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The Poet, as is well known from his published Correspondence with Mr Thomson, wrote few Songs without having in his eye some fair damsel who at the time interested him. Mr Thomson, anxious to ascertain, as far as he could, who were the Poet's fair inspirers, lately applied to his Widow, his Brother, and some of his most intimate friends, for information. By their obliging communications, he is happily enabled, in the present Edition, to prefix to a number of the Songs the Names of the Heroines.

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LAST MAY A BRAW WOOER CAM' DOWN THE LANG GLEN.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By BURNS.

AIR-THE LOTHIAN LASSIE.

LAST May a braw wooer cam' down the lang glen, But a' the niest week as I petted wi' care,

And sair wi' his love he did deave me; I gaed to the tryste o' Dalgarnock; And wha but my fine fickle lover was there, I glowr'd as I'd seen a warlock, a warlock, I glowr'd as I'd seen a warlock.

I said there was naething I hated like men, The deuce gae wi' him to believe me, believe me, The deuce gae wi' him to believe me.

He spake o' the darts in my bonny black een, And vow'd for my love he was dying; I said he might die when he liked for JEAN : The Lord forgi'e me for lying, for lying, The Lord forgi'e me for lying !

A weel stocked mailin, himsel' for the laird, And marriage aff hand, were his proffers : I never loot on that I ken'd it, or car'd, But thought I might hae waur offers, waur offers, But thought I might hae waur offers.

But what wad ye think ? in a fortnight or less, (The de'il tak' his taste to gae near her !) He up the lang loan to my black cousin BESS, Guessyehow, the jade! I could bear her, could bear her, Guess ye, how the jade! I could bear her.

But owre my left shouther I ga'e him a blink, Lest neebours might say I was saucy, My wooer he caper'd as he'd been in drink, And vow'd I was his dear lassie, dear lassie, And vow'd I was his dear lassie.

I spier'd for my cousin, fu' couthy and sweet, If she had recover'd her hearing; And how her new shoon fit her auld shachl't feet; But heavens ! how he fell a-swearing, a swearing, But heavens! how he fell a-swearing.

He begged for gude-sake ! I wad be his wife, Or else I would kill him wi' sorrow : So e'en to preserve the poor body in life, I think I maun wed him-to-morrow, to-morrow, I think I maun wed him to-morrow.



O WAT YE WHA'S IN YONDER TOWN.

WRITTEN

By BURNS.

AIR-FY GAR RUB HER O'ER WI' STRAE.

For the choice of the Singer, the Editor has united these beautiful Verses both with the Air which the Poet originally had in view for them, and with another, (the first in the annexed plate,) which to the Editor appears still better suited to their character.

O WAT ye wha's in yonder town, Ye see the ev'ning sun upon? The fairest maid's in yonder town That ev'ning sun is shining on. Now, haply down yon gay green shaw, She wanders by yon spreading tree; How blest, ye flowers, that round her blaw, Ye catch the glances of her e'e! How blest, ye birds that round her sing, And welcome in the blooming year, And doubly welcome be the spring, The season to my Lucy dear!

The sun blinks blythe on yonder town, And on yon bonnie braes of Ayr; But my delight in yonder town, And dearest joy, is Lucy fair. Without my Love, not a' the charms Of Paradise could yield me joy; But gi'e me Lucy in my arms, And welcome Lapland's dreary sky ! My cave would be a lover's bower, Tho' raging winter rent the air; And she a lovely little flower That I would tent and shelter there, O sweet is she in yonder town Yon sinking sun's gane down upon; A fairer than's in yonder town, His setting beam ne'er shone upon. If angry fate is sworn my foe, And suffering I am doom'd to bear, I, careless, quit aught else below, But spare me, spare me, Lucy dear ! And while life's dearest blood is warm, Ae thought frae her shall ne'er depart; For she, as fairest is her form, She has the truest, kindest heart !

GIN YE MEET A BONNY LASSIE.

WRITTEN

By ALLAN RAMSAY.

THE SAME AIR.

Gin ye meet a bonny lassie, Gie her a kiss and let her gae; But if ye meet a dirty hussy, Fy gar rub her o'er wi' strae:

Be sure ye dinna quit the grip Of ilka joy, when ye are young, Before auld age your vitals nip, And lay you twafald o'er a rung.

Sweet youth's a blythe and heartsome time; Then, lads and lasses, while 'tis May, Gae pu' the gowan in its prime, Before it wither and decay.

Watch the saft minutes of delyte, When JENNY speaks beneath her breath, And kisses, laying a' the wyte On you, if she kepp ony skaith. " Haith, ye're ill-bred," she'll smiling say, "Ye'll worry me, ye greedy rook !" Syne frae your arms she'll rin away, And hide herself in some dark nook.

Her laugh will lead you to the place, Where lies the happiness ye want, And tell you plainly to your face, Nineteen na-says are half a grant.

Now to her heaving bosom cling, And sweetly toolie for a kiss ; Frae her fair finger whoop a ring, As taiken of a future bliss.

These bennisons, I'm very sure, Are of the Gods indulgent grant : Then, surly carls, whisht, forbear To plague us with your whining cant.



THE HAY WAS MAWN. SUMMER WHEN IN

WRITTEN

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By BURNS.

AIR-JOHN, COME KISS ME NOW.

In summer when the hay was mawn, And corn wav'd green in ilka field, While clover blooms white o er the lea, And roses blaw in ilka bield ; Blythe Bessie in the milking shiel, Says " I'll be wed, come o't what will !" Out spak a dame in wrinkled eild, · Of gude advisement comes nae ill.

- ' It's ye hae wooers mony ane,
- ' And lassie ye're but young, ye ken ;

" For Johnie o' the Buskie-glen,

- " I dinna care a single flie;
- " He loe's sae weel his craps and kye, " He has nae love to spare for me; " But blythe's the blink o' Robie's e'e, " And weel I wat he loe's me dear; " Ae blink o' him I wadna gie

" For Buskie-glen and a' his gear."

' Oh ! thoughtless lassie, life's a feght, ' The canniest gate, the strife is sair;

Then wait a wee, and cannie wale ' A routhie butt, a routhie ben : ' There's Johnie o' the Buskie-glen, ' Fu' is his barn, fu' is his byre ; ' Tak' this frae me, my bonny hen, ' It's plenty beets the lover's fire.'

' Yet ay fu' hand is feghtin best, ' A hungry care's an unco care : ' But some will spend, and some will spare, ' And wilfu fouk maun hae their will; ' Syne as ye brew, my maiden fair, ' Keep mind that ye maun drink the ale!'

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" O gear will buy me riggs o' land, " And gear will buy me sheep and kye; " But the tender heart o' leesome love, " The gowd and siller canna buy : "We may be poor, my Rob and I,

" Light is the burden love lays on :

" Content and love bring peace and joy,

" What mair hae queens upon a throne ?"

SHEPHERD'S BOWER. THOSE WHO LIVE IN IF

WRITTEN

By THOMSON.

THE SAME AIR.

IF those who live in shepherd's bower, Press not the rich and stately bed; The new mown hay and breathing flower A softer couch beneath them spread. If those who sit at shepherd's board, Soothe not their taste by wanton art;

Have not the splendour of a court, They take what nature's gifts afford, Yet Love adorns the merry round ! And take it with a cheerful heart.

If those who drain the shepherd's bowl, No high and sparkling wines can boast; With wholesome cups they cheer the soul, And crown them with the village-toast. If those who join in shepherd's sport, Gay dancing on the daizied ground,





The Sym: & Accompt simplified as above by MFK. 1801.

*Take either G or E.

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HOW HARD'S THE FATE OF WOMANKIND.

WRITTEN

By A LADY.

AIR-FOR A' THAT AND A' THAT.

How hard's the fate of womankind, When I think on't for a that : When they meet a young man to their mind, They dare na tell for a' that. CHORUS.—For a' that and a' that, And twice as meikle's a' that : Tho' they lo'e the laddie e'er sae weel, They dare na tell for a' that.

The warld's sae censorious, Which causes this and a' that, Gars us conceal our fondest thoughts, And say we hate and a' that. For a' that and a' that, For a' that and a' that, And twice as meikle's a' that, Tho' we lo'e the laddie e'er sae weel, We dare na tell for a' that.

