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PREFACE.

MANY years have elapsed since the Editor began to collect Irish Melodies, about twenty of which, the most familiar to the lovers of music in Scotland, are interspersed in his Collection of Scottish Airs. He had no thoughts of forming an extended Collection of Irish Melodies, till the great Scottish Bard, in the course of their correspondence, suggested the idea, and offered to write Songs for them. * Encouraged by such an offer from BURNS, he proceeded with alacrity to collect the Melodies; and by the kindness of his musical friends, more particularly through the obliging exertions of his friend Dr J. Latham of Cork, he acquired a great variety of the finest old Melodies existing in Ireland, both in print and in manuscript; and year after year he has been adding to the number by every means in his power. These would long ere now have been given to the Public, had not unforeseen circumstances occurred to retard their appearance. They were sent to HAYDN to be harmonized, along with the Scottish and Welsh Airs : but after that celebrated Composer had finished the greater part of those two works, his declining health only enabled him to harmonize a few of the Irish Melodies; and upon his death, it became necessary to find another Composer, to whom the task of harmonizing them should be committed. Of all the Composers that are now living, it is acknowledged by every intelligent and unprejudiced Musician, that the only one who occupies the same distinguished rank with the late Haydn, is BEETHOVEN. Possessing the most original genius and inventive fancy, united to profound science, refined taste, and an enthusiastic love of his art,his compositions, like those of his illustrious predecessor, will bear endless repetition, and afford ever new delight. To this Composer, therefore, the Editor eagerly applied for Symphonies and Accompaniments to the Irish Melodies; and to his inexpressible satisfaction, Beethoven undertook the composition. After years of anxious suspense and teazing disappointment, by the miscarriage of letters and of manuscripts, owing to the unprecedented difficulty of communication between England and Vienna, the long-expected Symphonies and Accompaniments at last reached the Editor, three other copies having previously been lost on the road.

These SYMPHONIES of Beethoven will be found most appropriate and singularly beautiful Introductions and Conclusions to each Melody, full of matter perfectly original, and diversified in the most fanciful and striking manner, according to the plaintive, spirited, or playful character of the Melodies for which they were composed.

His ACCOMPANIMENTS are equally appropriate and valuable. In Chamber singing, the Piano-forte alone will be found a most satisfactory Accompaniment; and when the additional Accompaniments for the Violin and Violoncello, (not given in any other Irish Collection,) are joined with it, the effect will be felt in the highest degree excellent: for the parts united, exhibit combinations of harmony so rich, in a style so varied, so delicate, and so impressive, as to impart a new and

powerful interest to the Melodies, which will secure to them lasting admiration, and a place among the most classical compositions.

A Second-voice part, too, has been composed by Beethoven, to a number of the Airs, which may thus be sung as Duetts; but as those Airs still retain their precise original form, they can, of course, be sung perfectly well by a single voice.

The Editor is aware that there are many persons, who, not having cultivated music, are scarcely sensible of the value of Accompaniments, and prefer a simple Air to the finest music in parts. It is not to be denied, that there is a great charm in a fine voice singly, and that we sometimes hear a singer who can delight us by a song, without any Accompaniment. But such a singer is a rara avis : Nature seems niggardly in the much-valued gift of a rich fine toned voice; and there are few singers who feel themselves at ease, or can give much pleasure to their hearers, without the support and guidance of an Accompaniment: for it is well known that voices, in general, have a tendency to fall from the pitch in which they have set out, and thus the harmony of the instrument is necessary to keep the voice in a just intonation, or to recal it when it begins to wander.

It is probable, also, that amidst the powerful attraction of new and excellent Compositions, and the fluctuation and refinement of taste, national Melodies would be much neglected, were it not for their union with masterly and beautiful Accompaniments.



A distinguished Writer considers Melody in music, to be analogous to Design in painting; and Accompaniments he compares to Colouring. • If Carolan, the Irish Bard, could raise his head, and hear his own Melodies sung with Beethoven's Accompaniments, he would idolize the Artist, that, from his designs, could produce such exquisitely coloured and highly finished pictures. † Let any of the Irish Melodies be sung alone, and then with the Accompaniments of Beethoven, and it will immediately be perceived by every person of the least taste, how much the one is enriched by the other. The more critically the Music of this Collection is examined, the more clearly will it be seen what extraordinary pains and attention have been bestowed upon the Symphonies and Accompaniments of every one of the Melodies; for there is nothing of common place, no marks of negligence or carelessness throughout the Work : the whole has been composed con amore, as if the author were to rest his fame upon it; and accordingly he has announced to the Editor his intention of publishing it on the Continent, with the verses translated. This is equally flattering to the Melodies of Ireland, and satisfactory to the Editor; it is a decisive proof that

from what Giraldus Cambrensis, in the twelfth century, has said of the superior skill of the Irish in the performance of instrumental or harp music, at that early period,—joined to Powell's account of the Welsh prince Gruffyd ap Conan having, in the eleventh century, "brought over with him from "Ireland divers cunning musicians into Wales, who "devised, in a manner, all the instrumental music "that is now used there," and the notices of other ancient writers, it cannot be doubted that Ireland must be considered a parent country of music, to which Wales, and, perhaps, Scotland too, were originally indebted.

