang yon shepherd's scroggs,
I'd like to been worried by his dogs,
But, by my sooth! I minded his hogs
The night I cam to the town, O."

He's taen the grey goose by the green sleeve,
"Eh, ye auld witch! hae langer shall ye live;
Your flesh it is tender, your banes I maun prieve,
For that I cam to the toun, O?'

Up gat the auld wife out o' her bed,
And out o' the window she shot her auld head,
'Eh, gudeman! the grey goose is dead,
An' the tod has been i' the toun, O.'







A nivefu' o' meal, and handfu' o' groats,
A daud o' a bannock, or herring bree,
Cauld parritch, or the lickings o' plates,
Wad mak him blythe as a beggar could be.

This beggar he was a humble beggar,
The feint a bit o' pride had he,
He wad a ta'en his awms in a bicker
Frae gentleman or puir bodie.

His wallets ahint and afore did hang,
In as good order as wallets could be;
A lang kail-gully hung down by his side,
And a meikle nowt-horn to rout on had he.

It happen'd ill, it happen'd waur,
It happen'd sae that he did die,
And wha do ye think was at his late-wake,
But lads and lasses of a high degree.

Some were blythe, and some were sad, And some they play'd at Blind Harrie; But suddenly up-started the auld carle, "I rede you! good folks, tak tent o' me."

Up gat Kate that sat i' the nook,

"Vow kimmer, and how do ye?"

Up he gat, and ca'd her limmer,

And ruggit and tuggit her cockernonie.

They houkit his grave in Duket's kirk-yard, E'en fair fa' the companie; But whan they were gaun to lay him i' the yird, The feint a dead nor dead was he.

And when they brought him to Duket's kirk-yard,
He dunted on the kist, the boards did flee;
And when they were gaun to lay him i' the yird,
In fell the kist and out lap he.

He cry'd"I'm cauld, I'm unco cauld,"

Fu'fast ran the folk, and fu' fast ran he;
But he was first hame at his ain ingle-side,
And he helped to drink his ain dregie.



To hear him sing a canty air,

He lilts it o'er sae charmingly,

That in a moment aft flies care

When Willie gets his wig a-jec.

Let drones croon o'er a winter night.

A fig for them whae'er they be,

For I cou'd sit till morning light,

Wi' Willie and his wig a-jee.



The flowery spring leads sunny summer,

And yellow autumn presses near;

Then in his turn comes gloomy winter,

Till smiling spring again appear.

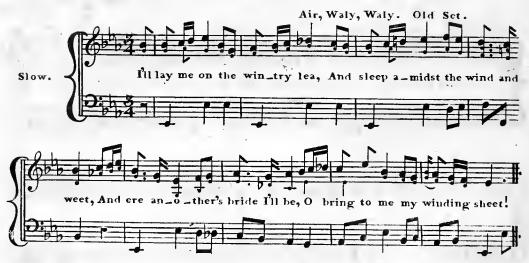
Thus seasons dancing, life advancing,

Old time and nature their changes tell;

But never ranging, still unchanging,

I adore my bonnie Bell.

I'LL LAY ME ON THE WINTRY LEA.



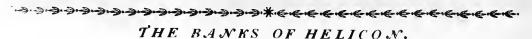
What can a hapless lassie do,

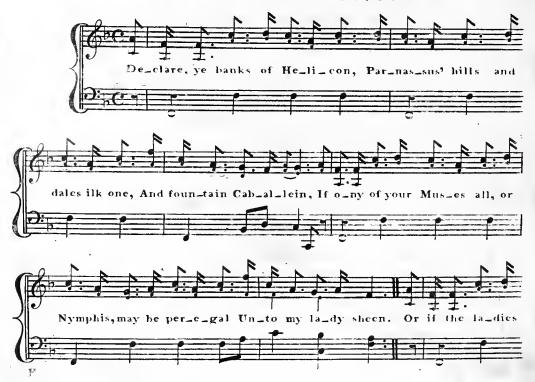
When ilka friend wad prove a foe,

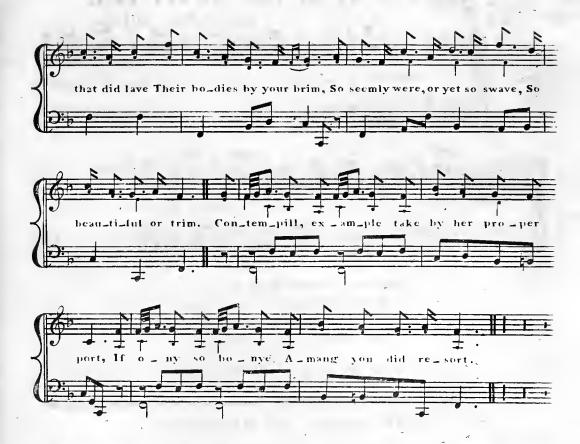
Wad gar her break her dearest vow,

To wed wi' ane she canna lo'e!