I vow I will be nane o' these That play the fool and a' that;
When I meet a young man to my mind, I'll tell I love for a' that.
For a' that and a' that,
And twice as meikle's a' that,
The bonnie lad that I lo'e best Shall be my ain for a' that.

YES, I'M IN LOVE, I FEEL IT NOW.

WRITTEN

By PAUL WHITEHEAD.

THE SAME AIR.

Y ES, I'm in love, I feel it now, And Celia has undone me; But yet I swear I can't tell how The pleasing gauge stole on me.

'Tis not her face that love creates, For there no graces revel;
'Tis not her shape, for there the Fates Have rather been uncivil. 'Tis not her air, for sure in that There's nothing more than common; And all her sense is only chat, Like any other woman.

Her voice, her touch, might give th' alarm; 'Twas both, perhaps, or neither: In short 'twas that provoking charm Of Celia altogether.



O THIS IS NO MY AIN LASSIE

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WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By BURNS.

AIR .- THIS IS NO MY AIN HOUSE.

THIS is no my ain lassie,
Fair tho' the lassie be:
O weel ken I my ain lassie,
Kind love is in her e'e.
I see a form, I see a face,
Ye weel may wi' the fairest place,—

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It wants to me the witching grace, The kind love that's in her e'e.

O this is no my ain lassie, Fair tho' the lassie be; Weel ken I my ain lassie, Kind love is in her e'e. She's bonny, blooming, straight, and tall, And lang has had my heart in thrall; And ay it charms my very saul, The kind love that's in her e'e. O this is no my ain lassie, Fair tho' the lassie be ; Weel ken I my ain lassie, Kind love is in her e'e. A thief sae pauky is my Jean To steal a blink by a' unseen ; But gleg as light are lovers' een, When kind love is in the e'e.

O this is no my ain lassie, Fair tho' the lassie be; Weel ken I my ain lassie, Kind love is in her e'e. It may escape the courtly sparks, It may escape the learned clerks; But weel the watching lover marks The kind love that's in her e'e.









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O LOGIE O' BUCHAN, &c.

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AIR-LOGIE O' BUCHAN.

O LOGIE o' Buchan, O Logie the Laird, They hae ta'en awa' Jamie that delv'd in the yard ! Wha play'd on the pipe wi' the viol sae sma; They ha'e ta'en awa' Jamie the flower o' them a' ! He said, think na lang, lassie, tho' I gang awa, For I'll come and see thee in spite o' them a'.

Sandy has ousen, has gear, and has kye, A house and a haddin and siller forby; But I'd tak' my ain lad wi' his staff in his hand, Before I'd hae him wi' his houses and land. He said, think nae lang, lassie, though I gang awa', For I'll come and see thee in spite o' them a'. My daddy looks sulky, my minny looks sour, They frown upon Jamie, because he is poor; Though I like them as weel as a daughter should do, They're nae half sae dear to me, Jamie, as you. He said, think nae lang, lassie, though I gang awa', For I'll come and see thee in spite o' them a.'

I sit on my creepie and spin at my wheel, And think on the laddie, that likes me sae weel; He had but ae saxpence, he brake it in twa, And he gi'ed me the half o't, when he gaed awa'. But simmer is coming, cauld winter's awa', And he'll come and see me in spite o' them a.'

WHEN JOCKY WAS BLESS'D, &c.

THE SAME AIR.

JOCKY.

W нем Jocky was bless'd with your love & your truth, Not on Tweed's pleasant banks dwelt so blythesome a youth,

With Jenny I sported it all the day long, And her name was the burden and joy of my song.

JENNY.

Ere Jocky had ceas'd all his kindness to me, There lived in the vale not so happy a she: Such pleasures with Jocky his Jenny had known, That she scorn'd, in a cot, the fine folks of the town.

JOCKY.

Ah, me ! what a fear now possesses my mind, That Jenny, so constant, to Willy 's been kind ! When dancing so gay with the nymphs on the plain, She yielded her hand and her heart to the swain.

JENNY.

You falsely upbraid,—but remember the day With Lucy you toy'd it beneath the new hay; When alone with your Lucy, the shepherds have said,

You forgot all the vows that to Jenny you made.

JOCKY.

Believe not, sweet Jenny, my heart stray'd from thee, For Lucy the wanton was ne'er formed for me : From a lass that 's so true your Jocky ne'er rov'd, Nor once could forsake the kind Jenny he lov'd.

JENNY.

My heart for young Willy ne'er panted nor sigh'd; For you of that heart was the joy and the pride; While Tweed's waters glide, shall your Jenny be true; And love, my dear Jocky, no shepherd but you.

BOTH.

No shepherd e'er met with so faithful a fair ; For kindness no youth can with Jocky compare ; We'll love, then, and live from fierce jealousy free, And none on the plain shall be happy as we.

BLYTHE HA'E I BEEN ON YON HILL.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By BURNS.

AIR_THE QUAKER'S WIFE.

BLYTHE hae I been on yon hill, As the lambs before me; Careless ilka thought and free, As the breeze flew o'er me. Now nae langer sport and play, Mirth or sang, can please me; Leslie is sae fair and coy,* Care and anguish seize me.

Heavy, heavy, is the task,
Hopeless love declaring;
Trembling, I do nought but glow'r,
Sighing, dumb, despairing!
If she winna ease the throes
In my bosom swelling,
Underneath the grass-green sod,
Soon maun be my dwelling!

* Miss Leslie Baillie, -now Mrs Cuming of Logie.

DEAR COLIN, QUIT THY LOVE-SICK TALE.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By PETER PINDAR.

THE SAME AIR.

*. In singing the following Verses with the Air, an additional Quaver must be supplied for the First Word or Syllable of each Line.

DEAR Colin, quit thy love-sick tale, And leave this silly sighing;
Fie, mope not thus from vale to vale, Nor talk of ghosts and dying.
Talk not of wounds, and flames, and darts, Indeed I can't endure them,—
It is not thus with shepherd's hearts, A little thing will cure them.

What girl would bear the galling chain, And lose the pow'r of pleasing;
Make a dull spouse of a gay swain, And lose the charm of teazing?
Possession is too apt to cloy; Then flames and darts are over;
When novelty deserts the joy, Adieu the sighing lover!







The second Strain of this Air, differs' entirely from that commonly printed but it was sent in the above form by M. Burns to the Editor, along with the Verses and as it is beautiful he adopted it.

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AND O FOR ANE AND TWENTY TAM.

WRITTEN

By BURNS.

AIR-UP IN THE MORNING EARLY.

A ND O for ane and twenty, Tam ! And hey, sweet ane and twenty; I'll learn my kin a rattling sang, Gin I saw ane and twenty. They snool me sair, and haud me down, And gar me look like bluntie; But three short years will soon wheel roun'; And then comes ane and twenty.

And O for ane and twenty, Tam! And hey, sweet ane and twenty; I'll learn my kin a rattling sang, Gin I saw ane and twenty. A glebe o' land, a claut o' gear, Was left me by my auntie; At kith or kin I needna speir, Gin I saw ane and twenty.

And O for ane and twenty, Tam! And hey, sweet ane and twenty; I'll learn my kin a rattling sang, Gin I saw ane and twenty. They'll hae me wed a wealthy coof, Though I mysel' ha'e plenty; But hear'st thou, laddie, there's my loof, I'm thine at ane and twenty!

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CAULD BLAWS THE WIND FRAE NORTH TO SOUTH.

Part of the following First Stanza is taken from an Old Song ; the other Stanzas were written

By JOHN HAMILTON,

Who retouched some of the Lines for this Work.

THE SAME AIR.

CAULD blaws the wind frae north to south, The drift is driving sairly, The sheep are couring in the heugh, O! Sirs, 'tis winter fairly. Now up in the morning's no for me, Up in the morning early, I'd rather gae supperless to my bed, Than rise in the morning early.

Loud roars the blast among the woods, And tirls the branches barely,
On hill and house hear how it thuds— The frost is nipping sairly.
Now up in the morning's no for me, Up in the morning early,
To sit a' night wad better agree, Than rise in the morning early.