This Work, (which will probably be comprised in two volumes,) with the former publications of the Editor, puts the Public in possession of all that appeared to him most valuable and worthy of preservation in the native MELODIES of SCOTLAND, IRE-LAND, and WALES, united to the most interesting Songs, Symphonies, and Accompaniments that could be procured from original and distinguished Genius: and as he has spared neither pains, nor time, nor expence, in rendering every part of the three Works as perfect as possible, he trusts that they will do lasting honour to the musical and poetical character of the three countries. He looks back with great satisfaction upon his humble exertions, because he has had the happiness of eliciting from Poets and Musical Composers, who adorned the age in which they lived, what otherwise would never have been given to the world. From the delay in publishing this work, others have got the start of it : And though the Editor is not insensible of the merit of those works, yet, his plan having been formed, and a great part of his materials collected, long before those works were heard of, he felt no inclination to withhold what he had with so much trouble acquired, more especially when he knows how truly the present work will be found to possess the charm of novelty; for, except in the Melodies, (which must be nearly alike in most collections,) it differs essentially from any of the works that have preceded it. The Editor owes his most respectful acknowledgments to SIR WATKYN WILLIAMS WYNNE, Bart. for obligingly permitting his exquisite picture of Sr CECILIA, by SIR JOSHUA REYNOLDS, to be copied and engraved for the frontispiece that graces this work.

Beethoven feels conscious that he has rendered them worthy of the attention of an enlightened Public.

Of the POETRY, the Editor may warrantably hope that its reception will not be less favourable than that of the Music, because its authors are celebrated for their genius, and exhibit in their songs the finest flow of fancy, feeling, and humour; which they have adapted in the happiest manner to the varied character of the Melodies. The Editor feels himself under the deepest obligations to them; for without their kind assistance, after the lamented death of BUNNS, he could not have completed the Work, with satisfaction either to himself or the Public.

It was the intention of the Editor to offer a few thoughts concerning the antiquity of the Irish Melodies, &c., as he has done with respect to the Scottish and Welsh Melodies, in his Collections of those Songs. But after perusing Walker's Historical Memoirs of the Irish Bards, Bunting's Critical Dissertation prefixed to his first volume of Irish Music, and Moore's Prefatory Letter to his third book of Songs, he finds that he could throw no new light on the subject. He believes, with Mr Moore, that the generality of the fine Airs are more modern than the antiquaries would have us consider them. Yet

Edinburgh, March 1814.

⁺ No. 1. of this Collection, for example.



^{*} ROUSSEAU, Dictionaire de Musique, Article AIR; in which article this eloquent writer has treated of the power of Music over the memory and fancy, with singular felicity, and with the warmest glow of enthusiastic feeling.

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The Return to Alster.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By WALTER SCOIT, Esq.

AIR, (No. 1.)—YOUNG TERENCE MACDONOUGH,—By Carolan.

ONCE again, but how chang'd, since my wand'rings began— I have heard the deep voice of the Lagan and Bann, And the pines of Clanbrassil resound to the roar That wearies the echoes of fair Tullamore. Alas! my poor bosom, and why shouldst thou burn ! With the scenes of my youth can its raptures return ? Can I live the dear life of delusion again, That flow'd when these echoes first mix'd with my strain ?

It was then that around me, though poor and unknown, High spells of mysterious enchantment were thrown; The streams were of silver, of diamond the dew, The land was an Eden, for fancy was new. I had heard of our bards, and my soul was on fire At the rush of their verse, and the sweep of their lyre: To me 'twas not legend, nor tale to the ear, But a vision of noontide, distinguish'd and clear.

Ultonia's old heroes awoke at the call, And renew'd the wild pomp of the chace and the hall; And the standard of Fion flash'd fierce from on high, Like a burst of the sun when the tempest is nigh. * It seem'd that the harp of green Erin once more Could renew all the glories she boasted of yore.— Yet why at remembrance, fond heart, shouldst thou burn? They were days of delusion, and cannot return.

But was she, too, a phantom, the maid who stood by, And listed my lay, while she turn'd from mine eye? Was she, too, a vision, just glancing to view, Then dispers'd in the sun-beam, or melted to dew? Oh! would it had been so,—O would that her eye Had been but a star-glance that shot through the sky, And her voice, that was moulded to melody's thrill, Had been but a zephyr that sigh'd and was still.

Oh! would it had been so,—not then this poor heart Had learn'd the sad lesson, to love and to part; To bear, unassisted, its burthen of care, While I toil'd for the wealth I had no one to share. Not then had I said, when life's summer was done, And the hours of her autumn were fast speeding on, "Take the fame and the riches ye brought in your train, "And restore me the dream of my spring-tide again."

• In ancient Irish poetry, the standard of Fion, or Fingal, is called the Sun-burst, an epithet feebly rendered by the Sun-beam of



















Sweet Power of Song.

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WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By JOANNA BAILLIE.

AIR, (No. 2.)-THE SUMMER IS COMING.

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Sweet Power of Song! that canst impart, To lowland swain or mountaineer, A gladness thrilling through the heart, A joy so tender and so dear :

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Sweet Power! that on a foreign strand Canst the rough soldier's bosom move, With feelings of his native land, As gentle as an infant's love.

Sweet Power! that makest youthful heads With thistle, leek, or shamrock crown'd, Nod proudly as the carol sheds Its spirit through the social round. Sweet Power! that cheer'st the daily toil Of cottage maid, or beldame poor, The ploughman on the furrow'd soil, Or herd-boy on the lonely moor :

Or he, by bards the shepherd hight, Who mourns his maiden's broken tye, 'Till the sweet plaint, in woe's despite, Hath made a bliss of agony.

