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Katharine Ogie.

A Swalking forth to view * the plain,
Upon a morning early,
While May's fweet scent did chear my brain,
From flowers which grow so rarely,
I chanc'd to meet a pretty maid:
She shin'd tho' it was fogie;
I ask'd her name; Sweet Sir, she said,
My name is Kath'rine Ogie.

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I stood a while, and did admire,

To see a nymph so stately;
So brisk an air there did appear

In this dear maid so neatly:
Such nat'ral sweetness she display'd,
Like lillies in a bogie;
Diana's self was ne'er array'd
Like this same Kath'rine Ogie.

Thou flow'r of females, beauty's queen,
Who sees thee, sure must prize thee;
Tho' thou art dress'd in robes but mean,
Yet these cannot disguise thee:
Thy handsome air, and graceful look,
Excels a clownish rogie;
Thou'rt match for laird, or lord, or duke,
My charming Kath'rine Ogie.

O were I but some shep-herd swain!
To feed my flock beside thee,
At boughting-time to leave the plain,
In milking to abide thee;
I'd think myself a happier man,
With Kate, my club, and dogie,
Than he that hugs his thousands ten,
Had I but Kath'rine Ogie.

Then I'd despise th' imperial throne,
And statesmen's dang'rous stations:
I'd be no king, I'd wear no crown,
I'd smile at conqu'ring nations;
Might I cares and still possess
This lass of whom I'm vogie;
For these are toys, and still look less,
Compar'd with Kath'rine Ogie.

I fear the gods have not decreed

For me so fine a creature,

Whose beauty rare makes her exceed

All other works in nature.

Clouds of despair surround my love,

That are both dark and sogie:

Pity my case, ye pow'rs above,

I' die for Kath'rine Ogie.

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Blathrie o't.

HEN I think on this warld's pelf,
And the little wee share I have o't to myself,
And how the lass that wants it is by the lads forgot,
May the shame fa' the gear, and the blathrie o't.

Jockie was the ladie that held the pleugh, But now he's got gowd and gear eneugh; He thinks nae mair of me that weirs the plaiden coat; May the shame, &c. Jenny was the lassie that mucked the byre, But now she is clad in her silken attire, And Jockie says he loes her, and swears he's me forgot, May the shame, &c.

But all this shall ne'er danton me,
Sae lang as I keep my fancy free:
For the lad that's sae inconstant, he is not worth a groat;
May the shame sa' the gear, and the blathrie o't.

The Birks of Invermay.

Invite the tuneful birds to fing;
And while they warble from each spray,
Love melts the universal lay.
Let us, Amanda, timely wise,
Like them, improve the hour that flies;
And in soft raptures waste the day
Among the birks of Invermay.

For soon the winter of the year,
And age, life's winter, will appear;
At this thy living bloom will fade,
As that will strip the verdant shade;
Our taste of pleasure then is o'er,
The feather'd songsters are no more;
And when they droop, and we decay,
Adieu the birks of Invermay.

Behold the hills and vales around,
With lowing herds and flocks abound;
The wanton kids, and frisking lambs,
Gambol and dance about their dams;
The busy bees with humming noise,
And all the reptile kind rejoice:
Let us, like them, then sing and play
About the birks of Invermay.

Hark, how the waters, as they fall,
Loudly my love to gladness call;
The wanton waves sport in the beams,
And sishes play throughout the streams;
The circling sun does now advance,
And all the planets round him dance:
Let us as jovial be as they
Among the birks of Invernay.

Besty Bell and Mary Gray.

O Bessy Bess and Mary Gray,
They are two bonny lasses,
They bigg'd a bower on you burn brae,
And theek'd it o'er with rashes.
Fair Bessy Bess, I loo'd yestreen,
And thought I ne'er cou'd alter;
But Mary Gray's two pawky een,
They gar my fancy falter.

Now Bessy's hair's like a lint-tap;
She smiles like a May morning,
When Pharbus starts frae Thetis' lap,
The hills with rays adorning:
White is her neck, saft is her hand,
Her waist and feet's su' genty;
With ilka grace she can command:
Her lips, O wow! they're dainty.

And Mary's locks are like a craw,

Her een like diamonds glances;

She's ay sae clean, redd up, and braw,

She kills whene'er she dances;

Blyth as a kid, with wit at will,

She blooming, tight, and tall is;

And guides her airs sae gracefu' still,

O Jove, she's like thy Pallas.

Dear Bessy Bess and Mary Gray,
Ye unco sair oppress us;
Our fancies jee between you twa,
Ye are sie bonny lasses:
Wae's me, for baith I canna get,
To ane by law we're stinted;
Then I'll draw cuts, and tak my sate,
And be with ane contented.





Peaty's Mill.

HE lass of Peaty's mill,
So bonny, blyth, and gay,
In spite of all my skill,
Hath stole my heart away,
When tedding of the hay,
Bear-headed on the green,
Love 'midst her locks did play,
And wanton'd in her e'em.

Her arms white, round, and smooth,
Breasts rising in their dawn,
To age it wou'd give youth,
To press'em with his hand.
Thro' all my spirits ran
An extasy of bliss,
When I such sweetness fand,
Wrapt in a balmy kiss.

Without the help of art,

Like flow'rs which grace the wild,

She did her sweets impart,

When e'er she spoke or smil'd.

Her looks they were so mild,

Free from affected pride,

She me to love beguil'd,

I wish'd her for my bride.

O had I all that wealth

Hopetoun's high mountains fill,
Insur'd long life and health,
And pleasures at my will;
I'd promise and fulfil,
That none but bonny she,
The lass of Peaty's mill,
Shou'd share the same with me.

Fee him, Father, fee him.