VOL. II.

The sun peeps o'er yon southlan' hills,
Like ony timorous carlie,
Just blinks a wee, then sinks again,
And that we find severely.
Now up in the morning's no for me,
Up in the morning early,
When snaw blaws in to the chimly cheek,
Wha'd rise in the morning early?

Nae linties lilt on hedge or bush, Poor things ! they suffer sairly,
In cauldrife quarters a' the night,
A' day they feed but sparely.
Now up in the morning's no for me,
Up in the morning early,
A pennyless purse I would rather dree,
Than rise in the morning early.

A cosey house and canty wife, Ay keep a body cheerly, And pantries stow'd wi' meal and maut, They answer unco rarely. But up in the morning ! na, na, na !

Up in the morning early, The gowans maun glent on bank and brae, When I rise in the morning early.

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ROBIN IS MY ONLY JO.

AIR-KIND ROBIN LO'ES ME.

ROBIN is my only jo, Robin has the art to lo'e; So to his suit I mean to bow,

Because I ken he lo'es me. Happy happy was the show'r, That led me to his birken bow'r, Where first of love I fand the pow'r, And ken'd that Robin lo'ed me.

They speak of napkins, speak of rings, Speak of gloves and kissing strings, And name a thousand bonny things,

And ca' them signs he lo'es me. But I'd prefer a smack of Rob, Seated on the velvet fog, To gifts as lang's a plaiden wab, Because I ken he lo'es me. He's tall and sonsy, frank and free,
Lo'ed by a', and dear to me;
Wi' him I'd live, wi' him I'd die,
Because my Robin lo'es me.
My titty Mary said to me,
Our courtship but a joke wad be,
And I, ere lang, be made to see,
That Robin didna lo'e me.

But little kens she what has been Me and my honest Rob between; And in his wooing, O sae keen Kind Robin is that lo'es me! Then fly ye lazy hours away, And hasten on the happy day,

When, "join your hands," Mess Johr. shall say, And mak' him mine that lo'es me !

'Till then, let ev'ry chance unite,
To weigh our love and fix delight,
And I'll look down on such wi' spite,
Wha doubt that Robin lo'es me.
O hey Robin, quo' she,
O hey Robin, quo' she,
O hey Robin, quo' she,
Kind Robin lo'es me.

WHILST I ALONE YOUR SOUL POSSEST.

THE SAME AIR.

WHILST I alone your soul possest, And none more lov'd your bosom prest, Ye gods, what king like me was blest, When kind Jenny lo'ed me !

JENNY. Whilst you ador'd no other fair, Nor Kate with me your heart did share, What queen with Jenny cou'd compare, When kind Robin lo'ed me !

ROBIN. Katy now commands my heart, Kate who sings with so much art, Whose life to save, with mine I'd part; JENNY. Patie now delights mine eyes, He with equal ardour dies, Whose life to save, I'd perish twice; For kind Patie lo'es me.

ROBIN. What if I Kate for thee disdain, And former love return again, To link us in the strongest chain ; For kind Robin lo'es thee.

JENNY. Tho' Patie's kind as kind can be, And thou more stormy than the sea, I'd choose to live and die with thee,



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* The Sym: & Accomp! simplified as above by M! K. 1801.

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BLYTHE, BLYTHE, AND MERRY WAS SHE.

WRITTEN

By BURNS.

AIR-ANDREW AND HIS CUTTY GUN.

During a short visit which the Poet made at Auchtertyre, the seat of Sir William Murray, he composed the following Verses on a young Lady, whom he chanced to meet there, Miss Euphemia Murray of Lintrose; who was justly called the Flower of Strathmore. She is now the widow of David Smith, Esq. of Methven, one of the Lords of Session.

BLYTHE, blythe, and merry was she, Blythe was she but and ben, Blythe by the banks of Earn, And blythe in Glenturit glen. By Auchtertyre grows the aik, On Yarrow banks the birken shaw; But Phemie was a bonnier lass Than braes of Yarrow ever saw.

Blythe, blythe, and merry was she, Blythe was she but and ben, Blythe by the banks of Earn, And blythe in Glenturit glen. Her looks were like a flower in May, Her smile was like a summer morn; She tripped by the banks of Earn, As light's a bird upon a thoru. Blythe, blythe, and merry was she, Blythe was she but and ben, Blythe by the banks of Earn, And blythe in Glenturit glen. Her bonie face it was as meek, As ony lamb upon the lea ! The evening sun was ne'er sae sweet, As was the blink o' Phemie's e'e.

Blythe, blythe, and merry was she,

Blythe was she but and ben, Blythe by the banks of Earn, And blythe in Glenturit Glen. The Highland hills I've wander'd wide, And o'er the Lawlands I ha'e been; But Phemie was the blythest lass, That ever trode the dewy green.

THE OLD VERSES.

THE SAME AIR.

BLYTHE, blythe, blythe was she, Blythe was she but and ben ; And weel she liked a Hawick gill, And leugh to see a tappit hen. She took me in, and set me down, And heght to keep me lawin-free ; But, cunning carlin that she was, She gart me birle my bawbie.

We lo'ed the liquor weel enough, But, waes my heart my cash was done
Before that I had quench'd my drouth, And laith was I to pawn my shoon !
When we had three times toom'd our stoup, And the neist chappin new begun,
In started, to heeze up our hope, Young Andrew wi' his cutty gun. The carlin brought her kebbock ben, With girdle cakes weel toasted brown : Weel does the canny kimmer ken They gar the swats gae glibber down. We ca'd the bicker aft about ; Till dawning we ne'er jee'd our bun ; And ay the clearest drinker out Was Andrew wi' his cutty gun.

He did like ony mavis sing, And as I in his oxter sat, He ca'd me ay his bonny thing, And mony a sappy kiss I gat. I ha'e been east, I ha'e been west, I ha'e been far ayont the sun ; But the blythest lad that e'er I saw, Was Andrew wi' his cutty gun.



SWEET SIR, FOR YOUR COURTESIE.

AIR-MY JO JANET.

• Sweet Sir, for your courtesie,

' When ye come by the Bass, then,

· For the love ye bear to me,

' Buy me a keeking glass, then.'

" Keek into the draw-well,

" Janet, Janet;

" And there ye'll see your bony sel', " My jo Janet."

· Keeking in the draw-well clear, . What if I should fa' in, Sir? ' Syne a' my kin will say an' swear, ' I drown'd mysel' for sin, Sir.' " Haud the better by the brae, " Janet, Janet; " Haud the better by the brae,

· But what if dancing on the green, · And skipping like a mawkin, · If they should see my clouted sheen, · Of me they will be tawkin'. " Dance ay laigh, and late at een, 3" Janet, Janet; " Syne a' their faults will not be seen, " My jo Janet."

. Kind Sir, for your courtesie, ' When ye gae to the cross, then, ' For the love ye bear to me, · Buy me a pacing horse, then.' " Pace upo' your spinning wheel, " Janet, Janet,

" Pace upo' your spinning wheel,

" My jo Janet."

' Good Sir, for your courtesie, . Coming through Aberdeen, then, · For the love ye bear to me, ' Buy me a pair of sheen, then.' " Clout the auld, the new are dear, " Janet, Janet; " Ae pair may gain you ha'f a year, " My jo Janet."

" My jo Janet."

· My spinning-wheel is auld and stiff, · The rock o't winna stand, Sir; ' To keep the temper-pin in tiff, ' Employs aft my hand, Sir.' "Mak the best o't that you can, " Janet, Janet, " Mak' the best o't that ye can, " My jo Janet."

HUSBAND, HUSBAND, CEASE YOUR STRIFE.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By BURNS.

THE SAME AIR.

HUSBAND, husband, cease your strife,

" Nor longer idly rave, Sir;

' Though I am your wedded wife,

' Yet I am not your slave, Sir.'

" One of two must still obey,

" Nancy, Nancy;

" Is it man or woman, say,

" My spouse Nancy ?"