Sweet Power of Song! thanks flow to thee From every kind and gentle breast! Let ERIN'S, CAMBRIA'S, minstrels be With BURNS'S tuneful spirit blest!



Once more I hail Thee.

WRITTEN, AND AFTERWARDS RETOUCHED FOR THIS AIR,

By BURNS.

AIR, (No. 3.)-Communicated without a name by a Friend.

ONCE more I hail thee, thou gloomy December! Thy visage so dark, and thy hurricane's roar; Sad was the parting thou mak'st me remember,— My parting with Nancy, ah! ne'er to meet more!

Fond lovers parting is sweet painful pleasure, When hope mildly beams on the soft parting hour; But the dire feeling, *O farewell for ever*, Is anguish unmingled, and agony pure. Wild as the winter now tearing the forest, Until the last leaf of the summer is flown, Such is the tempest has shaken my bosom, Since hope is departed and comfort is gone.

Still as I hail thee, thou gloomy December, My anguish awakes at thy visage so hoar; Sad was the parting thou mak'st me remember, My parting with Nancy, ah! ne'er to meet more!











The Morning Air plays on my Face.

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WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By JOANNA BAILLIE.

AIR (No. 4.)-Communicated without a name by a Friend.

THE morning air plays on my face, And, through the grey mist peering,

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How slowly moves the rising latch ! How quick my heart is beating! That wordly dame is on the watch To frown upon our meeting. Fy ! why should I mind her, See, who stands behind her, Whose eye doth on her trav'ller look The sweeter and the kinder.

The soften'd silv'ry sun I trace, Wood, wild, and mountain cheering. Larks aloft are singing, Hares from covert springing, And o'er the fen the wild duck's brood Their early way are winging.

Bright ev'ry dewy hawthorn shines, Sweet ev'ry herb is growing To him whose willing heart inclines The way that he is going. Fancy shews to me, now, What will shortly be, now, I'm patting at her door poor Tray, Who fawns and welcomes me now.

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Oh! ev'ry bounding step I take, Each hour the clock is telling, Bears me o'er mountain, bourne, and brake, Still nearer to her dwelling. Day is shining brighter, Limbs are moving lighter, While ev'ry thought to Nora's love But binds my faith the tighter.

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On the Massacre of Glencoe.—O tell me, Harper.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By WALTER SCOTT, Esq.

This Air, (No. 5.) which was communicated, without a name, by a Friend in Ireland, is so remarkable for its simple and pathetic character, that it might pass for a Highland LAMENT. No music could be better suited to the following sorrowful tale of truth which the Poet has indited for it.

O TELL me, Harper, wherefore flow Thy wayward notes of wail and woe Far down the desert of Glencoe,

The hand that mingled in the meal, At midnight drew the felon steel, And gave the host's kind breast to feel,

Where none may list their melody? Say, harp'st thou to the mists that fly, Or to the dun deer glancing by, Or to the eagle, that from high Screams chorus to thy minstrelsy.

No, not to these, for they have rest,— The mist-wreath has the mountain crest, The stag his lair, the erne her nest,

Abode of lone security. But those for whom I pour the lay, Not wild-wood deep, nor mountain grey, Not this deep dell that shrouds from day, Could screen from treach'rous cruelty.

Their flag was furl'd, and mute their drum, The very household dogs were dumb, Unwont to bay at guests that come

In guise of hospitality. His blythest notes the piper plied, Her gayest snood the maiden tied, The dame her distaff flung aside,

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To tend her kindly housewifery.

Meed for his hospitality. The friendly hearth which warm'd that hand, At midnight arm'd it with the brand That bade destruction's flames expand Their red and fearful blazonry.

Then woman's shriek was heard in vain, Nor infancy's unpitied plain More than the warrior's groan, could gain Respite from ruthless butchery. The winter wind that whistled shrill, The snows that night that cloked the hill, Though wild and pitiless, had still

Far more than southron clemency.

Long have my harp's best notes been gone, Few are its strings, and faint their tone, They can but sound in desert lone

Their grey-hair'd master's misery. Were each grey hair a minstrel string, Each chord should imprecations fling, 'Till startled Scotland loud should ring,

" Revenge for blood and treachery."

















What shall I do to shew how much I love her?

ANONYMOUS.

AIR (No. 6.)-TELL ME, DEAR EVELEEN.

Though this Air very much resembles the preceding one, yet the style of the Accompaniments is so ingeniously and charmingly varied, as to give each Air a distinct character; and both Airs are so delightful, and so touching, that the Editor could not allow himself

to suppress either. The second voice part, added by Beethoven, to No. 6. is a curiosity, equally simple and beautiful.

WHAT shall I do to shew how much I love her? Thoughts that oppress me, O how can I tell? Will my soft passion be able to move her?

Language is wanting, when loving so well. Can sighs and tears, in their silence, betoken

Half the distress this fond bosom must know? Or will she melt when a true heart is broken,

Weeping, too late, o'er her lost lover's woe.

Is there a grace comes not playful before her? Is there a virtue, and not in her train? Is there a swain but delights to adore her? Pains she a heart but it boasts of her chain? Could I believe she'd prevent my undoing, Life's gayest fancies the hope should renew; Or could I think she'd be pleas'd with my ruin, Death should persuade her my sorrows are true!



