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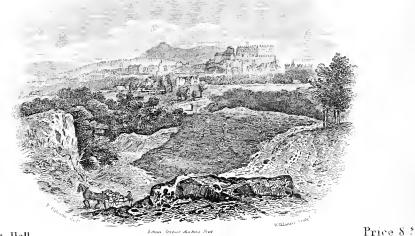
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IN undertaking the present work, the Editors did not anticipate that it would occupy more than Three Volumes; but, as they proceeded, the materials increased upon their hands, and, from their copiousness and value, they were induced so far to depart from their original design as to publish a Supplementary Volume. a similar cause, joined with the flattering manner in which the previous Volumes. have been received by the public, the Fifth Volume of the Scotish Minstrel now They regret however to say, that even this 'addition, notowes its appearance. withstanding the pains they have taken in selection, does not embrace all they could wish to preserve of their collected materials. To fulfil their own wishes in this respect, and at the same time to give the public the most ample and best collection of Scotish Song Melodies yet extant, another Volume would still be necessary. Probably, at some future period, they may resume their labours, with the view of accomplishing this desirable object; and they have the most sanguine hopes of success, from the powerful co-operation and assistance they have been promised by Mr Smith and others of their best friends.

In this and the preceding Volumes will be found many little airs and fragments of song which have been collected with incredible industry in various parts of Scotland, and which are now, for the first time, given to the public in a shape less. perishable than that of oral tradition.

With regard to their own opinion of the intrinsic merit of these genuine relics of ages long passed away, the Editors have nothing to add to what they have already expressed in the Preface to the First Volume. They flatter themselves, however, that many who cannot estimate the pains taken in recovering these pure effusions of nature, may yet relish the beautiful, simple, and unaffected pathos which pervades them. It would be unjust, were they in this place to omit mentioning how much they have been indebted to Mr Smith for his indefatigable exertions in collecting many of the airs and ballads in question ; and they take the liberty of extracting a few sentences from one of his letters on the subject, which, more than any thing they themselves can say, will evince the share he has had in enriching the work, and the part he has uniformly taken in promoting its best interests.

"With reference to many of the Jacobite songs I have occasionally sent you, I formerly mentioned that the greater number was faithfully noted from the singing and recitation of Alister M'Alpine, a very old man who lived in the neighbourhood of Kilbarchan.' I am truly sorry to inform you, that death has now deprived me of that almost exhaustless fund of song. Poor Alister died in winter last. The retentiveness of his memory, for one of such advanced years, was truly astonishing; and the enthusiasm and sincerity of feeling with which

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" he sung these old snatches in favour of the 'Rightful King,' as he was wont to " call the unfortunate Chevalier, seldom failed of awakening a sympathetic chord " in the bosom of the hearer.—Several of the Highland melodies, which I believe " have never been printed, were obtained from varions sources;—some are the " fruits of my own peregrinations through different parts of the Western High..." lands ;—and others have been sent to me by musical friends with whom I have " been in habits of correspondence for some time past. Among those to whom I " am indebted for some of the finest airs in the collection, I cannot help mention." ing Mr Alan Ker, jun. of Greenock, and Mr John Malcolm of Dunfermline. " Both of these gentlemen have, by their industrious research and enthusiastic " ardour, happily succeeded in rescuing many a perishable memorial of forgotten " song.

" Of the songs and melodies which will appear in the Fifth Volume, several "were taken down literally from the singing, or crooning, of Janet Gillespie, an "old woman yet living in the parish of Kilmalcolm. One of these I may parti-"cularize, namely, 'The Covenanter's Lament,' as being, in my opinion, an ex-"cellent song of its kind. The words to which the melody is allied do not seem "of any antiquity, but they are as I received them:--the last stanza certainly "contains a pretty sprinkling of real poetry:

The martyrs' hill's forsaken,
In simmer's dusk sae calm,
There's nae gathering now, lassie,
To sing the e'ening psalm;
But the martyr's grave will rise, lassie,
Aboon the warrior's cairn,
An' the martyr soun' will sleep, lassie,
Aneath the waving fern.'

" I have many other pieces yet in my possession, which, if ever the work should embrace a Sixth Volume, I have no hesitation in saying, you will find as interesting as any yet given."

Thus far have we ventured to account for the number of little airs interspersed through this collection, which have been gleaned from many various sources with the greatest fidelity, and which are now published, for the first time, in the fond hope of thereby contributing no inconsiderable addition to the melody of Caledonia.

As to the standard airs in this collection, the Editors have invariably preferred the sets that appeared to them to be the most original and unmixed, and that in no instance have they ventured (*partly*) to compose them, as has been lately done by some, who have had the presumption to give their own garbled sets of wellknown Scotish melodies, and thereby to rob the music of those strong traits of national character which constitute its principal charm.

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MY DADDY IS A CANKER'D CARLE.



Gleed Sandy he came west as night, And spier'd when I saw Pate; And aye-sin-yne the neighbours round, They jeer me ear' and late. But let them, & c.

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THE BONNIE BREAST-KNOTS.





At nine o'clock the lads conveen, Some clad in blue, some clad in green, Wi'glancing buckles in their sheen, And flowers upon their waistcoats. Hey the bonny, &c.

Forth came the wives a'wi' a phrase, And wish'd the lassic happy days, And muckle thought they o' her claise, And 'specially the breast-knots. Hey the bonny, &c.

Next, down their breakfast it was set, Some barley-lippics of milk-meat, It leiped them, it was say het, As soon as they did taste oft. Hey the bonny, &c.

When ilka and had clawd their plate, The piper lad he looked blate; Altho⁴ they said, that he should eat, I trow he lost the best dt.

Hey the bonny; &c.

Syne forth they got a' wi'a loup, O'er creels, and deals and a' did coup, Cry'd for a spring to raise their houp, The bride she sought the breast-knot. Hey the bonny, &c.

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Fan they ty'd up their marriage band,
At the bridegroom's they neist did land,
Forth cam auld Madge wi' her split mawn,
And bread and cheese a hist o't,
H(y) the bonny, &c.

She took a quarter and a third, And on the bride's head gas a gird, Till Earls flew athort the yird, And parted round the rest oft. Hey the bonny, &c.

The bride then by the hand they took, Twice, thrice they led her round the crook; Some said, goodwife, well mat ye brook, And some great count they cast not. Hey the bonny, &c.

A' ran to kilns and barns in ranks, Some sat on deals, and some on planks, The piper lad stood on his shanks, And dirled up the breast-knot. Hey the bonny, &c.

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POLWART ON THE GREEN.



- The spirit-moving dance went on, And harmless revely
- Of young hearts all in unison Wi' love's soft witcherie;
- Their ha' the open daisted lea, _____ While, frac the welkin sheen,
- The moon shone brightly in the glee At Polwart on the green.

Dark een and raven curts were there, And cheeks o' rosy hue,

- And finer forms without compare Than pencil ever drew;
- But ane wi' een o' bonnie blue, A' hearts confest the queen
- And pride of grace and beauty too. At Polwart on the green.

The miser hoards his gouden store, And kings dominion gain; While others in the battle's roar For honour's gewgaws, strain. Avaunt, such pleasures! false and vain ---Far dearet mine has been! Among the lowly rural train At Polwart on the green.

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Our monarch's hindmaist year but ane Was five and twenty days begun; 'Twas then a blast o' Janwar win' Blew hansel in on Robin. For Robin, &c. .

The gossip keekit in his lool; Quo' schou wha lieves will see the proof, This waly boy will be nae coot, I think we'll ca' him Robin. For Robin,&c.

"Hell hae misfortunes great and sma", But av a heart aboon them a'; Hell be a credit till us a'; Well a be proud o' Robin". ŧ.

For Rabin, &c.

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RED IS THE ROSE AND BONNIE, O.



Now peace is returned, but nae joy brings to me; Red is the rose and bonnie, O;

For cold is his cheek, and closid is his ele. And nue mair beats the heart of my Johnnie, O.

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Where smilling contentment and peace ever reigns, But they'll ne'er bloom again for my Johnnie, O.

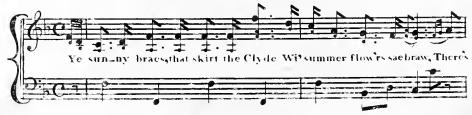
Not to me will their beauties e'er pleasure impart; Red is the rose and bonnie, O:

For sunk is my spirits, and broken my heart;

Soon I'll meet ne'er to part frae my Johnnie, O.

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THE FLOWER OF LEVERN SIDE.



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Thou bonnie flow'r on Levern side, O gin thou'lt he but mine!

I'll tend thee wi' a lover's pride, Wi' love that ne'er shall tine. I'll take thee to my shelt'ring bow'r, And shield thee frae the beating show'r; Unharm'd by ought, thou'lt bloom secure

Frae a' the blasts that blaw. Thy charms surpass the crimson dye That streaks the glowing western sky; But here, unshaded, soon thou'lt die,

And lane will be thy fa?.

HARD IS THE FATE OF HIM WHO LOVES.



To whom the tears of love are dear,

From dying lilies walt a gale, And sigh my sorrows in her ear. Oh! tell her, what she cannot blame, Tho' fear my tongue must ever bind; Oh! tell her, that my virtuous flame is as her spotless soul refind.

Not her own guardian angel oyes With chaster tenderness his care;

Not purer her own wishes rise; Not holier her own sighs in pray'r.

But if, at first, her virgin lear

Should start at love's suspected name, With that of Iriendship soothe her ear; True love and friendship are the same.

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FAREWELL TO GLEN-SHALLOCH.