' If 'tis still the lordly word,

' Service and obedience,

· I'll desert my sov'reign lord,

' And so good b'ye allegiance !' " I'll wed another like my dear " Sad will I be so bereft, 1. 10 " Nancy, Nancy; " Nancy, Nancy, " Then all hell will fly for fear, "Yet I'll try to make a shift, " My spouse Nancy." " My spouse Nancy !" --------in a second second

• My poor heart then break it must, ' My last hour I am near it; ' When you lay me in the dust, . Think, think how you will bear it ! " I will hope and trust in heaven, " Nancy, Nancy, " Strength to bear it will be given, " My spouse Nancy."

. Well, Sir, from the silent dead, · Still I will try to daunt you ; " Ever round your midnight bed ' Horrid sprites shall haunt you !'





SAW YE NAE MY PEGGY.

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AIR-SAW YE NAE MY PEGGY.

Saw ye nae my Peggy, Saw ye nae my Peggy, Saw ye nae my Peggy, Coming o'er the lea? Sure a finer creature Ne'er was formed by Nature! So complete each feature, So divine is she!

Who would leave a lover,
To become a rover?
No, I'll ne'er give over,
'Till I happy be.
For since love inspires me,
As her beauty fires me,
And her absence tires me,
Nought can please but she.

O how Peggy charms me, Every look still warms me, Every thought alarms me, Lest she love not me ! Peggy doth discover Nought but charms all over ; Nature bids me love her, That's a law to me.

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When I hope to gain her,
Fate seems to detain her,
Could I but obtain her,
Happy would I be !
I'll lie down before her,
Bless, sigh, and adore her,
With faint looks implore her,
'Till she pity me.

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FOR THE SAKE OF GOLD SHE'S LEFT ME.

AIR_FOR THE SAKE OF GOLD.

These Verses are said to have been written by the late Dr Austin, Physician in Edinburgh, upon being forsaken by the Lady whom he expected to marry.

For the sake of gold she's left me, And of all that's dear bereft me; She me forsook for Athol's duke, And to endless woe she's left me. A star and garter have more art Than youth, a true and faithful heart; For empty titles we must part, For glittering show she's left me.

No cruel fair shall ever move My injured heart again to love; Thro' distant climates I must rove, Since Jeany she has left me. Ye Powers above I to your care Resign my faithless lovely fair; Your choicest blessings be her share, Though she has ever left me.

THE SUN WAS SUNK BENEATH THE HILL.

THE SAME AIR.

THE sun was sunk beneath the hill,

The western clouds were edg'd with gold; The sky was clear, the winds were still,

The flocks were penn'd within the fold : When, in the silence of a grove, Poor Damon thus despair'd of love. When, in the silence of a grove, &c.

Who seeks to pluck the fragrant rose

From the hard rock, or oozy beach, Who from each weed that barren grows, Expects the grape or downy peach? With equal faith may hope to find The truth of love in woman-kind. With equal faith may hope to find, &c.

No flocks have I, or fleecy care;

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No fields that wave with golden grain ; Nor meadows green, nor gardens fair,

A woman's venal heart to gain : Then all in vain my sighs must prove, Whose whole estate, alas ! is love.

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How wretched is the faithful youth,

Since women's hearts are bought and sold ! They ask no vows of sacred truth;

Whene'er they sigh, they sigh for gold. Gold can the frowns of scorn remove ! But I am scorn'd who have but love. Gold can the frowns of scorn remove, &c.

To buy the gems of India's coast, What wealth, what riches could suffice? Yet India's shore could never boast The lustre of thy rival eyes. For there the world too cheap must prove; Can I then buy who have but love? For there the world too cheap must prove, &c.

Then, Mary, since nor gems nor ore, Can with thy brighter self compare, Be just as fair, and value more

Than gems or ore, a heart sincere : Let treasure meaner beauties move; Who pays thy worth must pay in love. Let treasure meaner beauties move, &c.

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Then all in vain my sighs must prove, &c.



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CONTENTED WI' LITTLE.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By BURNS.

AIR-LUMPS O' PUDDING.

CONTENTED wi' little, and canty wi' mair, Whene'er I forgather wi' sorrow and care, I gi'e them a skelp as they're creeping alang, Wi' a cog o' gude ale, and an auld Scottish sang. I whiles claw the elbow o' troublesome thought, But man is a soldier, and life is a faught; My mirth and good-humour are coin in my pouch, And my freedom's my lairdship nae monarch dare touch.

A towmond o' trouble, should that be my fa', A night o' gude fellowship southers it a'; When at the blythe end of our journey at last, Wha the de'il ever thinks o' the road he has past. Blind chance, let her snapper and stoyte on her way; Be't to me, be't frae me, e'en let the jade gae; Come ease or come travail, come pleasure or pain, My warst word is, "Welcome, and welcome again !"

PHO! POX O' THIS NONSENSE.

THE SAME AIR.

Рно! pox, o' this nonsense, I prithee give o'er, And talk of your Phillis and Chloe no more; Their face, and their air, and their mein, what a rout! Here's to thee, my lad, push the bottle about.

Let finical fops play the fool and the ape, They dare not confide in the juice of the grape; But we honest fellows—'sdeath! who'd ever think Of puling for love, while he's able to drink? 'Tis wine, only wine, that true pleasure bestows; Our joys it increases, and lightens our woes: Remember what topers of old used to sing, The man that is drunk is as great as a king.

If Cupid assaults you, there's law for his tricks; Anacreon's cases, see page twenty-six; The precedent's glorious, and just, by my soul! Lay hold on and drown the young dog in a bowl.

What's life but a frolic, a song, and a laugh? My toast shall be this, while I've liquor to quaff: "May mirth and good fellowship always abound!" Boys, fill up a bumper, and let it go round!



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MY HEART IS A-BREAKING DEAR TITTY.

By BURNS.

AIR-THE MUCKING O' GEORDIE'S BYRE.

As this appears to the Editor a much better Air, and more worthy of these beautiful Verses, than the Tune which the Poet had originally in view for them, the one is here substituted for the other ;—but for the satisfaction of those who may like to see the original Tune, it is engraved, though without Accompaniments, at the foot of the opposite Plate.

My heart is a-breaking, dear titty, Some counsel unto me come len'; To anger them a' is a pity, But what will I do wi' Tam Glen?

I'm thinking wi' sic a braw fellow, In poortith I might make a fen'; What care I in riches to wallow, If I mauna marry Tam Glen.

There's Lowrie the laird o' Dumeller, "Gude day to you," (coof) he comes ben; My daddy says, gin I'll forsake him, He'll gi'e me gude hunder marks ten; But if it's ordain'd I maun tak' him, O wha will I get but Tam Glen?

Yestreen at the Valentine's dealing, My heart to my mou' gied a sten; For thrice I drew ane without failing, And thrice it was written, Tam Glen.

The last Halloween I was waukin My droukit sark-sleeve, as ye ken; His likeness cam' up the house stalking, And the very grey breeks o' Tam Glen!

He brags and he blaws o' his siller, But when will he dance like Tam Glen?

My minny does constantly deave me, And bids me beware o' young men ; They flatter, she says, to deceive me, But wha can think sae o' Tam Glen? Come counsel, dear titty, don't tarry; I'll gie you my bonny black hen, Gin ye will advise me to marry The lad I lo'e dearly, Tam Glen.

ADOWN WINDING NITH I DID WANDER.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By BURNS.

THE SAME AIR.

The Heroine of the following admirable Song, was Miss Phillis Macmurdo, Drumlanrig; now the wife of Norman Lockhart, Esq. Carnwath.

A DOWN winding Nith I did wander, To mark the sweet flowers as they spring;
Adown winding Nith I did wander, Of Phillis to muse and to sing.
Awa' wi' your belles and your beauties, They never wi' her can compare :
Whaever has met wi' my Phillis, Has met wi' the queen o' the fair.
The daizy amused my fond fancy,

So artless, so simple, so wild; Thou emblem, said I, of my Phillis,— For she is simplicity's child. The rose-bud's the blush of my charmer, Yon knot of gay flow'rs in the arbour, They ne'er wi' my Phillis can vie:
Her breath is the breath of the woodbine, Its dew-drop of diamond her eye.
Her voice is the song of the morning, That wakes through the green-spreading grove,
When Phœbus peeps over the mountain, On music, and pleasure, and love.