His Boat comes on the sunny Tide.

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WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By JOANNA BAILLIE.

AIR (No. 7.)-THE LITTLE HARVEST ROSE.

And brightly gleams the flashing oar; The boatmen carol by his side,

And blythely near the welcome shore. How softly Shannon's currents flow! His shadow in the stream I see :

The very waters seem to know

Dear is the freight they bear to me.

His eager bound, his hasty tread,

His well-known voice I'll shortly hear; And O those arms so kindly spread !

That greeting smile ! that manly tear ! In other lands, when far away,

My love with hope did never twain; It saw him thus, both night and day, To Shannon's banks return'd again.









Come draw we round a cheerful King.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By JOANNA BAILLIE.

AIR, (No. 8.)-Communicated without a name by a Friend.

COME, draw we round a cheerful ring,

Who shakes the door with angry din,

And broach the foaming ale, And let the merry maiden sing, The beldame tell her tale : And let the sightless harper sit The blazing faggot by ; And let the jester vent his wit, His tricks the urchin try.

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And would admitted be? No, Gossip Winter, snug within, We have no room for thee. Go, scud it o'er Killarney's lake, And shake the willows bare ; The water-elf his sport doth take, Thou'lt find a comrade there.

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Will o' the Wisp skips in the dell, The owl hoots on the tree,
They hold their nightly vigil well,
And so the while will we.
Then strike we up the rousing glee,
And pass the beaker round,
While ev'ry head right merrily
Is moving to the sound.

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Our Bugles sang Truce; or, The Soldier's Dream.

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WRITTEN

. By THOMAS CAMPBELL, Esq.

AND PUBLISHED BY HIS PERMISSION.

AIR, (No. 9.)-KITTY TYRREL.

Our bugles sang truce,—for the night-cloud had low'r'd, And the centinel-stars set their watch in the sky, And thousands had sunk on the ground, overpow'r'd, The weary to sleep, and the wounded to die.

When reposing that night on my pallet of straw,By the wolf-scaring faggot that guarded the slain,At the dead of the night a sweet vision I saw,And thrice ere the morning I dreamt it again.

Methought from the battle field's dreadful array, Far, far I had roam'd on a desolate track:
'Twas autumn, and sun-shine arose on the way To the home of my fathers, that welcom'd me back.
I flew to the pleasant fields travers'd so oft In life's morning march, when my bosom was young;
I heard my own mountain-goats bleating aloft, And knew the sweet strain that the corn-reapers sung.

Then pledg'd we the wine-cup, and fondly I swore, From my home and my weeping friends never to part; My little ones kiss'd me a thousand times o'er,

And my wife sobb'd aloud in her fulness of heart. Stay, stay with us,—rest, thou art weary and worn; And fain was their war-broken soldier to stay;— But sorrow return'd with the dawning of morn, And the voice in my dreaming ear melted away.





















If sadly thinking.

THE DESERTER,

THE EVENING PREVIOUS TO HIS EXECUTION.

WRITTEN

By the Right Hon. J. P. CURRAN,

AND PUBLISHED BY HIS PERMISSION.

AIR (No. 10.)-THE DESERTER.

IF sadly thinking, And spirits sinking, Could, more than drinking, My cares compose, A cure for sorrow From sighs I'd borrow, And hope to-morrow Might end my woes. But since in wailing There's nought availing, And Fate unfailing Must strike the blow, Then for that reason, And for a season, We will be merry before we go.

A way-worn ranger, To joy a stranger, Through every danger My course I've run; Now hope all ending, And death befriending, His last aid sending, My cares are done. No more a rover, Or hapless lover, My griefs are over, And my glass runs low. Then for that reason, And for a season, We will be merry before we go.



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Thou Emblem of Faith,

WRITTEN, ON RETURNING A RING,

By the Right Hon. J. P. CURRAN,

AND HERE PUBLISHED BY HIS PERMISSION.

AIR, (No. 11.)-I WOULD RATHER THAN IRELAND ONCE MORE I WERE FREE.

Тнои emblem of faith, thou sweet pledge of a passion That heav'n has ordain'd for an happier than me,

On the hand of the fair, go, resume thy lov'd station,

And bask in the beam that is lavish'd on thee. And when some past scene thy rememb'rance recalling, Her bosom shall rise to the tear that is falling, With the transport of love may no anguish combine, But the bliss be all her's, and the suff'ring all mine.

But ah ! had the ringlet thou lov'st to surround,

Had it e'er kiss'd the rose on the cheek of my dear, What ransom to buy thee could ever be found?

Or what force from my heart thy possession could tear? A mourner, a suff'rer, a wand'rer, a stranger, In sickness, in sadness, in pain, or in danger, Next that heart would I wear thee till its last pang was o'er, Then together we'd sink, and I'd part thee no more.






OCH! HAVE YOU NOT HEARD PAT.

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Och! and have you not heard, Pat.

ENGLISH BULLS; OR, THE IRISHMAN IN LONDON.

FROM A MANUSCRIPT PRESENTED BY THE AUTHOR TO THE EDITOR.

AIR (No. 12.)-PADDY WHACK.

** The Singer will readily see, that some lines in the third and subsequent verses, have a syllable more than the lines united to the music, and, of course, require an additional note, or the division of a note into two.

Ocн! and have you not heard, Pat, of many a joke, That's made by the wits 'gainst your own country folk; They may talk of our bulls, but it must be confest, That, of all the bull-makers, John Bull is the best.