I saw her last night, 'Mid the rocks that enclose them, With a babe at her knee And a babe at her bosom: I heard her sweet voice In the depth of any slumber, And the song that she sung Was of sorrow and cumber. "Sleep sound, my sweet babe, There is nought to alarm thee; The sons of the valley No power have to harm thee, fill sing thee to rest In the balloch untrodden, With a coronach sad For the slain of Culloden. "The brave were betrayed, And the tyrant is daring To trample and waste us, Unpitying, unsparing. Thy mother no voice has,

No feeling that changes, No word, sign, or song, But the lesson of vengeance."

How our laurels are withering; I'll gird on thy sword When the Clausmen are gathering; I'll hid them go forth In the cause of true honor, And never return Till thy country hath won her. "Our tow'r of devotion Is the home of the reaver; The pride of the ocean Is fallen for ever: The pine of the lorest, That time could not weaken, Is trod in the dust, And its honours are shaken. "Rise spirits of yore, Ever dauntless in danger, For the land that was yours Is the land of the stranger. O come from your caverus, All bloodless and hoary. And these fiends of the valley Shall tremble before ye??

"I'll tell thee, my son,

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BLUE BONNETS.





SAFTLY THE GENTLE BREEZE, Same Air.

Saltly the gentle breeze, steals thro' the leafy trees, Down rins the burnie winding sae clearly; The linnet sings on the tree, the lark soaring up sac hie, When in the even' I meet wi' my dearie.

Broadly the setting sun his daily race has run, Gilding the lofty hills, blooming sae cheerie;

Ika field yellow seen, meadows sae lovely green. When in the even' 1 meet wi' my dearie,

At the appointed hour I haste to the birken bow'r, Nature all gleaming, nature all cheerie;

The eastern star appears, whilst spread the rosy briers, When in the even' I meet wi' my dearie.

Can there be aught sae sweet, as when true lovers meet,

Meet at the trysting spot happy and cheerie; Love dances in her ee, truth and sincerity, When in the even I meet wi? my destrie ſ



When in my youthful prime,
Correi and crag to climb,
Or towering cliff sublime,
Was my delight.
Scaling the cagle's nest,
Wounding the raven's breast,
Skimming the mountain's crest,
Gladsome and light.

When, at the break of morn, Proud o'er thy temples borne, Kythed the red-deer's horn,

How my heart heat! Then, when with studned leap Roll'd he adown the steep, Never did hero reap Conquest so great.

Then rose a bolder game, Young Charlie Stuart came; Cameron, that loyal name, Foremost must be. Hard then our warrior meed, Glorious our warrior deed, 'Till we were doom'd to bleed By treachery. Then was the broad sword's gleam Quench'd in fair freedom's beam, No more to shine; Then was the morning's brow Red with the fiery glow, Fell hall and hamlet low,

All that were mine.

Then was our maiden young,
First aye in battle strong,
Fir'd at her Prince's wrong,
Forc'd to give way.
Broke was the golden cup,
Gone Caledonia's hope;
Faithful and true men drop
Fast in the clay.

Far in a hostile land,
Stretch'd on a foreign strand,
Olt has the tear-drop bland
Scorch'd as it fell.
Once was I spurn'd from thee,
Long have I mourn'd for thee,
Now I'm return'd to thee,
Hill of Lochiel.

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THE THISTLE OF SCOTIA.



 'Twas the badge that our fathers triumphantly wore, When they followed their sovereigns to vanquish the Dane, The emblem our Wallace in battle aye bore ______ Then the thistle of Scotland must dearest remain. To Scotia her thistle, &c.

It blooms on our mountains, it blooms in the vale, It blooms in the winter, in snow and in rain; The type of her cons when rude seasons assail,

To Scotia her thistle call dearest remain.

To Scotia her thistle, &c.

A PUIR MITHERLESS WEAN.



I' the mornin' we raise wi' the loud Hiltin' lark. When he dried his dewy wings in the young sun-heam; An', wi' hearts fu' o have, sent our praise up to heaven.

An' our prayers for what to Him best might seem; An' she that's awa ... wi' ane uplifted ee ... Sought the blessin' o' the Lord on our industrie.

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A' day-lang we toiled, but we never repined,----

Our dear mither loed us, our father aye was kinds. An' our hearts, then a' pure, were as light as the down

O' the thistle, whan it frolics wi' the wayward wind: Whate'er Heaven sent we were gladsome to see. An' we ne'er thocht our day's daurk a drudgerie.

An' when gloamin' cam on, nicht's dark harbinger,

Ol then cam the hours of our innocent mirth, When we gather'd will joy 'neath our cot's lowly rool __

An' wi' faces a' smilin' encircled the hearth ______ An' beguil'd the e'en wi' tales o' the deeds that wont to be. Or wi' sangs o' onr kintra's auld minstrelsie.

An O. it was sweet, when the nicht was gane. To raise high the holy Psalmodie.

An' to read, in the heuk, o' the luve o' our God, 'An' to kneel to him reverentlic;

An' to bless his name, wha has sworn to be The puir man's God continuallie.

But, wae's my sad heart! that bricht days are a' gane. An' a lang nicht o' sorrow an' sadness is nigh; For the linger o' death touch'd the face o' my mither.

An' her well-spring o' life dribblet dry; An' she slippet awa, like the mists that ye see

Stealin' upward to heaven sae bonnilie.

An' ere spring had spread its green owre her grave, An onco woman sat in her auld arm chair;

His new wife, father ead her ____an' he said she wad had A mither's luve for us ____ an' a kind mither's card ____ O how could she e'er he a mither to me,

That spak' of the dead sae scornluilie

Fu'sune on our stools her ain bairns were a' planted

Round the ingles that erst burnt sae cheerilie; An' frae hame we were driven __and the door barr'd aga ust a

To drift through a wild warld, wearifie; An' O sad are the days that the wretched maun drie. Wha wander thro' the warld a' friendlesslie!

If ye ever rejoiced in the sweets of a hame;

If ye still have a mither to luve an' to bless; O pity, kind stranger, a puir beggar wean,

That has nae hand to seek ____ and is mitherless! O pity, kind stranger, and frae heaven high, The God of the puir will bless thy charitie! THE BRAES OF MAR.



Wha wadna join our noble chief, The Drummond and Glengary, Macgregar, Murray, Rollo, Keith, Panmure, and gallant Harry. Macdonald's men, Clan-Ronald's men, Mackenzie's men, Macgillvary's men, Strathallan's men, The lowtan' men

Of Callander and Airly.

Fy! Donald, up and let's awa, We canna langer parley,
When Jamie's back is at the wa', The lad we loe sae dearly, We'll go __we'll go An' meet the foe, An' fling the plaid, An' swing the blade, An' forward dash, An' hack an' slash ______

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THE DIEL'S AWA WI' THE EXCISEMAN.



Well mak our maut and well brew our drink, Well laugh, sing, and rejoice, man; And mony braw thanks to the mickle black deil, That dane'd awa wi? the Exciseman. The deil's awa, &c.

There's threesome reels, there's foursome reels, There's hornpipes and strathspeys man, But the we best dance e'er cam to the land Was the de'il's awa wi' the Exciseman, The deil's awa, &c.

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TULLOCHGORU.M.



Tullochgorum's my delight,
It gars us a' in ane unite,
And ony sumph that keeps up spite
In conscience I abhore him,
Blythe and merry we's be a',
Blythe and merry, blythe and merry,
Blythe and merry we's be a',

And make a cheerfu⁹ quorum. Blythe and merry we's be a⁹, As lang as we hate breath to draw, And dance, till we be like to fa⁹, The reel o⁹ Tullochgorum.

There needsha be sae great a phraize Wi¹ droning dull Italian lays; I wadna gi'e our ain Strathspeys

For half a hundred score of 'em; They're douff and dowie at the best, Douff and dowie, douff and dowie, They're douff and dowie at the best,

Wi^a a' their variorum; They're douff and dowie at the best, Their allegro's and a' the rest, They cannot please a Highland taste.

Compar'd wi' Tullochgorum.

Let wardly minds themselves of press. Wi? fear of want and double cess. And silly sails themselves distress.

Wi' keeping up decorum, Shall we sae sour and sulky sit, Sour and sulky, sour and sulky, Shall we sae sour and sulky sit,

Like auld philosophorum? Shall we sae sour and sulky sit, Wi' neither sense, nor mirth nor wit. And canna rise, to shake a fit,

At the reel of Tullochgorum.

May choicest blessings still attend Each honest-hearted open triend, And calm and quiet be his end;

Be at that's gude before him! May peace and plenty be his lot, Peace and plenty, peace and plenty. May peace and plenty be his lot,

And dainties, a great store o' em; May peace and plenty he his lot, Unstain'd by any vicious blot; And may he never want a groat That's fond o' Tullochgorum.

But for the discontented fool, Who wants to be oppression's tool, May envy gnaw his rotten soul,

And discontent devour him. May dool and sorrow he his chance, Dool and sorrow, dool and sorrow, May dool and sorrow he his chance.

And honest souls abhore him; May dool and sorrow be his chance, And a' the ills that come frac France, Whoe'er he be, that winna dance The reel o' Tullochgorum!

HIGHL.4ND L.ADDIE.



Trumpets sound and cannons roar, Bonnie lassie, lawland lassie,
And a' the hills wi' echos roar, Bonnie lawland lassie.
Glory, honour, now invite, Bonnie lassie, lawland lassie,
For freedom and my king to fight, Bonnie lawland lassie.
The sun a backward course shall take. Bonnie laddie, highland laddie,

Ere ought thy manly courage shake; Bonnie highland laddie.