But beauty, how frail and how fleeting,
The bloom of a fine summer's day !
While worth in the mind of my Phillis,
Will flourish without a decay.
Awa' wi' your belles and your beauties,

Her sweet balmy lip when 'tis prest : How fair and how pure is the lily, But fairer and purer her breast. They never wi' her can compare: Whaever has met wi' my Phillis, Has met wi' the queen o' the fair.











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O WAT YE WHA THAT LO'ES ME.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By BURNS.

AIR-MORAG.

O war ye wha that lo'es me, And has my heart a-keeping?
O sweet is she that lo'es me, As dews o' summer weeping, In tears the rose-buds steeping :
O that's the lassie o' my heart, My lassie ever dearer ;
O that's the queen o' woman-kind, And ne'er a ane to peer her.

If thou hast heard her talking, And thy attention's plighted, That ilka body talking But her by thee is slighted, And thou art all delighted: O that's the lassie, &c.

If thou hast met this fair one,

If thou shalt meet a lassie In grace and beauty charming; That e'en *thy* chosen lassie, Erewhile thy breast sae warming, Had ne'er sic powers alarming: O that's the lassie, &c. When frae her thou hast parted,
If every other fair one
But her thou hast deserted,
And thou art broken-hearted :
O that's the lassie o' my heart,
My lassie ever dearer ;
O that's the queen o' woman-kind,
And ne'er a ane to peer her.

LOUD BLAW THE FROSTY BREEZES.

THE SAME AIR.

Loud blaw the frosty breezes, The snaws the mountains cover; Like winter on me seizes, Since my young Highland rover Far wanders nations over. Where'er he go, where'er he stray, May heaven be his warden; Return him safe to fair Strathspey, And bonie Castle-Gordon.

The trees now naked groaning, Shall soon wi' leaves be hinging; The birdies dowie moaning, Shall a' be blythely singing, And ev'ry flow'r be springing. Sae I'll rejoice the lee lang day, When, by his mighty warden, My youth's return'd to fair Strathspey, And bonie Castle-Gordon.

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SHOULD AULD ACQUAINTANCE BE FORGOT.

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FROM A MS. IN THE EDITOR'S POSSESSION.

AIR-AULD LANG SYNE.

The following most beautiful Song was sent by BURNS to the Editor, with information, that "it is an old song of the olden times, "which had never been in print, nor even in manuscript, until he took it down from an old man's singing." It seems not improbable, however, that he said this merely in a play ful humour; for the Editor cannot help thinking that the Song affords evidence of our Bard himself being the author.

SHOULD auld acquaintance be forgot, And never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot,

We twa hae paidlet in the burn Frae morning sun till dine; But seas between us braid ha'e roar'd

And days o' lang syne? Сновия.—For auld lang syne, my dear, For auld lang syne? We'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet, For auld lang syne.

We twa ha'e run about the braes,
And pu'd the gowans fine ;
But we've wander'd mony a weary foot
Sin' auld lang syne.
For auld lang syne, my dear, &c.

Sin' auld lang syne. For auld lang syne, my dear, For auld lang syne, We'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet, For auld lang syne.

And there's a hand my trusty feire,
And gie's a' hand o' thine ;
And we'll tak' a right good willie-waught
For auld lang syne.
For auld lang syne, my dear, &c.

And surely ye'll be your pint-stoup, And surely I'll be mine;
And we'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet, For auld lang syne,
For auld lang syne, my dear, For auld lang syne,
We'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet, For auld lang syne.









NOW ROSY MAY COMES IN WI' FLOWERS.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By BURNS.

AIR-DAINTY DAVIE.

Now rosy May comes in wi' flowers, To deck her gay green spreading bowers; And now come in my happy hours To wander wi' my Davie: The chrystal waters round us fa', The merry birds are lovers a', The scented breezes round us blaw, A-wandering wi' my Davie. CHORUS.—Meet me on the warlock knowe, Dainty Davie, dainty Davie; There I'll spend the day wi' you, My ain dear dainty Davie.

When purple morning starts the hare,
To steal upon her early fare,
Then through the dews I will repair
To meet my faithful Davie.
When day expiring in the west,
The curtain draws of nature's rest,
I'll flee to 's arms I lo'e the best,
And that's my ain dear Davie.
CHORUS.—Meet me on the warlock knowe,
Dainty Davie, dainty Davie;
There I'll spend/the day wi' you,
My ain dear dainty Davie.

IT WAS THE CHARMING MONTH OF MAY.

ALTERED TO SUIT THE SAME AIR,

By BURNS.

T was the charming month of May, When all the flowers were fresh and gay, One morning by the break of day,

The youthful charming Chloe: From peaceful slumber she arose, Girt on her mantle and her hose, And o'er the flow'ry mead she goes,

The youthful charming Chloe. Сновиз.—Lovely was she by the dawn, Youthful Chloe, charming Chloe, Tripping o'er the pearly lawn, The youthful charming Chloe. The feather'd people, you might see, Perch'd all around on ev'ry tree, In notes of sweetest melody

They hail the charming Chloe: Till painting gay the eastern skies, The glorious sun began to rise, Out-rivall'd by the radiant eyes Of youthful charming Chloe. Сновиз.—Lovely was she by the dawn, Youthful Chloe, charming Chloe, Tripping o'er the pearly lawn, The youthful charming Chloe.



ROY'S WIFE OF ALDIVALLOCH.

WRITTEN

By Mrs GRANT,

OF CARRON.

AIR_ROY'S WIFE.

Roy's wife of Aldivalloch, Roy's wife of Aldivalloch, Wat ye how she cheated me, As I came o'er the braes of Balloch. She vow'd, she swore she wad be mine; She said that she lo'ed me best of ony; But, oh ! the fickle, faithless quean, She's ta'en the carle and left her Johnie.

Roy's wife of Aldivalloch, Roy's wife of Aldivalloch, Wat ye how she cheated me, As I came o'er the braes of Balloch. O she was a canty quean, And weel cou'd she dance the Highland walloch; How happy I, had she been mine, Or I'd been Roy of Aldivalloch.

Roy's wife of Aldivalloch, Roy's wife of Aldivalloch, Wat ye how she cheated me,

As I came o'er the braes of Balloch. Her hair sae fair, her e'en sae clear, Her wee bit mou', sae sweet and bonny, To me she ever will be dear, Though she's for ever left her Johnie.

CANST THOU LEAVE ME THUS, MY KATY.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By BURNS.

THE SAME AIR.

CANST thou leave me thus, my Katy, Canst thou leave me thus, my Katy? Well thou know'st my aching heart, And canst thou leave me thus for pity? Is this thy plighted, fond regard, Thus cruelly to part, my Katy? Is this thy faithful swain's reward,— An aching broken heart, my Katy?

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Canst thou leave me thus, my Katy, Canst thou leave me thus, my Katy? Well thou know'st my aching heart, And canst thou leave me thus for pity? Farewell! and ne'er such sorrows tear That fickle heart of thine, my Katy! Thou may'st find those will love thee dear,— But not a love like mine, my Katy!







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(II lambkins were bleating on meadow and brae As I gaed to my Love in new cleading so gay. 1775 F • # CHORUS. ۲ Kind was she and my friends were free But Po_ver_ty parts good com - pa __ ny. Kindwas she and my friends were free But Po_ver_ty parts good com _ pa__ny.



WHEN I HA'E A SAXPENCE UNDER MY THUMB.

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AIR_TODLIN HAME

W_{HEN} I ha'e a saxpence under my thumb, O then I'll get credit in ilka town; But ay when I'm poor they bid me gang by; O! poverty parts good company ! Todlin hame, todlin hame, Cou'dna my love come todlin hame?

Fair fa' the gudewife, and send her good sale; She gi'es us white bannocks to drink her ale; Syne if her typenny chance to be sma', We'll tak' a gude scour o't, and ca't awa'.

Todlin hame, todlin hame,

My kimmer and I lay down to sleep And twa pint stoups at our bed-feet; And ay when we waken'd, we drank them dry; What think ye of my wee kimmer and I? Todlin hame, todlin hame, Sae round as my love comes todlin hame,

Leeze me on liquor, my todlin dow, You're ay sae good-humour'd when weeting your mou'; When sober sae sour, ye'll feght wi' a flee, That it's a blythe sight to the bairns and me, When todlin hame, todlin hame,

As round as a neep we gang todlin hame.