Why, I'm just come from London, their capital town; A fine place it is, faith, I'm sorry to own; For there you can't shew your sweet face in the street,

But a Bull is the very first man that you meet.

Now, I went to St Paul's,—'twas just after my landing, A great house they've built, that has scarce room to stand in; And there, gramachree! wont you think it a joke, The lower I whisper'd, the louder I spoke! e 1

Then I went to the tower, to see the wild beasts, Thinking out of my wits to be frighten'd at least; But these wild beasts I found standing tame on a shelf, Not one of the kit half so wild as myself.

Next I made for the bank, Sir, for there, I was told, Were oceans of silver, and mountains of gold; But I soon found this talk was mere bluster and vapour, For the gold and the silver were all made of paper.

A friend took me into the Parliament house, And there sat the Speaker as mum as a mouse ; For in spite of his name, wont you think this a joke too, The Speaker was he whom they all of them spoke to.

Of all the strange places I ever was in, Was'nt that now the place for a hubbub and din? While some made a bother to keep others quiet, And the rest call'd for "Order,"—meaning just, make a riot.

Then should you hereafter be told of some joke, By the Englishmen made 'gainst your own country folk, Tell this tale, my dear honey, and stoutly protest, That of all the bull-makers, John Bull is the best.



Musing on the roaring Ocean.

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WRITTEN

By BURNS.

AIR, (No. 13.)-PEGGY BAWN.

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Musing on the roaring ocean, Which divides my love and me; Wearying heav'n in warm devotion, For his weal where'er he be.

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Hope and fear's alternate billow, Yielding late to nature's law; Whisp'ring Spirits round my pillow, Talk of him that's far awa. 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 befriend me; Downy sleep, the curtain draw; Spirits kind, again attend me, Talk of him that's far awa !









O who sits so sadly ?-Dermot and Shelah.

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WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By Mr T. TOMS.

AIR, (No. 14.)-THE BLACK JOKE.

U who sits so sadly, and heaves the fond sigh? Alas! cried young Dermot, 'tis only poor I,

All under the willow, the willow so green : My fair one has left me in sorrow to moan, So here am I come, just to die all alone; No longer fond love shall my bosom enslave, I am weaving a garland to hang o'er my grave,

All under the willow, the willow so green.

The fair one you love is, you tell me, untrue, And here stands poor Shelah, forsaken, like you,

All under the willow, the willow so green. O take me in sadness to sit by your side, Your anguish to share, and your sorrows divide; I'll answer each sigh, and I'll echo each groan, And 'tis dismal, you know, to be dying alone, All under the willow, the willow so green.

Then close to each other they sat down to sigh, Resolving in anguish together to die,

All under the willow, the willow so green : But he was so comely, and she was so fair, They somehow forgot all their sorrow and care; And, thinking it better a while to delay, They put off their dying, to toy and to play,

All under the willow, the willow so green.

Let brain-spinning Swains.

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WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By ALEXANDER BOSWELL, Esq.

AIR (No. 15.)-A TRIP TO THE DARGLE.

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When driving the cows of old father O'Leary, An angel, yourself, I had still in my eye; When digging potatoes, mud-spatter'd and weary, O what did I think on, but you, with a sigh ! At plough, or hay-making, I'm in an odd taking, My bosom heaves high, though my spirits be low: Fair maid, will you but trust to me, Fondly I'll love you wherever I go.

LET brain-spinning swains, in effusions fantastic,

Sing meetings by moon-light in arbour or grove; But Patrick O'Donelly's taste is more plastic,

All times and all seasons are fitted for love : At Cork, or Killarney, Killala, or Blarney,

At fair, wake, or wedding, my passion must glow: Fair maid, will you but trust to me,

Fondly I'll love you wherever I go.

When first I espied your sweet face, I remember,

That hot summer day, how I shiver'd for shame ! You smil'd when I met you again in December, And then, by the Pow'rs, I was all in a flame ! Come summer, come winter, in you my thoughts center; I doat on you, Judy, from top to the toe: Fair maid, will you but trust to me, Fondly I'll love you wherever I go.















Hide not thy Anguish.

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WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By WILLIAM SMYTH, Esq.

AIR, (No. 16.)-DERMOT.

HIDE not thy anguish,—thou must not deceive me, Thy fortunes have frown'd,—and the struggle is o'er; Come then the ruin ! for nothing shall grieve me, If thou art but left me, I ask for no more.

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Hard is the world, it will rudely reprove thee;

Thy friends will retire when the tempest is near; Now is my season,—and now will I love thee, And cheer thee when none but thy Mary will cheer.

Come to my arms,—thou art dearer than ever ! But breathe not a whisper of sorrow for me : Fear shall not reach me, nor misery sever, Thy Mary is worthy of love and of thee.

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In vain to this Desart my Fate I deplore.

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WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By Mrs GRANT,

THE SECOND AND THIRD VERSES EXCEPTED, WHICH ARE BY BURNS.

This Air (No. 17.) is well known by the name of THE LADY IN THE DESART; O'Kain, the Irish harper, having frequently delight. ed his Scottish hearers with it. It is almost the same with the Air called Coolun.

IN vain to this desart my fate I deplore, For dark is the wild-wood, and bleak is the shore; The rude blasts I hear, and the white waves I see, But nought that gives shelter or comfort to me.