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No, no, Forsooth was never none,
That with this perfect paragon
In beauty might compare;
The Muses would have given the gree
To her as to the A per se,
And peerless pearl preclare;
With qualities and form divine,
By nature so decored;
As Goddess of all feminine,
Of men to be adored;
So blessed, that wished
She is in all men's thought,
As rarest and fairest
That ever nature wrought.

"It would exceed our limits to give the rest of the words; the original is in the Pepys Collection in the University of Cambridge. The melody must have been a favourite with our ancestors; for the stanza is a very common one in the works of our early poets. Many compositions, to the tune of The Banks of Helicon, are to be found in the Bannatyne MS preserved in the library of the Faculty of Advocates at Edinburgh, compiled 1568. It is, probably, the most ancient Scots tune of which the original words remain? Edinburgh Vocal Magazine, 1797.

THY FATHER, MY BAIRNIE.



They've stain thy Father, my dear loted bairn.

They've stain him down in you bonnie lea,

White herevas litting his voice to heaven.

For Scottand's weal, and for thee and me.

I listen'd long, and I listen'd late,

For the voice sac sweet and sac dear to me,
While thou my hairn, like an Angel slept,

And the tear stood glistening in my ee.

I listen'd lang, and I listen'd late,

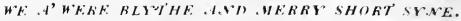
For the voice sae sweet and sae dear to me!

But sair'my heart foreboded, and said,

Thy Father, my bairnie, thou'lt never see.

For weel I ken'd o' puir Scotland's wrang,
An' a' the guilt and the treacherie!

And the han' and the sword that was lifted up,
Dooming the righteous a' to die!





A white, white rose, grew on you hill tap,
The fairest flower in a? Christendie;
It was a? for a laddie wha was to come
In a bonnie boat trae yout the sea.

O lang I look'd frac you hill tap,

For the bonnic laddic ayout the sea;

I tented the leaves of the white, white rose,

To twine a wreath for the laddic's bree.

The wind blew south, and the wind blew north, It brought the laddie trae yout the sease. But the white, white rose, it has wither'd syne, Its leaves lie scatter'd upon the lea.

The bonnic white rose has wither'd syne, It's leaves lye scatter'd upon the Jea, And the bonnic laddie, who cam to wear't, Daur no bide in his ain countrie.

I'll gather the leaves of the bonnie white rose,
And dew the buds wif my watery ee,
I'll keep them af for the laddie's sake,
The bonnie laddie ayout the sea.

A bonnie bird sits on you hill tap,
It sings at the simmers day to me,
I care na for the bonnie birds sang,
For I think on the laddie ayout the sea.

A bonnic bird sits on you hill tap, It sings at the simmers day to me, But 6h, gine its sang could wyle him back, The bonnic laddic ayout the sea.

At een 1 sit on you hill tap,

And aye I look out oer the sea,

For oh, gin 1 saw the bonnie boat,

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Her heart is gentle, warm, and kind;
Her form's not fairer than her mind;
Two sister beauties rarely join'd,
But join'd in lovely Mary.
As music from the distant steep,
As starlight on the silent deep,
So are my passions lull'd asleep
By love for bonnie Mary.



No more for their cause, shall the trumpet be blown,

Nor their followers crowd to the field;

Their hopes were all wreck'd when Culloden was won,

And the fate of their destiny seal'd.

Cold, cold is that heart which could stand der his grave, Nor think of their fate with a sigh,

That the glory of kings, like a wreck from the wave, Here lone and deserted must lie.



O we hae wander'd far an' wide,
O'er Scotia's land of firth an' fell,
An' mony a simple flower we've cull'd,
An' twined them wi' the heather-bell:
We've ranged the dingle an' the dell,
The hamlet an' the baron's ha',
Now-let us tak a kind farewell,
Good night an' joy be wi' you a'.

Ye hae been kind as I was keen,
And follow'd where I led the way,
Till ilka poet's lore we've seen
Of this an' mony a former day.
If e'er I led your steps astray
Forgie your minstrel ance for a'
A tear fa's wi' his parting lay
Good night an' joy be wi' you a'.

END OF VOLUME SIXTH.