:S:

Saw ye Johnie cummin, quo'she;
Saw ye Johnie cummin, :S:
O saw ye Johnie cummin, quo'she;
Saw ye Johnie cummin,
Wi' his blue bonnet on his head,
And his doggie runnin, quo'she;
And his doggie runnin.

:S:

Fee him, father, fee him, quo' she;
Fee him, father, fee him: :S:
For he is a gallant lad,
And a' well doin;
And a' the wark about the house
Gaes wi' me when I see him, quo' she;
Wi'me, when I see him.

What will I do wi' him, hussy, What will I do wi' him:

He's ne'er a sark upon his back,
And I hae nane to gi'e him.
I ha'e twa sarks into my kist,
And ane o' them I'll gi'e him;
And for a mark of mair see
Dinna stand wi' him, quo' she;
Dinna stand wi' him.

:S:

For well do I lo'e him, quo' she;

Well do I lo'e him: :S:

O see him, father, see him, quo' she;

Fee him, father, see him;

He'll had the pleugh, thrash in the barn,

And lie wi' me at e'en, quo' she:

Lie wi' me at e'en.

Low down in the Broom.

He'll nae twin wi' his gear;

My minny she's a scalding wife,

Hads a' the house afteer;

But let them say, or let them do,

It's a ane to me;

For be's low down, 'he's in the broom

That's waiting on me,

Waiting on me, my love,

He's waiting on me,

For he's low down, he's in the broom

That's waiting on me.

My aunty Kate sits at her wheel,
And sair she lightlies me;
But weel ken I it's a' envy;
For ne'er a jo has she.
But let them say, &c.

My cousin Kate was sair beguil'd.

Wi' Johnie in the glen;

And aye since-syne, she cries, beware

Of salse deluding men.

But let ber say, &c.

Glee'd Sandy he came wast ae night
And speer'd when I saw Pate,
And aye since-syne the neighbours round
They jeer me air and late.
But let them say, or let them do,
It's a' ane to me;
For I'll gae to the bonny lad
That's waiting on me;
Waiting on me, my love,
He's waiting on me;
For he's low down, he's in the broom.
That's waiting on me.

The last Time I came o'er the Moor.

I left my love behind me;
Ye pow'rs! what pain do I endure,
When soft ideas mind me!
Soon as the ruddy morn display'd
The beaming day ensuing,
I met betimes my lovely maid,
In fit retreats for wooing.

Beneath the cooling shade we lay,
Gazing and chastly sporting;
We kiss'd and promis'd time away,
Till night spread her black curtain.
I pitied all beneath the skies,
Ev'n kings, when she was nigh me;
In raptures I beheld her eyes,
Which could but ill deny me.

Shou'd I be call'd where cannons roar,
Where mortal steel may wound me,
Or cast upon some foreign shore,
Where dangers may surround me;

Yet hopes again to see my love,

To feast on glowing kisses,

Shall make my cares at distance move,

In prospect of such blisses.

In all my soul there's not one place

To let a rival enter:

Since she excels in every grace,

In her my love shall center:

Sooner the seas shall cease to flow,

Their waves the Alps shall cover,

On Greenland ice shall roses grow,

Before I cease to love her.

The next time I go o'er the moor,
She shall a lover find me;
And that my faith is firm and pure,
Tho' I left her behind me:
Then Hymen's facred bonds shall chain
My heart to her fair bosom,
There, while my being does remain,
My love more fresh shall blossom.





Ah! Chloris.

To the Tune of Gilder Roy.

A! Chloris, cou'd I now but sit
As unconcern'd, as when
Your infant beauty cou'd beget
No happiness nor pain.
When I this dawning did admire,
And prais'd the coming day,
I little thought that rising sire
Wou'd take my rest away.

Your charms in harmless childhood lay,
As metals in a mine,
Age from no face takes more away,
Than youth conceal'd in thine:

But as your charms insensible.

To their perfection prest;

So love as unperceiv'd did fly,

And center'd in my breast.

My passion with your beauty grew,
While Cupid at my heart,
Still as his mother favour'd you,
Threw a new slaming dart.
Each gloried in their wanton part;
To make a lover, he
Employ'd the utmost of his art;
To make a beauty, she.

Hooly and fairly.

O H! what had I ado for to marry;

My wifeshedranksnaithing but sack and canary:

I to her friends complained right airly:

O gin my wife wad drank booly and fairly,

Hooly and fairly, booly and fairly;

O gin my wife wad drank booly and fairly.

First she drank Crummie, and syne she drank Garie; Now she has drunken my bonny grey mairie, That carried me thro' the dub and the lairie: O gin my wife, &c.

If she'd drink but her ain things I wad na much care, She drinks my claiths I canna well spare; To the kirk and the market I gang fu' barely:

O gin my wife, &c.

If there's ony filler, the maun keep the purse; If I seek but a baubce she'll scauld and she'll curse: She gangs like a queen, I scrimped and sparely:

O gin my wife, &.

I never was given to wrangling nor strife;
Nor e'er did resuse her the comforts of life:
E'er it come to a war I'm ay for a parley:
O gin my wife, &c.

A pint wi' her cummers I wad her allow;
But when she sits down the sills herself fow;
And when she is fow she's unco comsterie:

O gin my wife, &c.

And when she comes hame she lays on the lads; She ca's the lasses baith limmers and jades; And I my ain sell an auld canker'd carlie; Ogin my wife wad drink booly and fairly, Hooly and fairly, booly and fairly; Ogin my wife wad drink booly and fairly.

She rose and loot me in.

And gloomy were the skies;

Of glitt'ring stars appear'd no more,

Than those in Nelly's eyes;

When to her father's door I came,

Where I had often been,

I begg'd my fair, my lovely dame,

To rise and let me in.