Ah! long has all joy in my bosom grown cold, And darkly the future through tears I behold; Forsaken and friendless my burden I bear, And the sweet voice of pity ne'er sounds in my ear. O Love! thou hast pleasures, and deep have I lov'd; O Love! thou hast sorrows, and sore have I prov'd: But this bruised heart that now bleeds in my breast, I can feel, by its throbbing, will soon be at rest.

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When clos'd are those eyes, that but open to weep, With my woes and my wrongs I shall peacefully sleep; But the thorn thy unkindness first plac'd in my heart, Transplanted to thine, shall new anguish impart.

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Alas! for the pangs of regret thou wilt prove; Alas! for the last fond repinings of love: Though dying alone on a bleak desart shore, 'Tis thee and thy hopeless remorse I deplore.















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They bid me slight my Dermot dear.

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WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By WILLIAM SMYTH, Esq.

Though the first stanza of this song, as engraved under the music, is adapted either for one voice or for a duett, the rest of the song is meant to be sung by one voice only.

AIR (No. 18.)—Communicated without a name by a Friend.

THEY bid me slight my Dermot dear,

But I remember well I know,

For he's of low degree, While I my lady's maid am here, And of the Quality. But if my mother would not grieve, And if the truth were known, Well-pleas'd would I this castle leave, And live for him alone.

My lady, who is very kind,
To me will sometimes call,
And talk of love with scoffing mind,
And say 'tis folly all.
Ah! words like these are finely said,
And may my lady please,
For she her own true love has wed,
And has her heart at ease :

How mourn'd this lady gay,
When first my lord was forc'd to go
To battle far away:
Poor lady! then—I saw them part,
Her tears I saw them fall;
Oh, then, the true love in her heart,
Oh, was it folly all?

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I sit, my love, to think on thee, Look o'er the Shannon wide, And fancy I thy cabin see The lofty elms beside. The Shannon waves run very high, The little boat I fear; No more at night the passage try, For winter now is here.

There's none like thee,—the king of all, At funeral, and at fair;
My lord's fine man, that's in the hall, Can ne'er with thee compare.
Thy heart is true, thy heart is warm;
And so is mine to thee;
And would my Lord but give the farm, How happy should we be !

When the black=letter'd List, Ec.

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WIFE, CHILDREN, AND FRIENDS.

WRITTEN BY

The Hon. W. R. SPENCER.

AIR (No. 19.)-Communicated without a name by a Friend.

W HEN the black-letter'd list to the gods was presented,-The list of what Fate to each mortal intends,-At the long string of ills a kind Goddess relented, And slipt in three blessings-WIFE, CHILDREN, and FRIENDS.

In vain surly Pluto maintain'd he was cheated ;

For justice divine could not compass its ends : The scheme of man's penance he swore was defeated; For earth becomes heav'n with wife, children, and friends.

The soldier whose deeds live immortal in story, Whom duty to far distant latitudes sends, With transport would barter whole ages of glory, For one happy day with wife, children, and friends.

Though valour still glows in his life's waning embers, The death-wounded tar who his colours defends, Drops a tear of regret, as he, dying, remembers, How blest was his home with wife, children, and friends.

Though spice-breathing gales o'er his caravan hover, Though round him Arabia's whole fragrance ascends, The merchant still thinks of the woodbines that cover The bower where he sat with wife, children, and friends.

The day-spring of youth, still unclouded by sorrow, Alone on itself for enjoyment depends : But drear is the twilight of age, if it borrow No warmth from the smiles of wife, children, and friends.

Let the breath of renown ever freshen and nourish The laurel which o'er her dead favourite bends; O'er me wave the willow, and long may it flourish, Bedew'd with the tears of wife, children, and friends.

Let us drink,-for my song, growing graver and graver, To subjects too solemn insensibly tends; Let us drink, pledge me high, Love and Virtue shall flavour The glass which I fill to wife, children, and friends. .

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Farewell Bliss, and Farewell Nancy.

AIR, (No. 20.)-LOUGH SHEELING.

The beautiful concluding stanza of this Song was written in connection with some verses of unequal merit, which the poet meant to alter; but he did not live to fulfil his intention. Mrs GRANT, therefore, in compliance with the request of the Editor, obligingly wrote the first and second stanzas, in order to introduce the third one by BURNS.

> FAREWELL bliss, and farewell Nancy, Farewell fleeting joys of fancy; Hopes, and fears, and sighs that languish, Now give place to cureless anguish. Why did I so fondly love thee? Why to mutual passion move thee? Why to wearing sorrow bring thee? Why let causeless slander sting thee?

Gazing on my precious treasure,

Lost in reckless dreams of pleasure, Thy unspotted heart possessing, Grasping at the promis'd blessing, Pouring out my soul before thee, Living only to adore thee :---Could I see the tempest brewing? Could I dread the blast of ruin?

Had we never lov'd so kindly; Had we never lov'd so blindly, Never met, or never parted, We had ne'er been broken-hearted. Fare-thee-well, thou first and fairest, Fare-thee-well thou best and dearest; One fond kiss, and then we sever, One farewell, alas ! for ever.

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Morning a cruel Turmoiler is.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By ALEXANDER BOSWELL, Esq.

AIR, (No. 21.)

The Editor knows not the name of this Air; but the Air itself is well known from its having been sung for years in public by the inimitable JOHNSTONE, to words beginning, "I was the boy for bewitching them:" And surely no one ever was better qualified to bewitch his audience, either as an actor, or as a singer of Irish melodies.