Go, for yoursel procure renown, Bonnie laddie, highland laddie,

And for your lawful king his crown, . Source highland laddie,

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THE RANTIN HIGHLANDMAN.



He said: 'my dear, ye're soon a steer, Cam ye to hear the lav'rock's sang?
O wad ye gae alang wi' me;
An' wed a rantin Highlandman?
In simmer days on flow'ry braes,
When frisky is the ewe an' lamb,
I'se row ye in my tartan plaid,

Syne be yere rantin Highlandman.

"With heather bells that finely smells, Fill deck yere hair sae fair an lang, I yell consent to scour the bent ""Wi' me, a rantin Highlandman. We'll big a cot an buy a stock, Syne do the best that ever we can; Then come, my dear, ye needna fear To trust a rantin Highlandman?

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His words, so smart, gade to my heart, And fain I wad a gien my han,
Yet durstna, least my mither shou'd Dislike a rantin Highlandman;
But I expect he will come back, Then, tho? my kin wad scauld an? ban,
I'll o'er the hill, or where he will, Wi? my young rantin Highlandman.

22 O. N.A.N.C.Y.'S HAIR IS YELLOW LIKE GOWD. Old Border Melody. Oh Nancy's hair is yellow like gowd, An' her e'en, like the lift, are Oh Nancy's hair is yellow like gowd, An' her e'en, like the lift, are blue; Her face is the i-mage o' heav'n-ly luve, An' her heart is leal an' true.

> The innocent smile that plays on her check, Is like the dawning morn; An? the red, red blush, that across it flees,

> > Is sic as the rose neer has worn.

Il it's sweet to see the flickerin' smile Licht up her sparklin e'e,

It's holier far to see it dim'd

Wi' the gushin' tear's saut bree.

'Twas na for a faithless luve's fause vows, Nor a brither upo' the wave, That I saw them fa'- no, they were drapt

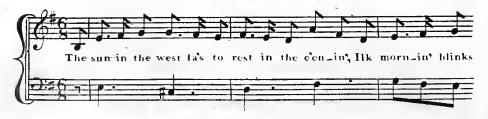
On an aged father's grave.

Tho' joy may dimple her bonnie mou', An' dalfin may banish care,

In nae blythsome mood, nor hour o' bliss, Will these een e'er glint sae fair.

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THE SUN IN THE WEST.





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As the aik on the mountain resists the blast rairin, Sae did he the brunt of the battle sustain,

Till treaching arrested his courage sae darin, And laid him pale, lifeless, upon the drear plain! Cauld winter the flower divests of its cleiden,

In summer again it blooms bonnie to see; But naething, alas! can hale my heart bleedin, Drear winter remaining for ever wi' me!

THE VETERANS.



Eh! Davie, man, weilt thou remembers the time, When two brisks young callands, and just in our prime, The prioce led us, conquer'd, and shaw'd us the way, 'And mony a braw chield we turn'd cauld on that day, Still again I would venture this auld trunks of mine, Cou'd our General but lead, and we fight as langsyne.

But garrison duty is a' we can do, Tho' our arms are worn weak yet our hearts are 5till true; We car'd na for dangers by land, or by sea, For time is turn'd coward, and no you and me; And tho' at our fate we may sadly repine, Youth winna return, nor the strength of langsyne.

When after our conquests, it joys me to mind How thy Jane carress'd; thee, and my Meg was kind; They shar'd of our danger, tho' ever so hard, And we car'd na for plunder when sic our reward: Even now they're resolv'd bath their hames to resign, And will share the hard fate they were us'd to langsyne.

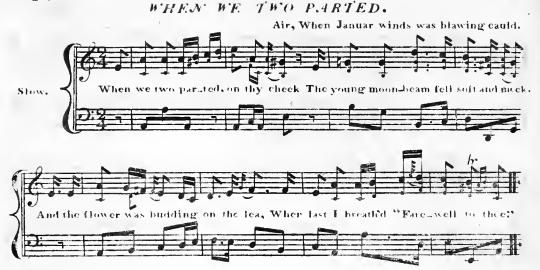
25FOCKEY'S TA'EN THE PARTING KISS. Air, Jockey's Farewell. Jock-ey's ta'en the par-ting kiss, O'er the mountains he is gane; ЪG a' my bliss, Nought but griefs with And with him is me re_ main. Spare my love, ye winds that blow, Plash-y sleets and heat-ing rain; my love, thou leath'-ry snaw, Drift-ing o'er the lozen plain-Spare

> When the shades of evening creep O'er the day's fair gladsome e'e, Sound and safely may be sleep,

Sweetly blythe his wankening be. He will think on her be loves,

Fondty he'll repeat her name; For whare'er he distant roves

Jockey's heart is still at hame-



But thou were number'd with the dead, Before that moon had wax'd and fled; And ere the flower had lost its blooms. The midnight dews were on thy 1 mb.

I saw thee not in that last hour Which gave thee to the victor's power, Nor beard the last recorded sigh That 'scap'd thee in thine agony.

When those wert borne upon thy bier, I was not with the mourners near! Where tears and dust wert strèw'd o'er thee, Alas! that was no place for me!

The warmest heart that ever beat Lies cold beneath the winding-sheet? The fairest form earth ever knews Is vanish'd like the morning dew?

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b Written by a Lady, shortly after the battle of Waterloo, on seeing in a list of new E music, "The Waterloo Waltz."



Veil'd in clouds the morning rose; Nature seem'd to mourn the day, Which consign'd before its close,

Thousands to their kindred clay. How unfit for courtly ball, Or the giddy lestival, Was the grim and ghastly view, Ere evening closed on Waterloo?

See the Highland warrior rushing, Firm in danger, on the loc,

Till the life_blood warmly gushing, Lays the plaided here low!

His native pipe's accustom'd sound, 'Mid war's infernal concert drownd, Cannot soothe his last adieu, Or wake his sleep on Waterloo! Chasing o'er the currassiers

- See the foaming charger flying! Trampling, in his wild career,
 - All altkes the dead and dying!
 - See the bullets through his side.
 Answer'd by the spouting tide!
 Helmet, horse, and rider too,
 Roll on bloody Waterloo!

Shall scenes like these the dance inspire, Or wake the enlivining notes of mirth?

Olshiver'd be the recreant lyre, That gave the base idea birth! Other sounds, I ween were there, Other music rent the air, Other waltz the warriors knew, When they closed at Waterloo.

Forbear—till time with lenient hand Has sooth'd the pang of recent sorrow; And let the picture distant stand, The softening hue of years to borrow. When our race has past away; Hands unborn may wake the lay, -And give to joy alone the view; Of Britain's fame at Waterloo.

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MAY MORNING.



Sweetest of months, that now unlocks The summer's balmy treasures.
And gives a never-ending charm To life and all its pleasures.
I greet thee with delighted heart, All-other pleasures scorning.
And still, of all that earth can give. Be mine a sweet May morning.

 Now sweetly sings upon the car The nurmurs of the fountain, The lambkins sport upon the lea, The tauns upon the mountain; Nature throws, from the beechen trees. Her robe of latest mourning, and all is mirth, and merry glee, thron a sweet May morning.

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SCENES OF WOE AND SCENES OF PLEASURE.



Bowers, adicul where love, decoying, First enthrall'd this heart o' mine; There the saltest sweets enjoying; Sweets that mem'ry ne'er shall time.

Friends so near my bosom ever, Ye hale render'd moments dear; But alas! when forc'd to sever,

Then the stroke, O how severe!

Friends, that parting tear reserve it, Tho? 'tis doubly dear to me;

Could I think I did deserve it, How much happier would I be.

Scenes of woe and scenes of pleasure, Scenes that former thoughts renew; Scenes of woe and scenes of pleasure,

Now a sad and last adicu!

THEY LIGHTED A TAPER.

Air, Dirge of Sir William Wallace,



"Now sing ye the death-song, and loudly pray

For the soul of my knight so dear, And call me a widow this wretched day,

Since the warning of God is near! For the night-mare rides in my strangld sleep--

The lord of my bosom is doom'd to die! His valorous heart they have wounded deep, And the blood-red tears shall his country weep

For William of Elferslie."

Yet knew not his country that ominous hour,

Ere the loud matin bell had rung, That the trumpet of death, on an English tower,

Had the dirge of her champion sung! When his dungeon light look'd dim and red On the high-born blood of a martyr slain. No anthem was sung at his holy death-bed! No weeping there was when his bosom bled.

And his heart was rent in twain!

Oh! it was not thus when his oaken spear

Was true to the knight forlorn,

When hosts of a thousand were scatter'd, like deer At the blast of the hunter's horn.

When he strode o'er the wreck of each well lought (ald. With the yellow-hair'd chiefs of his native land.

His spear was not shiver'd on helmet or shield, And the sword that seem'd fit for archangel to wield,

Was light in his terrible hand.

Yet bleeding and bound, though the Wallace wight

For his much lov'd country die, The bugle neer sung to a braver knight

Than William of Ellerslic

But the day of his glory shall never depart,

His heart unentomb'd shall with glory be palm'd. From the blood streaming altar his spirit shall start, Though the raven has led on his mouldring heart,

A nobler was never embalm'd.



In her darker robe was drest, bonny Peggy, O,

And a sky of azure blue,

Deck'd with stars of golden hue, Rose majestic to the view, bonny Peggy, O.

When the sound of flute or horn, honny Peggy, O, On the gale of evening borne, bonny Peggy, O;

We have heard in echoes die,

While the wave, that rippl'd by, Sung a soft and sweet reply, bonny Peggy, O.