But she, with accents all divine,
Did my fond suit reprove;
And while she chid my rash design,
She but instam'd my love.
Her beauty oft had pleas'd before,
While her bright eyes did roll:
But virtue only had the pow'r
To charm my very soul.

Then who wou'd cruelly deceive,
Or from such beauty part;
I lov'd her so, I could not leave
The charmer of my heart.
My eager fondness I obey'd,
Resolv'd she should be mine,
Till Hymen to my arms convey'd
My treasure so divine.

Now happy in my Nelly's love,
Transporting is my joy;
No greater blessing can I prove;
So blest a man am I.
For beauty may a while retain,
The conquer'd slutt'ring heart,
But virtue only is the chain
Holds never to depart.

Ann thou were my ain Thing.

Ann thou were my ain thing,
I would love thee, I would love thee;
Ann thou were my ain thing,
How dearly would I love thee!

O I wou'd clasp thee in my arms,
And I'd secure thee from all harms;
For above mortal thou hast charms:
How dearly do I love thee!

Ann thou were, &c.

Ann thou were, &c.

Of race divine thou needs must be; Since nothing earthly equals thee: For Heaven's sake then pity me, Who only lives to love thee. Ann thou were, &c. The gods one thing peculiar have,

To ruin none whom they can fave;

O for their fake support a slave,

Who ever on shall love thee.

Ann thou were, &c.

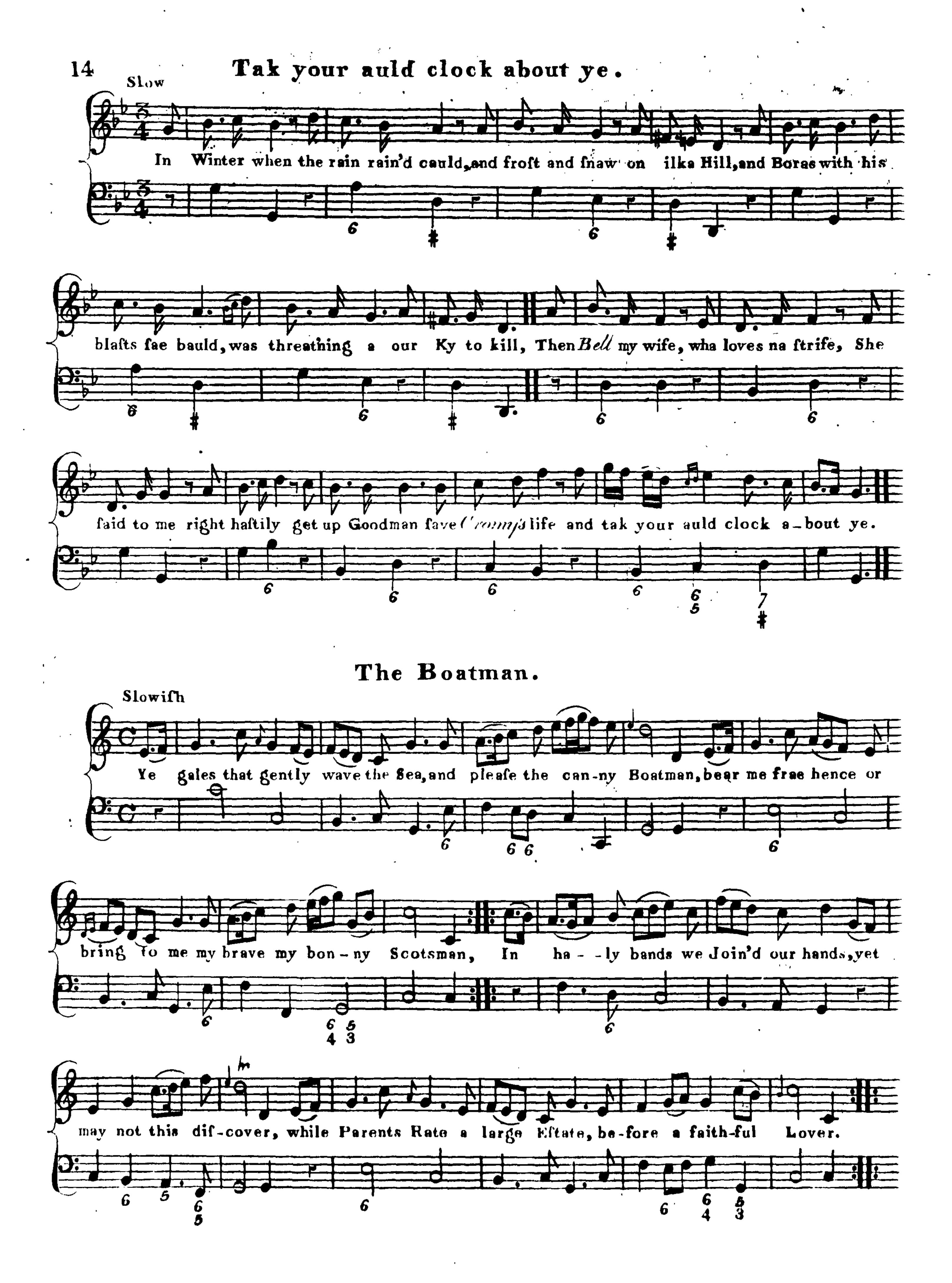
To merit I no claim can make,
But that I love, and for your sake
What man can name I'll undertake;
So dearly do I love thee.

Ann thou were, &c.

My passion, constant as the sun,
Flames stronger still, will ne'er have done,
Till Fate my thread of life have spun,
Which breathing out I'll love thee.

Ann thou were, &c.





Tak your auld Cloak about ye.