MORNING a cruel turmoiler is, Banishing ease and repose ; Noon-day a roaster and broiler is,

Myrtles and vines some may prate about, Bawling in heathenish glee, Stuff I wont bother my pate about,

How we pant under his nose !
Evening for lovers' soft measures, Sighing and begging a boon;
But the blythe season for pleasures, Laughing, lies under the moon.
Och ! then you rogue Pat O'Flannaghan, Kegs of the whisky we'll tilt,
Murtoch, replenish our can again, Up with your heart-cheering lilt ! Shamrock and whisky for me! Faith, but I own I feel tender; Judy, you jilt, how I burn! If she won't smile, devil mend her! Both sides of chops have their turn. Och! then you rogue Pat O'Flannaghan, Kegs of the whisky we'll tilt, Murtoch, replenish the can again, Up with your heart-cheering lilt!

Fill all your cups till they foam again, Bubbles must float on the brim;
He that steals first sneaking home again, Day-light is too good for him.
While we have goblets to handle,
While we have liquor to fill,
Mirth, and one spare inch of candle,
Planets may wink as they will.
Och! then you rogue Pat O'Flannaghan,
Kegs of the crature we'll tilt;
Murtoch, replenish our can again,
Up with your heart-cheering lilt !











From Garyone, my happy Home.

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WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By Mr T. TOMS.

AIR (No. 22.)-GARYONE.

FROM Garyone, my happy home, Full many a weary mile I've come,

My mother cried, Dear Rosa, stay, Ah! do not from your parents stray;

To sound of fife and beat of drum,

And more shall see it never. Twas there I turn'd my wheel so gay, Could laugh, and dance, and sing, and play, And wear the circling hours away,

In mirth or peace for ever.

But Harry came, a blithsome boy, He told me I was all his joy, That love was sweet, and ne'er could cloy, And he would leave me never : His coat was scarlet, tipp'd with blue, With gay cockade and feather too, A comely lad he was to view ; And won my heart for ever. My father sigh'd, and nought would say, For he could chide me never : Yet, cruel, I farewell could take, I left them for my sweetheart's sake, And came,—'twas near my heart to break— From Garyone for ever.

But poverty is hard to bear, And love is but a summer's wear, And men deceive us when they swear They'll love and leave us never: Now sad I wander through the day, No more I laugh, or dance, or play, But mourn the hour I came away From Garyone for ever.



A wand'ring Gypsey, Sirs, am J.

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By Dr WOLCOT,

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AIR (No. 23.)-THE LEGACY.

A wAND'RING gypsey, Sirs, am I,

Alas! no friend comes near our cot;
The redbreasts only find the way,
Who give their all, a simple note,
At peep of morn and parting day.
But fortunes here I come to tell,
Then yield me, gentle Sir, your hand:
Within these lines what thousands dwell!
And, bless me, what a heap of land!

From Norwood, where we oft complain, With many a tear and many a sigh,

Of blust'ring winds and rushing rain. No costly rooms, nor gay attire,

Within our humble shed appear; No beds of down, or blazing fire,

At night our shivering limbs to cheer.

It surely, Sir, must pleasing be To hold such wealth in every line! Try, pray now try, if you can see A little treasure lodg'd in mine. Yon sun that pours the lightsome day, And gilds the palace and the farm, Can never miss the kindly ray That makes the hapless vagrant warm.









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Shall a Son of O'Donnel, Ec.

THE TRAUGH WELCOME.

A TRANSLATION FROM THE IRISH.

AIR (No, 24.)-PADDY'S RESOURCE.

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SHALL a son of O'Donnel be cheerless and cold, While Mackenna's wide hearth has a faggot to spare; While O'Donnel is poor shall Mackenna have gold, Or be cloth'd, while a limb of O'Donnel is bare? While sickness and hunger the sinews assail, Shall Mackenna, unmov'd, quaff his madder of mead; On the haunch of a deer shall Mackenna regale, While a chief of *Tyrconnell* is fainting for bread?

No, enter my dwelling, my feast thou shalt share, On my pillow of rushes thy head shall recline : And bold is the heart and the hand that will dare To harm but one hair of a ringlet of thine. Then come to my home, 'tis the house of a friend, In the green woods of Traugh thou art safe from thy foes : Six sons of Mackenna thy steps shall attend, And their six sheathless skeans shall protect thy repose.

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Harp of Erín, Ec.

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On the death of O'KAIN, the blind Irish harper, well known in Scotland by the admirable and feeling manner in which he played his native music; remarkable also for his independence of spirit, surcastic wit, and excessive conviviality, which exposed him sometimes to sad privations.

THE VERSES WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By DAVID THOMSON.

AIR (No. 25.)-I ONCE HAD A TRUE LOVE.

Он harp of Erin thou art now laid low, For he the last of all his race is gone: And now no more the Minstrel's verse shall flow, That sweetly mingled with thy dulcet tone : The hand is cold that with a poet's fire Could sweep in magic change thy sounding wire.

How lonely were the Minstrel's latter days, How oft thy string with strains indignant rung; To desert wilds he pour'd his ancient lays, Or to a shepherd boy his legend sung: The purple heath at ev'ning was his bed, His shelter from the storm a peasant's shed!