When round as a neep ye come todlin hame.

COME FILL ME A BUMPER.

THE SAME AIR.

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COME, fill me a bumper, my jolly brave boys, Let's have no more female impert'nence and noise; I've tried the endearments and witchcraft of love, And found them but nonsense and whimsies, by Jove.

Truce with your love, no more of your love; The bottle henceforth is my mistress, by Jove.

When first little Betty and I were acquaint, I whined like a fool, she sigh'd like a saint; But I found her religion, her face, and her love, Hypocrisy, paint, and self-int'rest, by Jove.

Truce with your love, no more of your love; The bottle henceforth is my mistress, by Jove.

Sweet Cecil came next, with a languishing air, Her outside was orderly, modest, and fair; But the baggage, forgetting her vows and her love, Gave her hand to a sniv'lling dull coxcomb, by Jove.

Truce with your love, no more of your love; The bottle henceforth is my mistress, by Jove.

Come, fill me a bumper, then, jolly brave boys, Here's farewell to female impert'nence and noise: There's few of the sex that are worthy our love; And for strumpets and jilts I abhor them, by Jove. Then truce with your love, no more of your love; The bottle henceforth is my mistress, by Jove !

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THOU'RT GANE AWA', &c.

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AIR-THOU'RT GANE AWA'.

Тнои'ят gane awa', thou'rt gane awa', Thou'rt gane awa' frae me, Mary; Nor friends nor I could make thee stay,

Thou'st cheated them and me, Mary. Until this hour I never thought

That aught could alter thee, Mary; Thou'rt still the mistress of my heart, Think what you will of me, Mary. Whate'er he said, or might pretend,
Wha stole that heart of thine, Mary ;
True love, I'm sure, was ne'er his end,
Or nae such love as mine, Mary.
I spoke sincere, nor flatter'd much,
Had no unworthy thoughts, Mary ;
Ambition, wealth, nor naething such,
No, I lov'd only thee, Mary !

Tho' you've been false, yet while I live No other maid I'll woo, Mary; Let friends forget, as I forgive

Thy wrongs to them and me, Mary. So then, farewell ! of this be sure, Since you've been false to me, Mary; For all the world I'd not endure Half what I've done for thee, Mary.

THE SMILING PLAINS, &c.

WRITTEN

By WILLIAM FALCONER.

The smiling plains, profusely gay, Are drest in all the pride of May; The birds around, in every vale, Breathe rapture on the vocal gale.

But, ah! Miranda, without thee, Nor spring nor summer smiles on me! All lonely in the secret shade, I mourn thy absence, charming maid.

THE SAME AIR.

O soft as love ! as honour fair ! More gently sweet than vernal air ! Come to my arms, for you alone Can all my anguish past atone !

O come, and to my bleeding heart Th' ambrosial balm of love impart ! Thy presence lasting joy shall bring, And give the year eternal spring.













O MEIKLE THINKS MY LOVE O' MY BEAUTY.

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WRITTEN

By BURNS.

AIR-MY TOCHER'S THE JEWEL.

U MEIKLE thinks my Love o' my beauty, And meikle thinks my Love o' my kin; But little thinks my Love I ken brawlie, My tocher's the jewel has charms for him.

It's a' for the apple he'll nourish the tree;

It's a' for the hiney he'll cherish the bee; My laddie's sae meikle in love wi' the siller,

He canna hae love to spare for me.

Your proffer o' love 's an airle-penny, My tocher's the bargain ye wad buy; But gin ye be crafty, I am cunning, Sae ye wi' anither your fortune maun try. Ye're like to the timmer o' yon rotten wood ; Ye're like to the bark o' yon rotten tree; Ye'll slip frae me like a knotless thread,

And ye'll crack your credit wi' mae than me.

THE BUDDING THORN AND VIOLETS BLUE.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By JOHN RICHARDSON, Esq.

This Song, (first published in 1815,) the production of a worthy Friend of the Editor, is here substituted for one in a former Edition of this Volume, beginning, " Did ever Swain a Nymph adore."

THE SAME AIR.

THE budding thorn, and violets blue, Proclaim thy coming, gentle Spring; The lark now greets thy fragrant morn, Thy evening praise the thrushes sing. Thy balmy gales revive the meads, And life, and love, and joy renew; And softly flow the rippling streams, Clear as the heaven's unclouded blue.

How sweet with thee, my Love, to walk Along the woodland's primrose way; And hail thy fav'rite mossy thorn, Again in Spring's fresh clothing gay. Again to trim the jasmine bower, The woodbine with the rose to twine, And prop the flower in winter fallen, And bless the day that made thee mine.



O SEND LEWIE GORDON HAME.

AIR-LEWIE GORDON.

O SEND Lewie Gordon hame,
And the lad I winna name;
Tho' his back be at the wa',
Here's to him that's far awa'.
O hon my Highlandman,
O my bonny Highlandman,
Weel wou'd I my true love ken
Amang ten thousand Highlandmen.

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O to see his tartan trews, Bonnet blue, and laigh-heel'd shoes, Philabeg aboon his knee; That's the lad that I'll gang wi'. O hon my Highlandman, O my bonny Highlandman, Weel wou'd I my true-love ken Amang ten thousand Highlandmen. This lovely youth of whom I sing,
Is fitted for to be a king:
On his breast he wears a star,—
You'd take him for the god of war.
O hon my Highlandman,
O my bonny Highlandman,
Weel wou'd I my true-love ken
Amang ten thousand Highlandmen.

O to see this princely one Seated on a royal throne! Disasters a' would disappear; Then begins the jub'lee year. O hon my Highlandman, O my bonny Highlandman, Weel wou'd I my true-love ken Amang ten thousand Highlandmen.

BRUCE'S ADDRESS TO HIS ARMY AT BANNOCKBURN.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By BURNS.

See this truly admirable Song also united to " Hey tutti taiti," in Vol. III.

THE SAME AIR.

Scots wha ha'e wi' Wallace bled ! Scots wham Bruce has aften led ! Welcome to your gory bed, Or to glorious victory !

Now's the day, and now's the hour, See the front of battle lour; See approach proud Edward's power,— Edward, chains, and slavery !

Wha will be a traitor knave?Wha can fill a coward's grave?Wha sae base as be a slave?Traitor, coward, turn and flee!

Wha for Scotland's king and law, Freedom's sword will strongly draw, Freeman stand, or freeman fa'; Caledonian on wi' me!

By oppression's woes and pains ! By your sons in servile chains ! We will drain our dearest veins ! But they shall,—they shall be free !

Lay the proud Usurper low, Tyrants fall in ev'ry foe; Liberty's in ev'ry blow ! Forward !—let us do or die !











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HERE'S A HEALTH TO ANE I LO'E DEAR. X

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By BURNS.

AIR-HERE'S A HEALTH TO THEM THAT'S AWA'.

Miss Lewars of Dumfries, now Mrs Thomson, is the Jessy of this exquisitely beautiful song : She was a true friend and a great favourite of the Poet; and, at his death, one of the most sympathizing friends of his afflicted widow.

HERE'S a health to ane I lo'e dear, Here's health to ane I lo'e dear; Thou art sweet as the smile when fond lovers meet, And soft as their parting tear—Jessy ! Altho' thou maun never be mine, Altho' even hope is denied ; 'Tis sweeter for thee despairing, Than aught in the world beside—Jessy !

Here's a health to ane I lo'e dear, Here's a health to ane I lo'e dear; Thou art sweet as the smile when fond lovers meet, And soft as their parting tear—Jessy ! I mourn through the gay gaudy day, As hopeless I muse on thy charms; But welcome the dream o' sweet slumber, For then I am lock'd in thy arms—Jessy !

Here's a health to ane I lo'e dear, Here's a health to ane I lo'e dear; Thou art sweet as the smile when fond lovers meet, And soft as their parting tear—Jessy ! I guess by the dear angel smile, I guess by the love-rolling e'e :— But why urge the tender confession 'Gainst Fortune's stern, cruel decree !