And frost and snaw on ilka hill,
And Boreas, with his blasts sae bauld,
Was threat'ning a' our ky to kill;
Then Bell my wise, wha loves nae strife,
She said to me right hastily,
Get up, good man, save Cromie's life,
And tak your auld cloak about ye.

My Cromie is an useful cow,
And she is come of a good kyne;
Aft has she wet the bairn's mou,
And I am laith that she should tyne;
Get up, good man, it is fou time,
'The sun shines in the list sae hie;
Sloth never made a gracious end,
Go tak your auld cloak about ye.

My cloak was anes a good grey cloak,
When it was fitting for my wear;
But now its scantly worth a groat,
For I have worn't this thirty year;
Let's spend the gear that we have won,
We little ken the day we'll die;
Then I'll be proud, since I have sworn
To have a new cloak about me.

In days when our King Robert rang,
His trews they cost but haff a crown;
He said they were a groat o'er dear,
And call'd the taylor thief and loun.

He was the king that wore a crown,
And thou the man of laigh degree,
'Tis pride puts a' the country down,
Sae tak thy auld cloak about ye.

Every land has its ain laugh,

Ilk kind of corn it has its hool,

I think the warld is a' run wrang,

When ilka wife her man wad rule;

Do ye not see Rob, Jock, and Hab,

As they are girded gallantly,

While I sit hurklen in the ase;

I'll have a new cloak about me.

Good man, I wat 'tis thirty years
Since we did ane anither ken;
And we have had between us twa
Of lads and bonny lasses ten:
Now they are women grown and men,
I wish and pray well may they be;
And if you prove a good husband,
E'en tak your auld cloak about ye.

Bell my wife, she loves na strife;
But she wad guide me, if she can,
And to maintain an easy life,
I ast maun yield, tho' I'm good man:
Nought's to be won at woman's hand,
Unless ye give her a' the plea;
Then I'll leave aff where I began,
And tak my auld cloak about me.

The Boat-man.

And please that gently wave the sea,
And please the canny boat-man,
Bear me frae hence, or bring to me
My brave, my bonny Scot-man:
In haly bands we join'd our hands,
Yet may not this discover,
While parents rate a large estate
Before a faithfu' lover.

But I loor chuse in Highland glens
To herd the kid and goat---man,
Ere I cou'd for sie little ends
Resule my bonny Scot---man.

Wae worth the man wha first began The base ungen'rous fashion, Frae greedy views love's art to use, While strangers to its passion.

Frae foreign fields, my lovely youth,

Haste to thy longing lassie,

Wha pants to press thy bawmy mouth,

And in her bosom hawse thee.

Love gi'es the word, then haste on board,

Fair winds and tenty boat-man;

Wast o'er, wast o'er frae yonder shore,

My blyth, my bonny Scot---man.

Nansy's to the green Wood gane.

To hear the Goodspink chatt'ring,
And Willie he has follow'd her,
To gain her love by flatt'ring:
But a' that he could flay or do,
She gook'd and scorned at him;
And ay when he began to woo,
She bid him mind wha gat him.

What ails ye at my dad, quoth he,
My minny, or my aunty?
With crowdy-mowdy they fed me,
Lang kail, and ranty-tanty:
With bonnocks of good barley meal,
Of that there was right plenty,
With chapped stocks fou butter'd well;
And was not that right dainty?

Altho' my father was nae laird,
'Tis dassin to be vaunty,
He heepit ay a good kail yard,
A ha' house and a pantry:
A good blue bonnet on his head,
An owrlay 'bout his cragy,
And ay until the day he di'd
He rade on good shanks nagy.

Now was and wander on your mout,
Wad ye has bonny Naufy?
Wad ye compare ye'rfell to me,
A docken till a tansie?

I have a wooer of my ain,
They ca' him souple Sandy,
And well I wat his bonny mou'
Is sweet like sugar-candy.

Wow, Nansy, what needs a' this din?

Do I not ken this Sandy?

I'm sure the chief of a' his kin

Was Rab the beggar randy:

His minny Meg upo' her back

Bare baith him and his billy;

Will ye compare a nasty pack

To me your winsome Willy?

My gutcher left a good braid sword,
Tho' it be auld and rusty,
Yet ye may tak it on my word,
It is baith stout and trusty;
And if I can but get it drawn,
Which will be right uneasy,
I shall lay baith my lugs in pawn,
That he mall get a heezy.

Then Narly furn'd her round about,
And faid, Did Sindy hear ye,
Ye wadna miss to get a clout;
I ken he defna scar ye:
Sae had ye'r tongue and say nae mair,
Set somewhere else your sancy;
For as lang's Sandy's to the fore
Ye never shall get Nansy,

Tweed Side.

HAT be uties does Plana disclose?
How sweet are her similes upon Tweed?
Yet Many ' "I sweeter than those;
Both nature and range creed.
Not daily, nor sweet blushing rose,
Not all the any slow'rs of the field,
Not Tweed gliding gently thro' those,
Such beauty and pleasure does yield.

The limit, the lack, and the thruth,
The limit, the lack, and the thruth,
The blackbird, and tweet cooing dove,
With mutic erchant every buth.
Come, let us go forth to the mead,
Let's fee how the primitofes fpring,
We'll lodge in fome village on Tweed,
And love while the feather'd folks fing.

How does my love pass the long day?

Does Mary not zend a sew sheep?

Do they never carelessly stray,

While happily she lies asseep?

Tweed's murmurs should full her to rest;

Kind nature indulging my bliss,

To ease the soft pains of my breast,

I'd steal an ambrosial kits.

Tis she does the virgins excel,

No beauty with her may compare;
Love's graces all round her do dwell,

She's fairest, where thousands are fair.

Say, charmer, where do thy slocks stray?