The gale that round his urn its odour flings, And waves the flow'rs that o'er it wildly wreathe, Shall thrill along thy few remaining strings, And with a mournful chord his requiem breathe. The shepherd boy that paus'd his song to hear, Shall chaunt it o'er his grave, and drop a tear.





O HARP OF ERIN.

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When Eve's last Rays in Twilight die.

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WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By DAVID THOMSON.

AIR (No. 26.)-THE SNOWY BREASTED PEARL.

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WHEN eve's last rays in twilight die, And stars are seen along the sky,

On Liffy's banks I stray; And there with fond regret I gaze, Where oft I've past the fleeting days With her that's far away.

When she would sing some lovely strain,
How sweet the echoes gave again
In fainter notes the lay :
Tho' mute the echoes of the grove,
In fancy still I hear my love,
Though now she's far away.

Her form the stream reflected clear,
And still it seem'd, when she was near,
To move with fond delay;
But though its wave no trace retains,
Her image in my heart remains,
Tho' now she's far away.



No Riches from his scanty Store.

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By HELEN MARIA WILLIAMS.

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AIR (No. 27.)-WITHIN THIS VILLAGE DWELLS A MAID.

No riches from his scanty store My lover could impart; He gave a boon I valued more— He gave me all his heart! His soul sincere, his gen'rous worth, Might well this bosom move; And when I ask'd for bliss on earth, I only meant his love.

But now for me, in search of gain, From shore to shore he flies : Why wander, riches to obtain, When love is all I prize? The frugal meal, the lowly cot, If blest my love with thee ! That simple fare, that humble lot, Were more than wealth to me.

While he the dang'rous ocean braves, My tears but vainly flow :
Is pity in the faithless waves To which I pour my woe ?
The night is dark, the waters deep ;
Yet soft the billows roll :
Alas ! at every breeze I weep ;— The storm is in my soul.









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The British Light Dragoons;

OR, THE PLAIN OF BADAJOS.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By WALTER SCOTT, Esq.

AIR (No. 28.)-THE BOLD DRAGOON.

Twas a Marechal of France, and he fain would honour gain,
 And he long'd to take a passing glance at Portugal from Spain,
 With his flying guns this gallant gay,
 And boasted corps d'armée,
 O he fear'd not our dragoons with their long swords boldly riding.
 Whack fal de ral, &c.

To Campo Mayor come, he had quietly sat down, Just a fricassee to pick, while his soldiers sack'd the town, When 'twas peste! morbleu! mon General, Hear th' English bugle call! And behold the light dragoons with their long swords boldly riding. Whack fal de ral, &c.

Right about went horse and foot, artillery and all,

And as the devil leaves a house they tumbled through the wall ;*

They took no time to seek the door,

But best foot set before,

O they ran from our dragoons with their long swords boldly riding. Whack fal de ral, &c.

Those valiant men of France they had scarcely fled a mile,

When on their flank there sous'd at once the British rank and file,

For Long, de Grey, and Otway then

Ne'er minded one to ten,

But came on like light dragoons with their long swords boldly riding. Whack fal de ral, &c.

Three hundred British lads they made three thousand reel,

Their hearts were made of English Oak, their swords of Sheffield steel,

Their horses were in Yorkshire bred,

And Beresford them led;

So huzza for brave dragoons with their long swords boldly riding. Whack fal de ral, &c.

Then here's a health to Wellington, to Beresford, to Long,

And a single word of Bonaparte before I close my song :

The eagles that to fight he brings

Should serve his men with wings,

When they meet the brave dragoons with their long swords boldly riding. Whack fal de ral, &c.

* In their hasty evacuation of Campo Mayor, the French pulled down a part of the rampart and marched out over the glacis.



Since Greybeards inform us that Pouth will decay.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By Mr T. TOMS.

AIR (No. 29.)-LET OTHER MEN SING OF THEIR GODDESSES BRIGHT.

Since greybeards inform us that youth will decay, And pleasure's soft transports glide swiftly away: The song, and the dance, and the vine, and the fair, Shall banish all sorrow and shield us from care. Away with your proverbs, your morals, and rules, Your proctors, and doctors, and pedants, and schools: Let's seize the bright moments while yet in our prime, And fast by the forelock catch old father Time.

Tho' spring's lovely blossoms delight us no more, Tho' summer forsake us, and autumn be o'er; To cheer us in winter, remembrance can bring The pleasures of autumn, of summer, and spring: So when fleeting seasons bring life's latest stage, To speak of youth's frolics shall gladden our age : Then seize the bright moments while yet in your prime, And fast by the forelock catch old father Time.



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The Parson boasts of mild Ale.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By ALEXANDER BOSWELL, Esq.

The Air, (No. 30,) is the only one in this volume of which the Symphonies and Accompaniments are not composed by Beethoven :-They are by Haydn.

> The parson boasts of mild ale, The squire of old October, But little their boasts avail If guests trudge homewards sober. To drink's my dear delight, With boon boys and good liquor; The squire is a thirsty wight,

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But nought can quench the vicar. CHORUS.—So turn the kilderkin up, In winter and in summer, Go cool thyself with a cup, Or warm thee with a rummer.

Och, Tady, would you be told Where souls may soon be merry, Then follow your foot, be bold, The Harp's the house in Derry: For Pat Macshane's the host, A right good lad by nature, And, true as a finger post, He points still to the *crature*. CHORUS.—So mount your Limerick wig, Be *nate* my joy, and proper, And give them a song and jig, And drink your thirteenth copper.

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