Now, alas! these scenes are o'er, bonny Peggy, O; Now, alas! we meet no more, bonny Peggy, O; No 4 oh! ne'er again, I ween,

Will we meet at summer cen,

On the banks of Cart sac green, bonny Peggy, O.

THE BOWNIE LASS OF WOODHOUSELEE.



Sae winning was her witching smile, Sae piercing was her coal black ee. She sairly wounded has my heart,

That had na wist sie ills to dree: In vain I strave wi? beauty's charms, I cou'd na keep my fancy free She gat my heart sae in her thrall, The bonnie lass of Woodhouselee. The bonnie knowes sae yellow a',
Whare alt is heard the hum of bee,
The meadow green and breezy hill,
Where lambkins sport sae merrilie,
May charm the weary wand'ring swain,
When e'enin' sun dips in the sea,
But a' my heart, baith e'en and morn,
Is wi' the lass of Woodhouselee.

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The flowers that kiss the wimpling burn, And dew_clad gowans on the lea, The water-lily on the lake, Are but sweet emblems a? of thee:

And while in simmer smiles they bloom,

Sae lovely, and sae fair to see,

I'll woo their sweets e'en for thy sake. The bonnie lass of Woodhouselee.

O BONNIE LASSIE COME OFER THE BURN.



ľII I'm gaun you; tak' stick in teave ny and Slow. an⁹ Far's gain a ... see you . the gate , hae ye gang. dark's the night an' ec_ric; Far's the gate ye had to gang, dark's the night an ee_rie; Owre the minr, an' thro' the glen, Ghaists may-hap will fear ye, ()hame, it's late at night, an' din_na gang nie

Brisk It's but a night an' half a day that I'll leave my dearie;
But a night an' half a day that I'll leave my dearie;
But a night an' half a day that I'll leave my dearie;
But a night an' half a day that I'll leave my dearie;
When the sun gaes west the loch, I'll come again an' see thee.
Slow. Waves are rising o'er sea, winds blaw loud an' lear me;
Waves are rising o'er sea, winds blaw loud an' fear me;
While the waves and winds do roar, I am wae an' dreary,
An' gin ye lo'e me as ye say, ye winna gang an' leave me.
O dinna think, bonnie lassie, I'm gaun to leave you;
Dinna think, bonnie lassie, I'm gaun to leave you;
For let the warld gae as it will I'll come again and see you.

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LASSIE, WI'THE LINT WHITE LOCKS.



~ Lassie wi', &c.

An' when the welcome simmer-shower Has cheer'd ilk drooping little flower, Well to the breathing woodbine bower At sultry noon, my dearie, O.

Lassie wi', &c.

When Cynihia lights, wi' silver ray, The weary shearer's hameward way, Through yellow-waving fields we'll stray, An' talk o' love, my dearie, O.

Lassie wi', &c. May neer the howling wintry blast Disturb my lassie's midnight rest, But joy reign in thy faithfu' breast,

'To comfort thee, my dearie, O.

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MUSING ON THE ROARING OCEAN 37

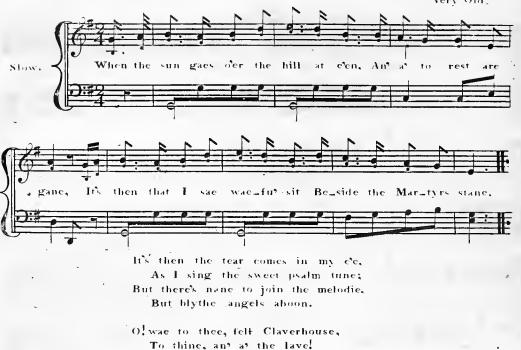


Ye whom sorrow never wounded, Ye who never shed a tear, Care untroubled, joy surrounded, Gaudy day to you is dear. Gentle night, do thou belriend me; Downy sleep, thy curtain draw;

Spirits, kind, again attend me,

Talk of him that's far awa.

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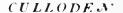


Thou hast made me, a widow, sit Beside a bluidy grave.

Thou's made my hame sae desolate, An' 'twere na my bairnies three, This sod wad sune be my resting place, * * * * * * *

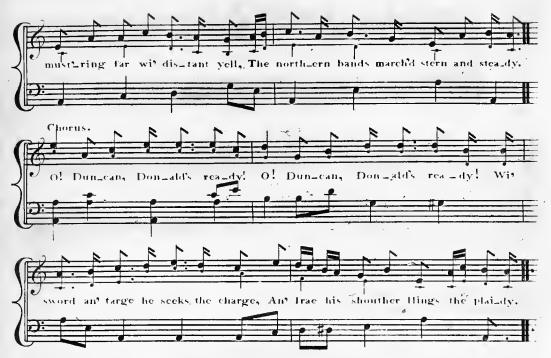
My three sweet bairns, my bonnie bairns, Ye yet may live to see Far better days in Scotland Then is ordain'd for me.

I'll nurse thee for thy father's sake, Wi? the saut tear in my ee. An sit beside his bluidy grave ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★





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Nac mair we chase the fleet-foot roe, O'er down an' dale, o'er mountain flyin; But rush like tempests on the foe, Thro' mingled groans the war-note cryin'. O' Duncan, Donald's ready! &c.

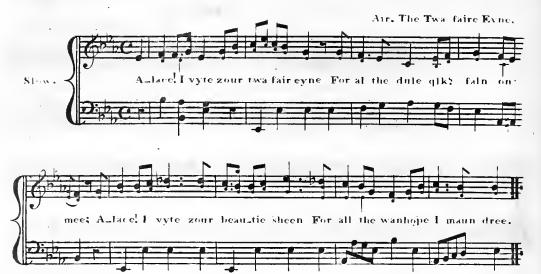
A prince is come to claim his ain, A stem o' Stuart, frien'tess Charlie; What Highlan' han' its blade wad hain? What Highlan' heart behint wou'd tarry? O! Duncan, Donald's ready! &c.

I see our hardy clans appear, The sun back frae their blades is beamin'; The south'ren trump falls on my car, Their banner'd lion's proudly streamin'. Now, Donald', Duncan's ready! Now, Donald', Duncan's ready! Within his hand he grasps his brand; Fierce is the fray, the field is bloody!

But lang shall Scotland rue the day, She saw her Hag sae licecely flying; Culloden's hills were hills of wae;

Her laurels torn, her warriors dying, Duncan now nae mair is ready, Duncan now nae mair is ready! The brand is fa'en frae out his han', His bonnet blue lies stain'd an bluidy!

Fair Flora's game her love to seek; Lang may she wait for his returnin'; The midnight dess's fat on her check; What han' shall dry her tears of mourin?? Duncan now mae mair is ready, &c. ' ALACE! I VYTE ZOUR TWA FAIR EYNE.



Ance I wes blythe as bird on reis.* Nae lichter hert on erth did syng; Now I am wed till miserys, And thow the cause fra q¹k thay spring.

O had ye neir lukit kynd on mee.

Wi' zour twa faire bot treacherous eyne, I neir had thocht of luvin thee,

· My passioun had bot wondir bene.

Thow wuld haif bin lyk ane of thay Bricht sternis q¹k shimmer in the skies That eyne may luik upon for aye In gladness qh¹¹ it glintit by.

But, oh! alace! zour twa fair eyne

Thay glintit nocht lyk sternis on mee; In suth thai wer as bright and sheen, But sik cauld glance thai culd not gie.

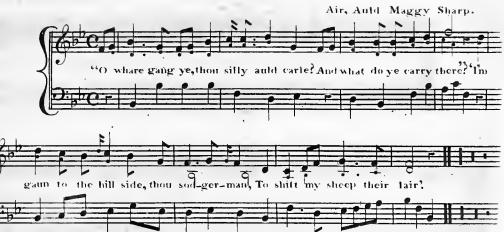
O! waly now bi grene wud schaw! O! waly now bi banck and brae! ' And waly bi the Abbay wa, Whate I and my fause luve did gae!

* means a bough or branch of a tree in old scotish.

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YOUNG MAXWELL.



Ae stride or twa took the silly and carle, And a gude lang stride took he: "I trow thou be a feck and carle, Will ye shaw the way to me?"

And he has gane wi? the silly auld carle Adown by the greenwood side;

- "Light down and gang, thou sodger man, For here ye canna ride?"
- He drew the reins of his bonny grey steed, And lightly down he sprang;
- Of the comeliest scarlet was his weir-coat, Whare the gowden tassels hang.

He has thrown alf his plaid, the silly and carle, And his bonnet frae 'boon his bree, And what was it but the young Maxwell! And his gude brown sword drew he,

"Thou kill'd my father, thou vile Southron, And thou kill'd my brethren three, Whilk brak the heart o' my ac sister, I lov'd as the light o' my ec.

"Draw out your sword, thou vile Southron, Red wat wi' blude o' my kin; That sword it crappit the bonniest flower Ere lifted its head to the sun.

"There's ae sad stroke for my dear lather, There's twa for my brethren three; And there's ane to thy heart for my ac sister, Wham I lov'd as the light o' my c'e'?

This ballad is founded on fact. A young Gentleman of the family of Maxwell, being an adherent of the Stuarts, suffered in the general calamity of his friends. After seeing his paternal house reduced to ashes, his father killed in its defence, his only sister. dying with grief for her father, and three brothers slain, he assumed the habit of an old shepherd, and, in one of his excursions, singled out one of the individual men who had ruined his family. After upbraiding him for his cruelty, he slew him in single combat. The Air, which is very ancient, has generally been sung to a foolish hallad beginning "Audd Maggy Sharp livid on the brae tap."