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FAREWEL, THOU FAIR DAY.

WRITTEN

By BURNS.

AIR-MY LODGING IS ON THE COLD GROUND.

SCENE-A Field of Battle-Evening-The Wounded and Dying of the Victorious Army are supposed to join in the following Song.

FAREWEL, thou fair day, thou green earth, and ye skies, Now gay with the broad setting sun! Farewel! loves and friendships, ye dear tender ties! Our race of existence is run!

Thou grim King of Terrors, thou life's gloomy foe,Go frighten the coward and slave !Go teach them to tremble, fell tyrant ! but know,No terrors hast thou to the brave !

Thou strik'st the dull peasant, he sinks in the dark, Nor saves e'en the wreck of a name : Thou strik'st the young hero, a glorious mark ! He falls in the blaze of his fame !

In the field of proud honour, our swords in our hands, Our King and our Country to save,While victory shines on life's last ebbing sands,O, who would not die with the brave !



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The above Symphonies & Accomp⁵ composed by Haydn & first pub^d in 1803.

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WILT THOU BE MY DEARIE.

WRITTEN

By BURNS.

AIR-THE SUTOR'S DAUGHTER.

W ILT thou be my dearie? When sorrow wrings thy gentle heart, O wilt thou let me cheer thee? By the treasure of my soul, That's the love I bear thee! I swear and vow that only thou Shall ever be my dearie: Only thou, I swear and vow, Shall ever be my dearie!

Lassie, say thou lo'es me;
Or if thou wilt na be my ain,
Sayna thou'lt refuse me :
It it winna, canna be,
Thou for thine may choose me,
Let me, lassie, quickly die,
Trusting that thou lo'es me :
Lassie, let me quickly die,
Trusting that thou lo'es me !



THE LAWLAND LADS THINK THEY ARE FINE.

AIR_THE HIGHLAND LADDIE.

 \mathbf{T}_{HE} Lawland lads think they are fine; But O they're vain and idly gaudy ! How much unlike the graceful mien,

And manly looks of my Highland laddie.

O my bonnie Highland laddie, My handsome charming Highland laddie; May heaven still guard, and love reward, Our Lawland lass and her Highland laddie!

If I were free at will to chuse, To be the wealthiest Lawland lady, O'er benty hill with him I'll run, And leave my Lawland kin and daddy; Frae winter's cauld, and summer's sun, He'll screen me with his Highland plaidy. O my bonny, &c.

Few compliments between us pass, I ca' him my dear Highland laddie, And he ca's me his Lawland lass, Syne rows me in beneath his plaidy. O my bonny, &c.

I'd tak' young Donald without trews, With bonnet blue and belted plaidy. O my bonny, &c.

The brawest beau in burrow' town, In a' his airs, with art made ready, Compared to him, is but a clown, He's finer far in's tartan plaidy. O my bonny, &c.

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Nae greater joy I'll e'er pretend,

Than that his love prove true and steady, Like mine to him, which ne'er shall end While Heaven preserves my Highland laddie. O my bonny Highland laddie; My handsome charming Highland laddie; May heaven still guard, and love reward, Our Lawland lass and her Highland laddie!

AH! SURE A PAIR WAS NEVER SEEN.

WRITTEN

By R. B. SHERIDAN, Esq.

THE SAME AIR.

AH! sure a pair was never seen So justly form'd to meet by Nature! The youth excelling so in mien, The maid in ev'ry graceful feature ! O how charming to inherit O how happy are such lovers, When kindred beauties each discovers ! . For surely she was made for thee, And thou to bless this charming creature !

So mild your looks, your children thence Will early learn the task of duty; The boys with all their father's sense, The girls with all their mother's beauty! At once such graces and such spirit; Thus, while you live, may Fortune give Each blessing equal to your merit!

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The above air, call'd Jinglan Johnie, with Haydn's Sym? & Accomp? First publish'd in 1817; instead of the air, Allan water; because the latter was found to exceed the compass of most voices.

BY ALLAN STREAM I CHANC'D TO ROVE.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By BURNS.

AIR-JINGLING JOHNIE.

Br Allan stream I chanc'd to rove, While Phœbus sunk beyond Benledi;* The winds were whispering through the grove, The yellow corn was waving ready : I listen'd to a lover's sang, And thought on youthful pleasures many; And ay the wild wood echoes rang, "O dearly do I lo'e thee, Annie."

O happy be the woodbine bower, Nae nightly bogle make it eerie; Nor ever sorrow stain the hour, The place and time I met my dearie! Her head upon my throbbing breast, She, sinking, said, "I'm thine for ever!" While many a kiss the seal imprest, The sacred vow we ne'er should sever!

The haunt of spring's the primrose brae, The simmer joy's the flocks to follow; How cheery through her shortening day, Is autumn in her weeds o' yellow : But can they melt the glowing heart, Or chain the soul in speechless pleasure; Or through each nerve the rapture dart, Like meeting her, our bosom's treasure !

A Mountain west of Strathallan, upwards of 3000 feet high.

WHAT NUMBERS SHALL THE MUSE REPEAT.

WRITTEN

By Mr CRAWFORD.

THE SAME AIR.

The following Verses were formerly united to Allan Water; but as that air is scarce ever sung, because of the extensive compass of voice which it requires, the Editor has here match'd the Verses with the more easy and pleasing air of The Old Highland Laddie, or, as it is more commonly called, Jingling Johnie.

W HAT numbers shall the muse repeat? What verse be found to praise my Annie? On her ten thousand graces wait;

Each swain admires, and owns she's bonny. Since first she trod the happy plain, She set each youthful heart on fire ; Each nymph does to her swain complain,

That Annie kindles new desire.

This lovely darling, dearest care,

This new delight, this charming Annie, Like summer's dawn she's fresh and fair, When Flora's fragrant breezes fan ye. All day the am'rous youths convene,

Joyous they sport and play before her; All night, when she no more is seen, Among the crowd Amyntor came,— He look'd, he lov'd, he bow'd to Annie;
His rising sighs express'd his flame, His words were few, his wishes many.
With smiles the lovely maid replied, "Kind shepherd, why should I deceive ye?
"Alas! your love must be denied, "This destin'd breast can ne'er relieve ye!
"Young Damon came, with Cupid's art, "His wiles, his smiles, his charms beguiling;
"He stole away my virgin-heart, "Cease, poor Amyntor, cease bewailing!
"Some brighter beauty you may find,

" On yonder plain the nymphs are many;

" Then choose some heart that's unconfined,



THE LAST TIME I CAME O'ER THE MUIR.

WRITTEN By ALLAN RAMSAY.

AIR-THE LAST TIME I CAME O'ER THE MUIR.

THE last time I came o'er the muir, I left my Love behind me; Ye Powers, what pain do I endure, When soft ideas mind me ! Soon as the ruddy morn display'd The beaming day ensuing, I met betimes my lovely maid, In fit retreats for wooing.

Beneath the cooling shade we lay, Gazing and chastely sporting; We kiss'd and promis'd time away, Till night spread her black curtain. I pitied all beneath the skies,

Yet hopes again to see my Love, To feast on glowing kisses, Shall make my cares at distance move, In prospect of such blisses.

In all my soul there's not one place To let a rival enter; Since she excels in every grace, In her my love shall center. Sooner the seas shall cease to flow, Their waves the Alps shall cover, On Greenland ice shall roses grow, Before I cease to love her.

The next time I gang o'er the muir, She shall a lover find me; And that my faith is firm and pure, Though I left her behind me. Then Hymen's sacred bands shall chain My heart to her fair bosom; There, while my being doth remain, My love more fresh shall blossom.

Even kings, when she was nigh me; In raptures I beheld her eyes, Which could but ill deny me.

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

FAREWELL THOU STREAM, &c.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By BURNS.

THE SAME AIR.

AREWELL thou stream that winding flows Around Maria's dwelling ! Ah cruel Mem'ry spare the throes Within my bosom swelling : Condemn'd to drag a hopeless chain, And still in secret languish, To feel a fire in ev'ry vein, Yet dare not speak my anguish.