Oh! tell me at noon where they seed;

Is it on the sweet winding Tay,

Or pleasanter banks of the Tweed?





For laik of Gold she left me.

And of all that's dear bereft me;

She me forfook for a great duke,

And to endless care has lest me, oh!

A star and garter has more art

Than youth, a true and faithful heart;

For empty titles we must part;

And for glitt'ring show she lest me, oh!

No cruel fair shall ever move
My injur'd heart again to love;
Thro' distant climates I must rove,
Since Jeanie she has left me, oh!
Ye pow'rs above, I to your care
Commit my lovely, charming fair;
Your choicest blessings on her share,
Tho' she's for ever left me, oh!

The Bush aboon Traquair.

I I EAR me, ye nymphs, and every swain,
I'll tell how Peggy grieves me:
Tho' thus I languish, and complain,
Alas! she ne'er believes me.
My vows and sighs, like silent air,
Unheeded never move her;
The bonny bush aboon Traquair,
Was where I first did love her.

That day she smil'd, and made me glad,
No maid seem'd ever kinder;
I thought myself the luckiest lad,
So sweetly there to find her.
I try'd to sooth my am'rous slame,
In words that I thought tender:
If more there pass'd, I'm not to blame,
I meant not to offend her.

Yet now she scornful slees the plain;
The fields we then frequented;
If e'er we meet she shews disdain,
She looks as ne'er acquainted.
The bonny bush bloom'd fair in May,
Its sweets I'll ay remember;
But now her frowns make it decay;
It sades as in December.

Ye rural pow'rs, who hear my strains,
Why thus should Peggy grieve me?
Oh! make her partner in my pains;
Then let her smiles relieve me.
If not, my love will turn despair,
My passion no more tender;
I'll leave the bush aboon Traquair;
To lonely wilds I'll wander.

Corn Riggs.

His mind is never muddy;
His breath is sweeter than new hay,
His face is fair and ruddy.
His shape is handsome, middle size;
He's stately in his wawking:
The shining of his een surprise;
'Tis heav'n to hear him tawking.

Last night I met him on a bawk,
Where yellow corn was growing,
There mony a kindly word he spake,
That set my heart a-glowing.

He kisid, and vow'd he wad be mine;
And loo'd me best of ony;
That gars me like to sing sinsyne,
"O corn riggs are bonny."

Let maidens of a filly mind
Refuse what maist they're wanting,
Since we for yielding are design'd,
We chastly should be granting;
Then I'll comply, and marry Pate,
And syne my cokernony,
He's free to touzle air or late,
Where corn riggs are bonny.

* The Letters and Syllables in this Song, in Italic Characters, are to be left out by the second Voice.

The Broom of the Cowdenknows.

I OW blyth was I each morn to see
My swain come o'er the hill!
He leap'd the brook, and slew to me;
I met him with good-will.
O, the broom, the bonny bonny broom;
The broom of the Cowdenknows;
I wish I were with my dear swain,
With his pipe and my ewes.

I neither wanted ewe nor lamb,
When his flocks round me lay:
He gather'd in my sheep at night,
And chear'd me all the day.

O, the broom, &cc.

He tun'd his pipe and reed so sweet,
The birds stood list'ning by;
The sleecy sheep stood still and gaz'd,
Charm'd with his melody.

O, the broom, &c.

While thus we spent our time by turns,
Betwixt our flocks and play;
I envy'd not the fairest dame,
Tho' e'er so rich and gay.

O, the broom, &c.

He did oblige me ev'ry hour,
Cou'd I but faithful be?
He stole my heart, cou'd I resuse
Whate'er he ask'd of me?

O, the broom, &c.

Hard fate that I must banish'd be,
Gang heavily and mourn,
Because I lov'd the kindest swain
That ever yet was born.
O, the broom, the bonny bonny broom,
Where last was my repose:
I wish I were with my dear swain,
With his pipe and my erves.





Amynta.

To the Tune of My Apron dearie.

Y sheep I've forsaken, and left my sheep-hook,
And all the gay haunts of my youth I forsook;
No more for Amynta fresh garlands I wove,
For ambition, I said, wou'd soon cure me of love.

O what had my youth with ambition to do?

Why left I Amynta? why broke I my vow?

O give me my sheep, and my sheep-hook restore,
I'll wander from love and Amynta no more.

Through regions remote, in vain do I rove, And bid the wide ocean secure me from love; O fool, to imagine, that ought can subdue A love so well founded, a passion so true!

O what had my youth, &c.

Alas! 'tis too late at thy fate to repine!

Poor shepherd! Amynta no more can be thine;
Thy tears are all fruitless, thy wishes are vain;
The moments neglected return not again.

O what had my youth with ambition to do?

Why lest 1 Amynta? why broke 1 my vow?

O give me my sheep, and my sheep book restore,
I'll wand r from love and Amynta no more.

There's my Thumb I'll ne'er beguile Thee.

BETTY early gone a-maying,
Met her lover Willie straying;
Drift or chance, no matter whether,
Thus we know he reason'd with her:
Mark, dear maid, the turtles cooing,
Fondly billing, kindly wooing;
See how ev'ry bush discovers,
Happy pairs of feather'd lovers.

See the opining blushing roses, All their secret charms discloses; Sweet's the time, ah! short's the measure; O their sleeting hasty pleasure! Quickly we must snatch the favour Of their soft and fragrant slavour; They bloom to-day, they sade to-morrow, Droop their heads, and die in sorrow.

Time, my Bess, will leave no traces
Of those beauties, of those graces;
Youth and love forbid our staying;
Love and youth abhor delaying;
Dearest maid, nay, do not sly me;
Let your pride no more deny me;
Never doubt your faithful Willie,
There's my thumb I'll ne'er beguile thee.