TO A LINNET.



Light of heart, thou quit'st thy song As the welkin's shadows lour, Whilst the beetle wheels along, Humming to the twilight hour. Not like thee, I quit the scene To enjoy night's balmy dream; Nor like thee, I wake again, Smiling with the morning beam.





I was proud of the power And the fame of my chief, And to raise them was ever The aim of my life; And now in his greatness He turns me away, When my strength is decayed, And my locks are worn grey. Oh! fare thee well, &c.

Farewell the grey stones Of my ancestors' graves, I go to have mine Of the foam of the waves; Or to die unlamented On Canada's shore, Where none of my fathers Were gather'd before, Oh! fare thee well, &c.

Glen-na-h' Albyn, or Glen-more-na-h' Albyn, the great glen of Caledonia, is a name applied to the valley which runs in a direction from north-east to south-west, the whole breadth of the kingdom, from the Moray Firth at Inverness to the sound of Mull below Fort-William; and which is almost filled with lakes. Е

MAC-DONALD'S GATHERING.



Gather, gather, gather, From Loch Morer to Argyle; Come from Castle Tuirim, Come from Moidart and the Isles. Macallan is the hero That will lead you to the field; Gather bold Siolallain, Sons of them that never yield. Gather, gather, gather, Gather from Lochaber glens; Mac-Hic-Rannail calls you; Come from Taroph, Roy, and Spean. Gather, brave Clan-Donuil, Many sons of might you know; Lebochan's your brother, Auchterechtan and Glencoe.

Gather, gather, gather,
'Tis your Prince that needs your arm;
Though Mac Connel leaves you,
Dread no danger or alarm.
Come from field and foray,
Come from sickle and from plough;
Come from cairn and correi,
From deer-wake and driving too.
Gather, bold Clan-Doñuil;
Come with haversack and cord;
Come not late with meal and cake,
But come with durk, and gun, and sword.
Down into the lowlands,
Plenty bides by dale and burn;

Gather, brave Clan-Donuil, Riches wait on your return.

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YARROW STREAM.



The grove, thro? which we stray at morn,
Will with its music make us glad;
The yellow gleam of setting beam,
Will still a softer influence shed:
And ev'ning, too, will bring its charms;
Such charms as soothe the lover's soul,
The moon's mild ray will sweetly play
On Yarrow's waters, as they roll.

Well love with overflowing hearts, And wrap us in a golden dream, Tears of delight will dim the sight, And Yarrow will an Eden seem. Then let us leave the town my love, And lay ourselves by Yarrows stream, Where April gales adown the vales

Give softness to the lover's dream.

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IT'S A' WAE WI'SCOTLAND.



The sun sets sweet at elening;
But they are far awa,
Wha wad has savd the thistle's tap,
That now maun withering fa?;
Yet the leat hearts o? Scotland,
Altho it may seem lang,
Will pray and hope that Heaven
May yet redress the wrang.

O CHERUB CONTENT.

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In the pulse of my heart I have nourish'd a care, That forbids me thy sweet inspiration to share; The noon of my youth, slow-departing 1 sec, But its years, as they pass, bring no tidings of thee! O cherub content, at thy moss-cover'd shrine I would offer my vows, if Matilda were mine; Could I call her my own, whom enraptur'd 1 sec, I would breathe not a sigh but to friendship and thee.

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 $\mathbf{48}$ O LEEZE ME ON THE BONNIE LASS. Air, Hodgart's Delight. O leeze me on the bonnie lass, That I loe best of a'; O leeze me on my Ma_ri_on. The pride of 0 Loch__er_shaw; weet I like my Ma_ri_on, For love blinks in her e'e, : An* sol_emn vow, She to'es na ane she has vow'd а but me. ÷

The flowers grow bonnie on the bank, Where down the waters fa?; The birds sing bonnie in the bower, Where red red roses blaw: An' there wi' blythes and lightsome heart, Whan day has closed his e'e. I wander wi' my Marion, Wha lo'es na ane but me. Sie luve as mine an' Marion's,

O may it never fa⁴. But blume aye like the fairest flower, , That grows in Locher-shaw: My Marion I will ne'er forget, Until the day I die, For she has vow'd a solemn vow, She lo'es na ane but me. S.AE F.AR .AW.A.



How true is love to pure desert, So love to her sae far awa; And nocht can heal my bosom's smart, White, Oh, she is sae far awa. Nane other love, nane other dart, I feel, but her's sae Far awa; But fairer never touch'd a heart

Than her's, the fair sae far awa.

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BONNIE GEORGE CAMPBELL.



Out cam his mother dear, greeting 10° sair, And out cam his bonnie bryde riving her hair, "My meadow lies green, and my corn is unshorn, My barn is to build, and my baby's unborn?" * * * * * * * * * * * *

THE HAZLEWOOD WITCH.

Air, Kellyburn Braes.







I thought o' the starus in a lrosty night glancin', Whan a' the lift round them is cloudless an blue;
I looked again, an' my heart fell a dancing; Whan I wad hae spoken, she glamour'd my mou'.
O wae to her cantrips! for dumpish'd I wander; At kirk or at market there's nought to be seen;
For she dances afore me wherever I dander, The Hazlewood witch wi' the bonny black cen.

THE GALLANT WEAVER.



My daddie sign'd my tocher-band To gie the lad that has the land, But to my heart l'li add my hand, And give it to the Weaver. While birds rejoice in leafy bowers; While bees delight in opening flowers; While corn grows green in simmer showers. I love my gallant Weaver.

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THE HIGHLANDER.



Till spent with the march, that still lengthen'd before him, He stopped by the way in a sylvan retreat;

The light shady boughs of the birch-tree waved o'er him, And the stream of the mountain fell soft at his feet.

He sunk to repose where the red heaths are blended,One dream of his childhood his fancy past o'er;But his battles are fought, and his march it is ended,

The sound of the bagpipe shall wake him no more.

No arm in the day of the conflict could wound hims Though war launched her thunder in fury to kill; Now the angel of death in the desert has found hims Now stretched him in peace by the stream of the hill.

Pale Autumn spreads o'er him the leaves of the forest, The fays of the wild chant the dirge of his rest; And thou, little brook, still the sleeper deplorest, And moistenest the heath-bell that weeps on his breast.

Many years ago, a poor Highland soldier, on his return to his native hills, faztigued, as it was supposed, by the length of the march and the heat of the weather, sat down under the shade of a birch-tree on the solitary road of Lowran, that winds along the margin of Loch Ken in Galloway. Here he was found dead, and the incident forms the subject of the above verses.

THE SIMMER GLO.4MIN.



The mavis mends his Log. The redbreast pours its sweetest strains To charm the ling?ring day; While weary yeldrins seem to wail Their little nestlings torn,

The merry wren, frac den to den, Gaes jinkin thro? the thorn. The roses fauld their silken leaves, The foxglove shuts its bell,
The honey-suckle and the birk Spread fragrance thro? the dell.
Let others crowd the giddy court Of mirth and revelry,
The simple joys that nature yields
Are dearer far to me.





Come der the stream, Charlie, &c. And you shall drink freely the dews of Glen-Sheerly, That stream in the star-light, when kings do not ken; And deep be your meed of the wine that is red, To drink to your sire, and his friend the Maclean.

Come o'er the stream, Charlie, &c. It aught will invite you, or more will delight you, 'Tis ready, a troop of our hold Highlandman

Shall range on the heather, with bonnet and feather,

Strong arms and broad claymores, three hundred and ten.

MAGGY LAUDER.



"Maggy,"quoth he, and hy my bags, I'm fidgin fain to see thee;
Sit down by me, my bonnie bird, In troth I winna steer thee;
For I'm a piper to my trade, My name is Rob the Ranter;
The lasses loup as they were daft, When I blaw up my chanter.
"Piper" quoth Meg; hae we your bags;
Or is your drone in order?
If ye he Rob, I we heard of you; Live ye upon the border?
The lasses a', baith Lar and near, Hae heard o' Rob the Ranter;
I'll shake my foot wi' right good-will.

Git yell blaw up your chanter?'

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Then to his bags he flew wi' speed, About the drone he twisted; Meg up and wallop'd o'er the green, For brawly could she frisk it. "Weel done,"quoth he"play up", quoth she: "Weel bob'd," quoth Rob the Ranter; "Tis worth my while to play indeed, When I has sic a dancer."

"Weel hae you play'd your part? quoth Mcg; "Your cheeks are like the crimson; There's name in Scotland plays sae weel, Since we lost Habby Simpson: I've liv'd in Fife, haith maid and wife, These ten years and a quarter; Gin ye should come to Anst'er fair, Spier ye for Maggie Lauder."

O MALLY'S MEEK, MALLY'S SWEET.



Mally's meek, &cc. It were mair meet that those fine feet Were weel lac'd up in silken shoon, And 'twere mair fit that she should sit Within yon chariot gilt aboon.

Mally's meek, Ac.

Her yellow hair, beyond compare, Comes trinkling down her swan-white neck, And her two eyes, like stars in skies, Would keep a sinking ship frae wreck.

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THE BLUE-BELLS OF SCOTLAND.

Old Set.



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THE BLUE-BELLS OF SCOTLAND. Modern Set.



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O what, fassie, what does your Hieland laddie wear? O what, fassie, what does your Hieland laddie wear? A scarlet coat and bannet blue, with bonnie yellow hair, And name in the warld can with my love compare.

O where, and O where is your Hieland laddie gane? O where, and O where is your Hieland laddie gane? He's gone to fight for George our king, and left me all alanc. For noble and brave's my loval Hielandman.