The yellow-hair'd Laddie.

In April, when primroses paint the sweet plain, And summer approaching rejoiceth the swain; The yellow bair'd laddie would oftentimes go To wilds and deep glens, where the hawthorn trees grow.

There, under the shade of an old sacred thorn, With freedom he sung his loves evining and morn: He sang with so saft and inchanting a sound, That silvans and sairies unseen danc'd around.

The shepherd thus sung, Tho' young Mary be fair, Her beauty is dash'd with a scornfu' proud air, But Sufie was handsome, and sweetly could sing, Her breath like the breezes perfum'd in the spring.

That Maddie, in all the gay bloom of her youth, Like the moon was inconstant, and neverspoke truth; But Susse was faithful, good humour'd, and free, And fair as the goddess who sprung from the sea.

That mama's fine daughter, with all her great dow'r, Was aukwardly airy, and frequently four; Then sighing, he wished, would parents agree, The witty sweet Susie his mistress might be.

Hey, Jenny, come down to Jock.

JOCK? he came here to woo,
On ae feast-day when we were fou;
And Jenny pat on her best array,
When she heard that Jocky was come that way.

Jenny she gaid up the stair,

Sae privily to change her smock;
And ay sae loud as her mither did rair,

Hey, Jenny, come down to Jock.

Jenny she came down the stair,
And she came bakein and bingein ben.
Her stays they were lac'd, and her waist it was jimp,
And a braw well-made mante gown.

Jocky's ta'en her by the hand,
Says, bonny lass, will ye fancy me?
My father is dead, and has left me some land,
Wi' braw houses, twa or three;

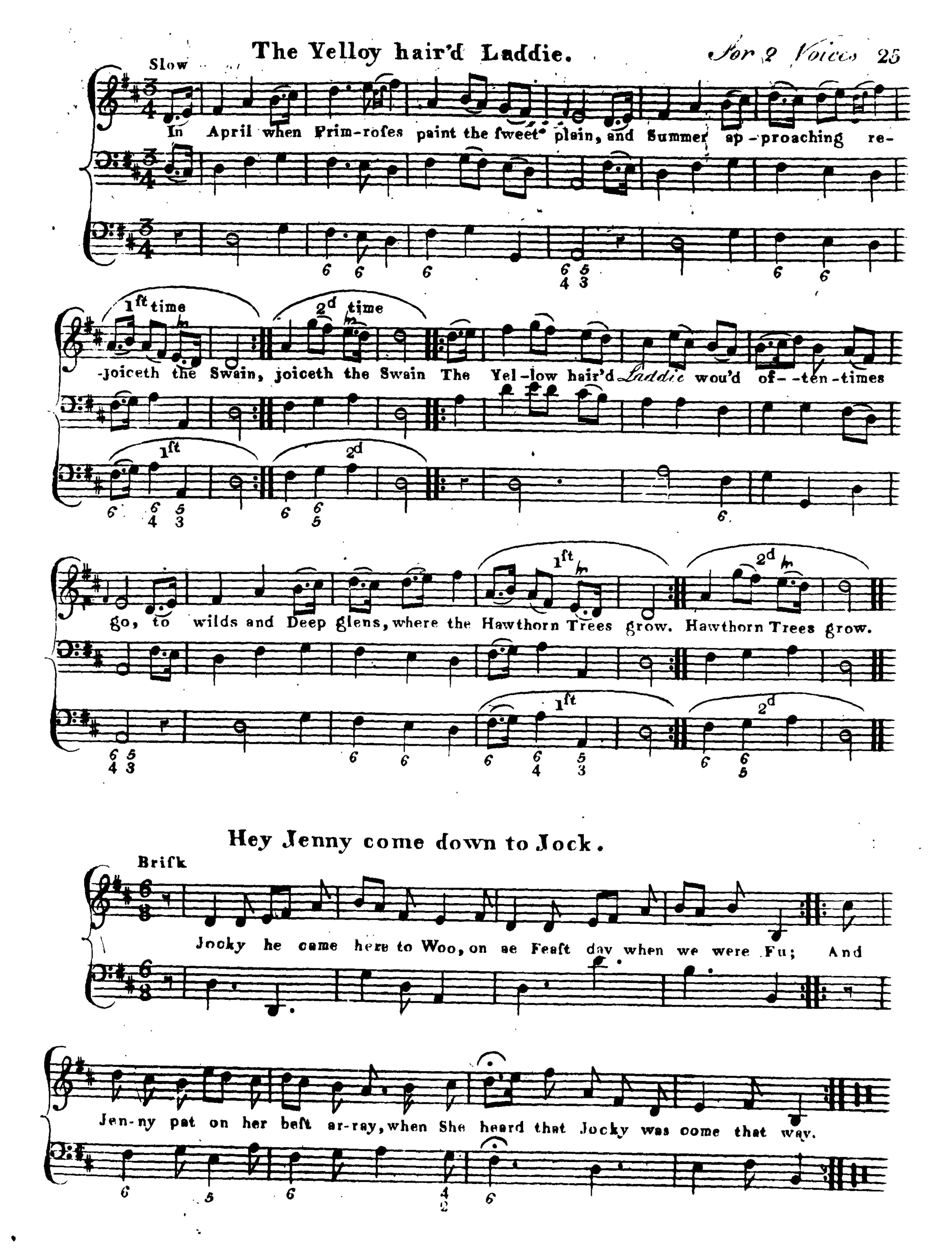
And I will gi' them a' to you.

A heath, quoth Jenny, I fear ye mock.

Then foul fa' me gin it be na true,

If ye'll be my Jenny, I'll be your Jock.