O when, and O when will your Hieland lad come ham? O when, and O when will your Hieland lad come ham? When e'er the war is over he'll return to me with fame. With the heather in his bannet, my gallant Hielandman. 59



O lovely were the blue-ey'd maids, That sung peace to the warrior's shade. That died the rustling heath among, But none so fair as Morna. Her hallow'd tears bedew'd the brake, That wav'd beside dark Orma's lake,

Where wander'd lovely Morna.

Sad was the hoary minstrel's song, Where sat the lovely Morna. It slumber'd on the placid wave, It echo'd thro' the warrior's cave, And sigh'd again to Morna.

The hero's plumes were lowly laid; In Fingal's hall each blue_ey'd maid Sung peace and rest to Morna. The harp's wild strain was past and gone, No more it whisper'd to the moan OF lovely dying Morna.

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THE LASS OF LIVINGSTONE.



Her wadden goun was wyl'd and made, It ne'er was on, 11 ne'er was on; Culloden field, his towty bed,

She thought upon, she thought upon. The bloom has faded fracher cheek In youthfu' prime, in youthfa' prime; And sorrows with'ring hand has done

The deed o' time, the deed o' time.

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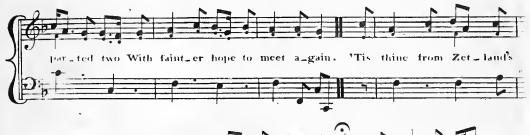
RED GLEAMS THE SUN. Air, Nicl Gow, sun on you hill tap, The dew sits on the gow_an; Deep Red gleams Spey, Kin_ra_ra her glens the murmurs thro A _ round lass? A_las! wert kind_est thour but near me, Thy est, soul, thy melt_ing eye, Would ev_er ev_er cheer gen _tle me.

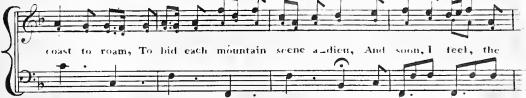
The lawrock sings among the clouds, The lambs they sport so cheery, And I sit weeping by the birk, O where art thou, my dearie? Alt may I meet the morning dew, Lang greet till I be weary, Thou canna, winna, gentle maid, Thou canna be my dearie.

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'Tis not mid revelry and joy,

Thal Minna claims a thought from thee; 'Tis not mid wine-cups sparkling high, '

That I would bid thee pledge to med But oh! mid war or tempest's yoar,

When o'er the surge thy bark is borne, Think on the maid on Zetland's shore, Whose prayers are mingling with the storm.

And oh! if earthly joy can cheer

A heart fast wending to the grave, 'Twill be thy much-lov'd name to hear Enroll'd among the good and brave: To hear a nation swell the praise

Of him, whose deeds of valour drew . The cheer that daring outlaws raised,

And plaudits from the shouting crew.

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BONNIE RAN THE BURNIE DOWN.



The mossy rock was there,

And the water bly fair, And the little trout wad sport about, All in the sunny beam. Bonnie ran, &c.

Tho' summer days be lang . And sweet the birdies, sang, The wintry night and chilling blight Keep aye their cerie roun.-Bonnie ran, &c. And then the burn's like a sea Roarin and reamin; Nae wee bit sangster's on the tree, But wild birds screamin. Bonnie ran, &c.

And my sweet sunny morn Was like the ripplin burn. Or simmer preeze among the trees, And linties lilting blythe. Oh! that the past I might forget, Wandrin and weepin; Oh! that aneath the hillock green Sound I were sleepin!

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I'll lead thee to the birkin bow'r, on you burn side, Sag sweetly wove wi' woodbine flow'r, on you burn side;

There the roses bloom sae fair,

There securely sports the hare, There well pledge our love sencere, down by yon burn side.

Awa', ye rude unfecting crew, frac you burn side; Those fairy-scenes are no for you, by you burn side;

There lancy smooths her theme,

By the sweetly murm'ring streams And the rock-fodg'd echoes skim, down by yon burn side.

Now the planting taps are ting'd wi'goud, on yon burn side, And gloamin draws her foggy shroud. o'er yon burn side;

Far frae the noisy scene,

I'lt through the fields atane;

There welt meet-my ain dear Jean, down by yon burn side.

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SONG OF SELMA.





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THE CARDLA O'T.











For though his locks be lyart gray, And though his brow be beld aboou, Yet I has seen him, on a day, The pride of a? the parishen. The cardin o't, &c.

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MY PEGGY'S FACE.



The lify's hue, the rose's dye, The kindling lustre of an eye; Who but owns their magic sway, Who but knows they all decay! The tender thrill, the pitying tear, The generous purpose, nobly dear, The gentle look that rage disarms; These, these are all immortal charms. 69

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PUT THE GOWN UPON THE BISHOP.





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There's mony a filly come in on the score, Fal lal, &c. Wi' galloping graith, clad ahint an' afore, Fal lal, &c. Our ancient wager for to win, The prize nac less than forty pun'; To see them is the best o' fun, Fal lal, &c.

The rout the town officers held at command, Fal lal, &c. And baillies wi? halberts weel scourd in their hand, Fal lal, &c.

To clear the course, the cause was gude,

An' guide the rabble, wild an' rude,

For ilka ane on tip-tae stood, Fal lal, &c-

Now Kirkfield frac braw Lesmahago came, Fal lal, &c. Our siller nac doubt, for to tak wi? him hame, Fal lal, &c.

, But the? he cam wi? noise an' din,

The beast was unco laith to rin;

In short the lad was ahin, Fal lal, &c.

An' Glentowin's horse he was sairly out-worn, Fal lah &c. That mornin' he gat a haill firlet o' com, Fal lah &c.

His groom kept him but carelessly,

Thoy had he led him soberly

'Twas thought he wad hac won the gree, Fal lal, &c.

But Kingledore's mare she brak all at the First, Fal Ial, &c. Sax paces an' mair alore a' the rest, Fal Ial, &c.

She was sae supple an' sae stout,

She led the fave as round about,

An' cam in lirst - as she gade out, Fal lal, &c.

Now Glentowin's horse he could do nae mair, Fal lal, &c. An' Kirklich's o'er heavy to hae ony share, Fal lal, &c.

Sae Kingledore's brown bonny mare

Set all wi' a' our dainty gears

Au' caper'd crously thro' the fair, Fal Ial, &c.

THE FLOWER OF AMOCHRIE.

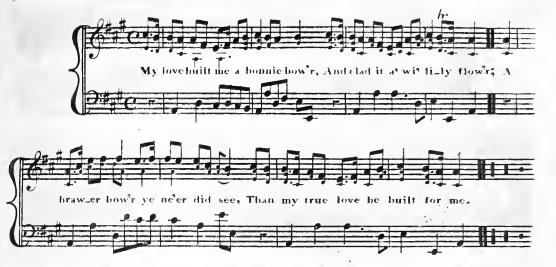


"Saw ye Aurora at the dawn, Or cloudless moon o'er waveless sea? Oh! then you'd know, upon the lawn, The lovely flower o' Amochrie. Her cheeks the ruddy morning vie, Her neck, the snaw sae fair to see, Her e'en, the blue o' winter sky, The lovely flower o' Amochrie."

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THE BORDER WIDOW'S LAMENT.



There came a man by middle day, He spied his sport and went away, And brought the king at dead of night, Who brake my bow'r, and slew my khight.

He slew my knight, to me sae dear! He slew my knight, and poin'd his gear! My servants all for life did flee, And left me in extremitie!

I sew'd his sheet, making my mane; I watch'd the corpse, myself alane; I watch'd his body night and day; No living creature came that way!

I took his body on my back, And whiles I gaed, and whiles I sat; I digg'd a grave and laid him in, And hap'd him with the sod sae green!

But think na ye my heart was sair, When I taid the mould on his yellow hair! O think na ye my heart was wae, When I turn'd about awa to gae!

Nae living man I'll, love again, Since that my lovely knight is slain! Wi' ae lock of his yellow hair I'll chain my heart for evermair!

MERRY MAY THE KEEL ROW.



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Wi'a round rosy tap, like a meikle black-boyd, It was slouch'd just a kenning on either hand side; Some maintain'd it was black, some maintain'd it was blue, It had something o' baith as a body may trow. But, in sooth, I assure you, for ought that I baw, Still his bonnet had naething uncommon ava; Tho' the haill parish talk'd o' Rob Roryson's bonnet, 'Twas a' for the marvellous head that was in it.

That head___let it rest___it is now in the mools, Tho? in life a? the warld beside it were fools; Yet o? what kind o? wisdom his head was possest, Nane kend but himsel? sae there's nane that will mis?t. But there's some still in life, wha eternally blame, Wha on <u>buts</u> and on <u>ifs</u> rear their fabrie o? fame; To all such I inscribe this most beautiful sonnet, To crown them the heirs o? Rob Roryson's bonnet.

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AMID LOCH CATRINE'S SCENERY WILD.



'Tis sweet when woodland echo rings, Where purling streams meander; But sweeter when my Mary sings, As thro' the glens we wander.

The wild deer on the mountain side, The fabled Elf or Fairy,

Or skiff that skims the crystal tide, Moves not more light than Mary.

From lowland plains I've wander'd far, In endless search of pleasure,
Till, guided by some friendly star, I found this lovely treasure.
Altho? my native home has charms, Amang these hills I'll tarry;
And while life's blood my bosom warms, I'll love my dearest Mary.

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YE BOWNIE HAUGHS.