Jenny she's gane up th' gate,
And a' her coats as white as her smock;
And ae sa loud as her mither did cry,
Wow, sirs, has na Jenny got Jock.





Down the Burn Davie.

When Mary was compleat fifteen,
And love laugh'd in her eye;
Blyth Davie's blinks her heart did move,
To speak her mind thus free,

Gang down the burn, Davie, love,
And I shall follow thee.

Now Davie did each lad furpass,

That dwelt on yon burn-side,

And Mary was the bonniest lass,

Just meet to be a bride;

Her cheeks were rosy, red and white,

Her een were bonny blue;

Her looks were like Aurora bright,

Her lips like dropping dew.

As down the burn they took their way,
What tender tales they faid!
His cheek to her's he aft did lay,
And with her bosom play'd;
Till baith at length impatient grown
To be mair fully blest,
In yonder vale they lean'd them down;
Love only saw the rest.

What pass'd, I guess, was harmless play,
And naithing sure unmeet:
For, ganging hame, I heard them say,
They lik'd a wa'k sae sweet:
And that they aften shou'd return,
Sic pleasure to renew.
Quoth Mary, Love, I like the burn,
And ay shall follow you.

I'll never leave thee.

NE day I heard Mary say,
How shall I leave thee?

Stay, dearest Adonis, stay,
Why wilt thou grieve me?

Alas! my fond heart will break;
If thou should leave me;

I'll live and die for thy sake,
Yet never leave thee.

Say, lovely Adonis, say,

Has Mary deceiv'd thee?

Did e'er her young heart betray

New love to grieve thee?

My constant mind ne'er shall stray,

Thou may believe me;

I'll love thee, lad, night and day,

And never leave thee.

Adonis, my charming youth,
What can relieve thee?
Can Mary thy anguish soothe?
This breast shall receive thee.
My passion can ne'er decay,
Never deceive thee:
Delight shall drive pain away,
Pleasure revive thee.

But leave thee, ---leave thee, lad,
How shall I leave thee?

O! that thought makes me sad;
I'll never leave thee.

Where would my Adonis sly?

Why does he grieve me?

Alas! my poor heart will die,
If I should leave thee.

Peggy I must love thee.

S from a rock, past all relief,
The shipwrackt Colin spying.
His native soil, o'ercome with grief,
Half sunk in waves, and dying;
With the next morning sun he spies
A ship, which gives unhop'd surprise;
New life springs up, he lifts his eyes
With joy, and waits her motion:

So when by her, whom long I lov'd,
I scorn'd was, and described;
Low with despair my spirits mov'd,
To be for ever parted:
Thus droop'd I, till diviner grace
I sound in Peggy's mind and sace;
Ingratitude appear'd then base,
But virtue more engaging.

Then now, fince happily I've hit,

I'll have no more delaying;
Let beauty yield to manly wit,

We lose ourselves in staying:
I'll haste dull courtship to a close,
Since marriage can my fears oppose:
Why shou'd we happy minutes lose,
Since, Peggy, I must love thee?

Men may be foolish, if they please,
And deem't a lover's duty
To sigh, and sacrifice their ease,
Doating on a proud beauty:
Such was my case for many a year,
Still hope succeeding to my fear;
False Betty's charms now disappear,
Since Peggy's far outshine them.

Wce's my Heart that we should sunder.

ITH broken words, and downcast eyes,
Poor Colin spoke his passion tender;
And, parting with his Grisy, cries,
Ah! woe's my heart that we should sunder!
To others I am cold as snow,
But kindle with thine eyes like tinder:
From thee with pain I'm forc'd to go;
It breaks my heart that we shou'd sunder.

Chain'd to thy charms, I cannot range;
No beauty new my love shall hinder;
Nor time, nor place, shall ever change
My vows, tho' we're oblig'd to sunder.

The image of thy graceful air,
And beauties which invites our wonder;
Thy lively wit, and prudence rare,
Shall still be present, tho we sunder.

Dear nymph, believe thy swain in this,
You'll ne'er engage a heart that's kinder;
Then seal a promise with a kiss,
Always to love me, tho' we sunder.
Ye gods, take care of my dear lass,
That as I leave her I may find her:
When that blest time shall come to pass,
We'll meet again, and never sunder.





it was for a Le-dy gay, that liv'd on Carron Side.

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yet his mickle pride;

But

The cause of all my woe!---O
That beauty which has won my heart,
She scarcely seems to know---O:
Unskill'd in art of womankind,
Without design she charms---O;
How can those sparkling eyes be blind,
Which every bosom warms---O?

She knows her pow'r is all deceit,
The conscious blushes shows---O,
Those blushes to the eye more sweet
Than th' op'ning budding rose---O:

Yet the delicious fragrant role,
That charms the sense so much---O,
Upon a thorny briar grows,
And wounds with ev'ry touch---O.

At first when I beheld the fair,

With raptures I was bless'd---O;

But as I wou'd approach more near,

At once I lost my rest---O;

Th' inchanting sight, the sweet surprise,

Prepare me for my doom---O;

One cruel look from those bright eyes

Will lay me in my tomb---O.

Gill Morice.

ILL Morice was an earl's son,

His name it waxed wide;

It was nae for his great riches,

Nor yet his meikle pride;

S: But it was for a lady gay

S:: That liv'd on Carron side.

Where will I get a bonny boy,
That will win hose and shoon,
That will gae to Lord Barnard's ha',
And bid his lady cum?
Ye maun rin this errand, Willie,
And ye may rin wi' pride;
When other boys gae on their feet,
On horseback ye sall ride.

Oh no! Oh no! my master dear!

I dare nae for my life;
I'll nae gae to the bauld baron's

For to tryst furth his wife.

My bird Willie, my boy Willie,

My dear Willie, he said,

How can ye strive against the stream?