We felt our loves, we left our hames, We left our bairns and winsome dames, And we drew our swords richt manfully To back the king o' our ain countric. But Carlile yetts are wat wi blude, Micht matches richt, and dooms the gude; And gentle blude o' ilk degree Has stained the hearths o' my ain countric.

And dwyning in this fremit land, Does feekless mak baith heart and hand, And gars this tears drap frae my ee, That neer sal ta' in my ain countrie. O Carron brig is auld and worn, Where 1 and my forbears were born; But bonnie is that brig to see By ane flemit frae his ain countrie.

And gladly to the listening car Is borne the waters cruning clear, Making a moan and melodie That weds the heart to its ain countrie. Q gin I were a wee wee bird, To light adown at Randiefuird, And in Kirk o' Mure to close my e'e, And fald my wings in my ain countrie¹

FAREWELL, O SWEET HOPE.



In youth every prospect by pleasure was bounded, And joy was the portion that destiny gave;

.'Twas pure as the lake by the mountains surrounded, And warm as the sun-beam that danc'd on its wave.

Thy visious were transient as mists of the morning;

They shone on my sight like the rainbow of eve; And the first tear of sorrow proclaim'd the sad warning, Those visions were sent to betray and deceive.

Peace, mild as the dew-drop descending at even, < Protected my bosom from sorrow and care; But returnil to her throne in the mansion of heaven, When each object was stamp'd by the hand of despair.

O'er the flowers of happiness, wither'd and blighted, Fond memory lingers, and mourns their decay; For the blossoms thy warmth and thy splendour delighted, Expir'd in the hour that beheld thy last ray.



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And Ma_ry, now we meet no more, Un_less we meet a_bove. love.

Too well thou know'st how much I lov'd! Thou knew'st my hopes how fair! But all those hopes are blighted now, They point but to despair.

Thus doom'd to ceaseless, hopeless love, I haste to India's shore;

For here how can I longer stay, ...

And call thee mine no. more !

Now, Mary, now the struggle's oer, And the' I still must love,

Yet, Mary, here we meet no more,

O, may we meet above!

THE HIGHLAND BALOW.





Leeze me on thy bonnie craigie, An' thou live thou'll lift a naigie, Travel the country thro' and thro', And bring hame a Carlyle cow.

Thro? the lawlands, o'er the border, Weel, my babie, may thou furder; Herry the louns o' the laigh countrie, Syme to the Mighlands hame to me.

80 THE CALEDONIAN'S FAREWELL TO HIS NATIVE LAND. Air, Farewell to Scotia.



Be the land of any loveliest dreams.

The remembrance of thee will not wear, Like the mist on thy mountains, away: Or, as temples, that grandeur will rear,

To glitter and glance for a day. But as towers are embedded for aye, It shall stand on the top of my heart,

And der my fond fancy hold sway, While memory her joys shall impart. QUEEN MARY'S FAREWELL TO FRANCE. S1



The ship that waits me from thy briendly dore, Conveys my body, but conveys no more. My south is thing, that spark of heavinly thang. The better portion of my mingled frame, is wholly thing; that part f give to thee. That, in the temple of thy memory. The other over may enshrined be.

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By the storm the rose is blasted, Rain sweeps the hly frac the vale, The fragrance of the brier flies wasted On the wings of automn's gale.

Seasons ever are a-changing.

Buds to flowers, then flowers decay, Autumn, summer's glory mourning, Winter sweeps their pride away.

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83 O!THE YEARS! Air, Crowdy. 24 Set. Olthe years when young cre-a-tions Peo-pled every hour that flew, Slow. When the spiarit knew tempata-tions But by love's il - lu - sive hue. These were days of prace and plea-sure, Which we neer shall prove a-gain; All the fu-ture we can mea_sure On_ty by its sum of pain. Fare thee well, thou hours of fae_ry; Fare thee well, tre-a-tions gay; All your vi-sions, bright and air-y. Took them wings and flew a-way. E

STU MO RUN.*



Turn and see thy tartan platty Riving over my breaking hear,
O my bouny highland laddie,
Wae was 1, with thee to part.
Joy of my heart, Geordy again, T
Joy of my heart, Stor mo Run.

But then bleeds C bleeds then, beauty? Swims thy eye in wee and pain? Child of honour! child of dury! Shall we never meet again? Joy of my heart, Geordy agam! Joy of my heart, Stu mo Ran!

Yes, my darling, on thy pillow, Noon thy head shall easy by; Soon, upon the bounding billow, Shall thy war-worn standard fly, Joy of my heart, Geordy again; Joy of, my heart, 'Stu mo Ran!

Then, again thy tartan plaidy, Then, my bosom free from pain, Shall receive my Highland laddie: Never shall we part again. Joy of my heart, Geordy .agam! Joy of my heart, 'Stu mo Run!

Lady G. Gordon, picked up this beautiful Air in the Highlands, the verses were written by D. Couper at her desire, on the Marquis of Huntly when in Holland.

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MAID OF ALDERNEY.



Couldst thou but learn frace me my grief, Sweet bird, thoud'st leave thy native grove, And fly, to bring my soul relief,

To where my warmest wishes rove; Soft as the cooings of the dove,

Thou'lt sing thy sweetest, saddest lay, And melt to pity, and to love,

The bonny maid of Alderney.

- Well may I sigh and sairly weep; Thy song sad recollections bring;
- O! fly across the roaring deep,

And to my maiden sweetly sing; 'Twill to her faithless bosom bring

Remembrance of a sacred day; But feeble is thy wee bit wing,

And far's the isle of Alderney.

Then, bonny bird, wi' mony a tear,

I'll mourn beneath this heary thern, And then wilt find me sitting here,

Ere thou canst hail the dawn o' morn. Then, high on airy pinions borne,

Thou'lt chaunt a sang o' love and wae, And soothe me, weeping at the scorn O the sweet maid of Alderney.

And when around my wearied head, Solt pillow'd where my fathers lie, Death shall eternal poppies spread,

And close for aye my tearfu' eye. Perch'd on some bonny branch on high,

Thou'lt sing thy sweetest roundelay, And soothe my spirit passing by

To meet the maid of Alderney.

THE LOVELY LASS OF INVERNESS.



Their graves are growing green to see; And by them lies the dearest lad That over blest a woman's ee! Now wae to thee thou cruel lord, A bluidy man I trow thou he;

For mony a heart thou hast made sair. - That ne'er did wrang to thine or thee.

IT WAS A'FOR OUR RIGHTFU' KING.



Now a' is done that men can do, And a' is done in vain: My love and native land fareweet, For I maun cross the main, my dear, For I maun cross the main.

He turn'd him right and round about, Upon the Irish shore, And gavehis bridle-reins a shake, With, adieu for evermore, my dear, With, adieu for evermore.

The soger frac the war returns, The sailor frac the main, But I has parted frac my love, Never to meet again, my dear, Never to meet again.

When day is gane, and night is come,
And a' folk bound to sleep.
I think on him that's far awa
The lee-lang night, and weep, my dear,
The lee-lang night, and weep.

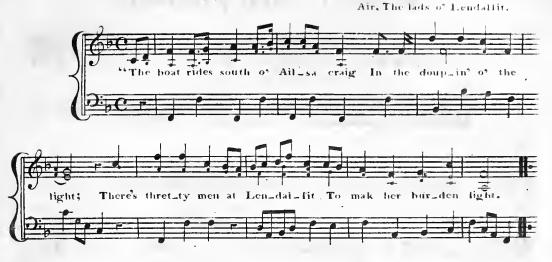
THE HIGHLANDER'S FAREWELL.



The glen, that was my father's own, Must be by his forsaken; The house, that was my father's home, Is levell'd with the bracken. Ochon! ochon! our glory's o'er, Stole by a mean deceiver! Our hands are on the broad claymore, But the might is broke for ever. And thou, my prince, my injur'd prince, Thy people have disown'd thee,
Have hunted, and have driv'n thee hence, With ruin'd chiefs around thee.
Tho' hard beset, when I forget Thy' fate, young helpless rover,
This broken heart shall cease to beat, And all its griefs be over.

Farewell, farewell, dear Caledon, Land of the Gael no longer!
A stranger fills thy ancient throne, In guile and treachery stronger.
The brave and just fall in the dust, On ruin's brink they quiver,
Heaven's pitying ce is closid on thee, Adicu! adicu for ever.

THE SMUGGLER.



There's thretty naigs in Hazel-holm, Wi' the halter on their head, Will cadg'd this night, ayont you hight, If wind and water speed.

Fy, reek ye out the pat an' spit,
For the roast, but an' the boil,
For wave-worn wight it is not meet,
Spare feeding and sair toil.

O Mungo, ye've a cozie bield, Wi'a butt ay an'a ben;
Can ye no live a lawfn' life, An' ligg wi' lawfu men?

Gae blaw your win aneath your pat, it's blawn awa on me.For, bag an' bark, shall be my wark Untill the day I die.

Maun I haud by our hamcart goods An' loreign gear sae fine? Maun I drink at the water wans An' France sae rife o' wine?

O weel I like to see thee, Kate, Wi' the bairnie on thy knee; But my heart is now wi' you gallant crew. That push through the angry sea.

The jauping weet, the stented sheet. The south-west stiflest gowl. On a moonless night, if the timmer's tight. Are the joys of a Smuggler's soul?

90 O CHECK MY LOVE, THE FALLING TEAR. Air, Jock o' Hazledean. O check, my the fall-ing tear Which dims thy bonnie ee; love, The world may frown, and friends prove false, But I'll be true to thee. 12 love, the my ris_ing sigh, Which gent_ly swells thy heart; Hope check. whis_pers we'll meet And part. soon a _ gain, ne_ver, ne - ver When far away that falling tear Shall aft remember'd be, The rising sigh which swells thy heart Shall neer be lost on me.