For I sall be obey'd.

But, Oh my master dear! he cry'd,
In green wood ye're your lain,
Gi' o'er sic thoughts, I wou'd ye red,
For fear ye shou'd be ta'en.
Haste, haste, I say, gae to the ha',
Bid her come here wi' speed;
If ye resuse my high command,
I'll gar thy body bleed.

Gae bid her tak this gay mantel, 'Tis a' goud but the hem;

Bid her cum to the good greed wood,
And bring nane but her lain:
And there it is; a filken fark;
Her ain hand few'd the fleeve;
And bid her cum to Gill Morice;
Speer nae bauld baron's leave.

Yes, I will gae your black errand,
Tho' it be to thy cost;
Sen ye by me will nae be warn'd,
In it ye sall find frost.
The baron he's a man of might,
He ne'er could 'bide a taunt,
As ye will see before it's night,
How sma' ye'll hae to vaunt.

Now, sen I maun your errand rin,
Sae sair against my will,
I's mak a vow, and keep it true,
It sal be done for ill.
And when he came to broken brigg,
He bent his bow and swam;
And when he came to grass growing,
Set down his seet and ran.

And when he came to Barnard's ha',

Wau'd neither chap nor ca';

Bot fet his bent bow to his breist,

And lightly lap the wa'.

He wau'd tell nac man his errand,

'Tho' two stood at the gate;

Bot stright into the ha' he cam,

Whair grit folks sat at meat.

Hail! hail! my gentle sire and dame! My message winna' wait;

Dame, ye maun to the green wood gang,
Before that it be late;
Ye're bidden tak this gay mantel,
'Tis a' goud but the hem:
You maun gae to the good green wood
Ev'n by your fell alane.

And there it is, a silken sark;
Your ain hand sew'd the sleeve;
Ye maun come speak to Gill Morice;
Speir nae bauld baron's leave.
The lady stamped wi'her soot,
And winked wi'her eye;
Bot a' that she cou'd say or do,
Forbidden he wad nae be.

It's furely to my bow'r-woman;
It ne'er cou'd be to me.
I brought it to lady Barnard;
I trow that ye be she.
Then up and spake the wylie nurse,
(The bairn upon her knee),
If it be come frae Gill Morice,
It's dear welcome to me.

Ye leid, ye leid, ye filthy nurse,
Sae loud's I hear ye lie;
I brought it to lady Barnard;
I trow yebe na she.
Then up and spake the bauld baron;
An angry man was he;
He's ta'en the table wi' his foot,
In slinders gart a' flee.

Gae bring a robe of yon cliding,
That hings upon the pin;
And I'll gae to the good green wood,
And speak with your leman.
O bide at hame now lord Barnard,
I warn ye bide at hame;
Ne'er wyte a man or violence,
That ne'er wyte ye wi' nane.

Gill Morice fits in good green wood,

He whistl'd and he sang;

O what means a' these solks coming?

My mother tarries lang.

When lord Barnard to green wood came,

Wi' meikle dule and care;

There first he saw brave Gill Morice

Keming his yellow hair.

Nae wonder, sure, Oh Gill Morice,
My lady loo'd thee well,
The fairest part of my body
Is blacker than thy heel.
Yet ne'ertheless, now Gill Morice,
For a' thy great beauty,
Ye's rue the day ye e'er was born;
I hat head fall gae wi' me.

Now he has drawn his trusty brand,
And flait it on the strae;
And thro' Gill Morice fair body
He's gar'd cauld iron gae.
And he has ta'en Gill Morice head,
And set it on a speir;
The meanest man in a' his train
Has got that head to bear.

And he has ta'en Gill Morice up, Luid him across his steid, And brought him to his painted bow'r,
And laid him on a bed.
The lady fat on castle wa'
Beheld both dale and down,
And there she saw Gill Morice head
Come trailing to the town.

Far mare I loo that bloody head,
Bot' and that yellow hair,
Than lord Barnard, and a' his lands,
As they lie here and there.
And she has ta'en her Gill Morice,
And kis'd both mouth and chin.
I once was fow of Gill Morice,
As hip was o' the stane.

I got ye in my father's house,
Wi' meikle sin and shame;
I brought thee up in good green wood,
Under the heavy rain.
Oft have I by thy cradle sat,
And fondly seen thee sleep;
But now I'll go about thy grave,
The sa't tears for to weep.

And syne she kis'd his bloody cheek,
And syne his bloody chin.
Better I loo my Gill Morice,
Than a' my kith and kin!
Away, away, ye ill woman!
An ill deed mait ye die;
Gin I had kend he'd been your son,
He'd ne'er been slain for me.

Upbraid me not, my lord Barnard,
Upbraid me not, for shame!
Wi' that same speir, Oh, pierce my heart!
And put me out o' pain.
Since naithing but Gill Morice head
Thy jealous rage cou'd quell;
Let that same hand now take her life
That ne'er to thee did ill.

To me nae after days nor nights

Will e'er be fast or kind;

I'll fill the air with heavy sighs,

And greet till I am blind.

Enough of blood by me's been spilt;

Seek not your death frae me;

I rather it had been mysell

Than either him or thee.

With waefow wae I hear your plaint;
Sair, fair I rew the deed,
That e'er this curfed hand of mine
Did gar his body bleed.
Dry up your tears, my winfome dame,
Ye ne'er can heal the wound;
You fee his head upon my speir.
His heart's blood on the ground.

I curse the hand that did the deed,
The heart that thought the ill;
The seet that bore me wi' sic speed.
The comely youth to kill.
I'll ay lament for Gill Morice,
As gin he were my ain;
I'll ne'er forget the dreary day.
On which the youth was slain.

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