Then check, my love, the falling tear

Which dims thy bonnie ce;

The world may frown, and friends prove false, But I'll be true to thee.

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- By dewy dawn, or sultry noon,
- Or sober evening gray,
- I'll olten quit the dinsome town
- By Levern banks to stray;
- Or from the upland's mossy brow Enjoy the fancy-pleasing view
- OI streamlets, woods, and fields below, A sweetly varied scene!

Give riches to the miser's care, Let folly shine in lashion's glare,

Give me the wealth of peace and health,

With all their happy train.

AS I CAME O'ER THE CAIRNEY MOUNT.



And o'er the knowes the lambs were bleating; But he won my heart's consent To be his ain at the neist meeting, O my bonnie Highland lad,

My winsome, weelfar'd Highland laddie; Wha wad mind the wind and rain, Sae weel row'd in his tartan plaidie?

NOW BANK AND BRAE.



The chield scha boasts o' warld's walth Is aften laird o' meikle care; But, Mary, she is a' mine ain, Ah! fortune, canna gie me mair! Then let me range by Cassillis banks, Wi' her, the lassie dear to me,

And catch her ilka glance of love,

The bonnie blink of Mary's de

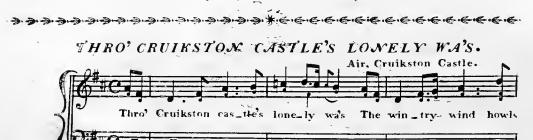
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THE PRIMROSE IS BONNIE IN SPRING.



When the night is a' sae calm, An' comes the sweet twilight gloom,
Oh! it cheers my heart to meet My. lassie among the broom.
When the birds, in bush an' brake, Do quit their blythe e'enin sang,
Oh! what an hour to sit

Thae gay gowden links amang.



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Tho' mirk the cheerless e'en_ing fa's, Yet wild and drear_y; 1 hae my Ma_ry. Yes, Ma_ry, tho? the winds should rave Wi' vow'd meet to keep me frae The dark jeal _ ous _ spite thee. est storm - y spres! night I'd brave, For a'e sweet se_cret_mo_ment wi' thee.

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Loud der Cardonald's rocky steep

Rude Cartha pours in boundless measure, But I will ford the whirling deep

That roars between me and my treasure. Yes, Mary, tho' the torrent rave

Wi' jealous spite to keep me frae thee, Its deepest flood I'd bauldly brave,

For ae sweet secret moment wi' thee,

The watch-dog's howling loads the blast, And makes the nightly wand'rer eerie, But when the lonesome way is past, I'll to this bosom clasp my Mary. Yes, Mary, tho' stern winter rave

With a' his storms to keep me frae thee, The wildest dreary night I'd brave

For ae sweet secret moment wir thee.

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THE INGLE SIDE.



Glens may be gilt wi' gowans rare,
The birds may fill the tree,
And haughs has a' the scented ware
That simmer's growth can gie;
But the canty hearth, where cronies meet,
An' the darfing o' our e'c,
That maks to us a warld complete;
O the ingle side's for me.

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THE FLOWER O' LOCHER.



It's whate the lambkins sport and play Sac merry a' the simmer;
It's whate the birds sing a' the day Upon the leafy timmer;
Wi' you, my fove, I like to gae, A leal, leaf heart to offer,
My fancy neer frace you can stray, Nor bonnie banks o' Locher.

O, lassie, yêre sae fair to see,
I aye maun loe ye dearly,
Your check's the rose upon the tree,
Amang the dew sae pearly.
A monarch's crown and at I'd gi'e,
And miser's gowden coffer,
For ac blink of Eliza's e'e
Upon the banks of Locher.

WHAT DE YE THINK I SUD DO.



There's red headed Jenny that lieves at our side, At shearin she aye dings them 5°; But her vera sight mither canna abide, And her a wild hissie does ca? And what do ye think, &c.

There's MP M? Drunky a guid widow woman, For wine makin she has the gree;

At kirnin her daughter is surely uncommon, And either wad answer for me. And what do ye think, &c.

My mither yestreen she pouther'd my head, Till it was as white as the snaw; She tuik her auld mutch and stuffed my gravet, And pat in my breast prin and a: An' what do ye think I'm to do, gude folks? O! what do ye think I'm to do? I'm gaun to the east to a braw weddin' least To meet the M? Hullys, I trow.

Now gang awa Jamie, now gang to the bridal, Ye ken yere to be the best man, And Betty M. Huffy shells the best maid, Speak up to her now like a man. And what do ye think o' me, now, gude folks? O! what do ye think o', me now? I ken vera weel, it's a for the siller That mither wad has me to woo.

I gaed to the bridal, and Betty was there, And wow! but she was buskit braw, Wi' ribbons, and lace, a' set round her face, And necklaces twa or three raw. And what do ye think o' me, now gude lolks? O! what do ye think I sud try? For really I'm vext, and sairly perplext, Whan I think o' the fowls and the kye.

To please my mither, and speak up till her,
Lang I thought afore I wad try;
At length I spiered, if ever she heard
That we had twa dizen or kye?
And what do ye think or me, now gude folks?
O! keep me frac Betty sac I.
With a toss of her head, she answered indeed.
Wha cares for you, or your kye.



Down yon glen ye never will weary,

The flowers are fair, and the leaves are green; Bonnie lassie, ye maun be my dearie,

And the rose is sweet in the dew at c'en.

Birds are singing fu' blythe and cheery,

The flowers are fair, and the leaves are green; Bonnie lassie, on bank sae brierie,

And the rose is sweet in the dew at e'en.

In-yonder glen there's nacthing to lear ye,

The flowers are fair, and the teaves are green; Ye canna he sad, ye canna he cerie,

And the rose is sweet in the dew at e'en.

The water is wimpling by fu? clearly,

The flowers are fair, and the leaves are green; (in) ye soll ever he my dearte,

And the rose is sweet in the dow at e'en.

THE WANDERER.



Whilst whirlwinds blow and tempests rise, And thunders shake the troubled skiew, His leet are on a foreign strand, His heart is in his native land. Whilst all is calm and peaceful seen, And nought disturbs the blue screne, He cannot yield to joys command, An exile from his native land.

But when the storms of fortune past, The wish'd-for haven gain'd at last, With what delight his waving hand Enraptur'd hails his native land. Here tarry all his soul holds dear, And all his fancy loves is here, There are his friends his childhood planu'd And this his lov'd, his native land.

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CAULD BLAWS THE WIN?



Sleep soun?, my babe, my bonnie bonnie babe,
An' blythe may thou lift thy wankenin? e'e;
But never again can this waefu? bosom ken
The peace that kind Heaven may gie to thee.

Oh! I matter thole the bitter, bitter scorn,
O? them wha ance kindly smill on me;
An? I maun lea? my hame and parents dear,
To wander the warld in misery.

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THE DUMFRIES FOLUNTEERS.



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O let us not, like snarling curs, In wrangling be divided, Till, stap! come in an unco toun, And wi' a rung decide it: Be Britain still to Britain true, Amang oursels united: For never but by British hands Maun British wrangs be righted For never but, &c. The kettle of the kirk and state, Perhaps a clout may fail inft; But deil a foreign tinkler foun Shall ever ca' a nail inft; Our lather's blude the kettle bought! And wha wad dare to spoil it? By Heavens! the sacrilegious dog Shall tuel be to boil it! By Heavens, &c.

The wretch that would a tyrant own, And the wretch his true-sworn brother, Who would set the mob aboon the throne, May they be tied together. Who will not sing, 'God save the king!' Shall hang as high's the steeple; But while we sing, 'God save the king,' We'll neer forget the people. But while we sing, &c.

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THE COVENANTERS LAMENT.

Air, The Martyr's Grave.



It's nacthing but a sword, Lassie A bluidy bluidy ane,
Waving owre puir Scotland For her rebellious sin.
Scotland's a' wrang, Lassie,
Scotland's a' wrang;
It's neither to the hill nor glen,
Lassie we dare gang.

The martyrs' hill's forsaken, In simmer's dusk sae cahn, There's nae gathering now, Lassic, To sing the e'ening psalm, But the martyrs' grave will rise, Lassie, Aboon the warrior's cairn, An' the martyr soun' will sleep, Lassie, Aneath the waving fern.

O MARY, YE'S BE CLAD IN SILK.



For I have pledg'd my virgin troth Brave Arthur's fate to share, And he has gi'en to me his heart Wi' a' its virtues rare.

The mind, whase every wish is pure, Far dearer is to me; And ere 1'm fore'd to break my faith

I'll lay me down and die.

So, trust me, when I swear to thee By a' that is on high.
Though ye had a' this warld's gear, My heart ye could-na buy;
For langest life can ne'er repay The love he bears to me;
And ere 1'm fore'd to break my troth I'll lay me down and idie. 105

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MY LOVE, SHE'S BUT A LASSIE YET.



WAS EVER HEART SAE FAIRLY TA'EN.

Was ever heart sae fairly ta'en, By woman's wiles nnwary,O, And sae enthral'd as mine, by ane Sae fair and sae camsterie,O?

O dule the waefu' drinkin' o't! And the night I fell a thinkin' o't! When first a glossy dark blue-ee Thrill'd through me wi' the blinkin' o't.

I kenna if it's lack o' luve, Or want o' wit i' the lassie yet; Whate'er it be, the day we'll see A She'll no be just sae saucy yet.

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