The wretch of love, unseen, unknown, I fain my crime would cover; The bursting sigh, th' unweeting groan, Betray the hopeless lover. I know my doom must be despair, Thou wilt, nor canst relieve me; But oh ! Maria hear one prayer, For pity's sake forgive me.

The music of thy tongue I heard Nor wist while it enslaved me; I saw thine eyes yet nothing fear'd, 'Till fears no more had saved me. The unwary sailor thus, aghast,

The wheeling torrent viewing; Mid circling horrors yields at last

To overwhelming ruin.



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I'VE SEEN THE SMILING, &c.

WRITTEN

By MRS COCKBURN,

Who was daughter of Rutherford of Fairnalie, in Selkirkshire, and relict of Mr Cockburn of Ormiston, whose father was Lord Justice-Clerk of Scotland.

AIR_THE FLOWERS OF THE FOREST.

YvE seen the smiling of fortune beguiling, I've tasted her favours and felt her decay; Sweet was her blessing, kind her caressing, But now it is fled-fled far away !

I've seen the forest adorned the foremost, With flowers of the fairest, most pleasant and gay;

So bonny was their blooming, their scent the air perfuming;

I've seen the morning with gold the hills adorning, And the dread tempest roaring before parting day; I've seen Tweed's silver streams glitt'ring in the sunny beams,

Grow drumly and dark as they roll'd on their way.

O fickle fortune! why this cruel sporting! O why thus perplex us, poor sons of a day ! Thy frowns cannot fear me, thy smiles cannot cheer me,

But now they are wither'd and weeded away !

For the flowers of the forest are withered away !

I'VE HEARD THEM LILTING, &c.

Written upon the Battle of Flodden, which proved so fatal to JAMES IV. and the Scottish Army.

THE SAME AIR.

Although the following admirable Verses have by many been thought as old as the calamitous event to which they refer, yet a distinguished Poet has lately informed us, that he saw evidence of their having been written about the middle of the eighteenth century, by a Lady in Roxburghshire, (of the Minto family it is believed.) - The first and fourth lines only are ancient.

've heard them lilting at the ewe milking, Lasses a' lilting before dawn of day; But now they are moaning on ilka green loaning, The flowers of the forest are a' wede away.

At bughts in the morning nae blythe lads are scorning, The lasses are lonely, dowie, and wae; Nae daffing, nae gabbing, but sighing and sabbing ; Ilk ane lifts her leglen, and hies her away.

At e'en in the gloaming nae swankies are roaming, 'Bout stacks wi' the lasses at bogle to play; But ilk ane sits dreary, lamenting her dearie,-The flowers o' the forest, wha're a' wede away.

In har'st, at the shearing, nae younkers are jeering; The bansters are lyart, runkled, and grey ; At fairs, nor at preaching, nae wooing, nae fleeching, Since our braw foresters are a' wede away.

Dool and wae for the order, sent our lads to the border; The English for ance by guile won the day : The flowers o' the forest, that fought ay the foremost, The prime of our land, lie cauld in the clay !

We'll hear nae mair lilting at the ewe milking, Our women and bairns are heartless and wae; Sighing and moaning on ilka green loaning,-The flowers of the forest are a' wede away.



A LASS THAT WAS LADEN WITH CARE.

AIR-SAE MERRY AS WE HA'E BEEN.

A Lass that was laden with care, Sat heavily under yon thorn ;

I listened a while for to hear,

When thus she began for to mourn :---

"Whene'er my dear shepherd was here,

" The birds did melodiously sing;

" And cold nipping winter did wear

" A face that resembled the spring.

" Sae merry as we twa ha'e been;

" Sae merry as we twa ha'e been;

" My heart it is like for to break,

"When I think on the days we ha'e seen.

" Our flocks feeding close by his side, " He gently pressing my hand, " I view'd the wide world in its pride, " And laugh'd at the pomp of command! " My dear, he would oft to me say, " What makes you hard-hearted to me? " Oh! why do you thus turn away " From him who is dying for thee? " Sae merry as we twa ha'e been; " Sae merry as we twa ha'e been; " My heart it is like for to break, "When I think on the days we ha'e seen.

" But now he is far from my sight,

" Perhaps a deceiver may prove;

" Which makes me lament day and night,

" That ever I granted my love.

" At eve, when the rest of the folk

" Are merrily seated to spin,

" I set myself under an oak,

" And heavily sigh for him.

" Sae merry as we twa ha'e been;

" Sae merry as we twa ha'e been;

" My heart it is like for to break,

"When I think on the days we ha'e seen."

YE WOODS AND YE MOUNTAINS UNKNOWN.

WRITTEN

By DAVID MALLET.

THE SAME AIR.

In singing these Stanzas to the Scottish Air, the last four lines of each Stanza must be repeated.

Y E woods and ye mountains unknown, Beneath whose dark shadows I stray, To the breast of my charmer alone These sighs bid sweet echo convey. Wherever he pensively leans, By fountain, on hill, or in grove, His heart will explain what she means, Who sings both from sorrow and love.

More soft than the nightingale's song, O waft the sad sound to his ear; And say, tho' divided so long, The friend of his bosom is near. Then tell him what years of delight, Then tell him what ages of pain, I felt, while I liv'd in his sight! I feel, 'till I see him again !









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YE BANKS AND BRAES AND STREAMS AROUND:

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WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK .

By BURNS.

Whatever the Poet has written in verse or prose relative to his Highland Mary, seems too interesting to be omitted; and therefore the Editor shall subjoin the following note in the Poet's own words :--" My Highland lassie was a warm "hearted, charming young creature, as ever blessed a man with generous love. After a pretty long tract of the most "ardent reciprocal attachment, we met by uppointment on the second Stablay of May, in a sequestered spot by the "banks of Ayr, where we spent the day in taking a farewell, before she should embark for the West Highlands, to "arrange matters among her friends for our projected change of life. At the close of autumn following, she crossed "the sea to meet me at Greenock, where she had scarce landed when she was seized with a malignant fever, which hurried "my dear girl to the grave in a few days, before I could even hear of her illness."

AIR_KATHARINE OGIE.

Y E banks, and braes, and streams around The castle of Montgomery,
Green be your woods, and fair your flowers, Your waters never drumlie!
There simmer first unfald her robes, And there the langest tarry;
For there I took the last farewell Of my sweet Highland Mary.

Wi' mony a vow and lock'd embrace;
Our parting was fu' tender ;
And pledging aft to meet again,
We tore ourselves asunder.
But oh! fell death's untimely frost,
That nipt my flower sae early !
Now green's the sod, and cauld's the clay,
That wraps my Highland Mary.

How sweetly bloomed the gay green birk, How rich the hawthorn's blossom;
As underneath their fragrant shade, I clasp'd her to my bosom !
The golden hours, on angel wings,

Flew o'er me and my dearie; For dear to me as light and life Was my sweet Highland Mary. O pale, pale now, those rosy lips I aft ha'e kiss'd sae fondly! And clos'd for ay the sparkling glance That dwelt on me sae kindly ! And mouldering now in silent dust, That heart that lo'ed me dearly ! But still within my bosom 's core Shall live my Highland Mary.

O! were I but some shepherd swain,

THE OLD SONG .- THE SAME AIR.

As walking forth to view the plain, Upon a morning early, While May's sweet scent did cheer my brain, From flowers which grew so rarely: I chanc'd to meet a pretty maid, She shined tho' it was foggy; I ask'd her name,-" Sweet Sir," she said, " My name is Katharine Ogie." I stood a while, and did admire, To see a nymph so stately; So brisk an air there did appear In a country maid so neatly : Such natural sweetness she display'd, Like a lilie in a bogie ! Diana's self was ne'er array'd, Like this same Katharine Ogie. Thou flower of females, Beauty's queen, Who sees thee sure must prize thee ! Tho' thou art drest in robes but mean, Yet these cannot disguise thee:

To feed my flock beside thee; At bughting time to leave the plain, In milking to abide thee : I'd think myself a happier man, With Kate, my club, and dogie, Than he that hugs his thousands ten, Had I but Katharine Ogie. Then I'd despise th' imperial throne, And statesmen's dangerous stations; I'd be no king, I'd wear no crown, I'd smile at conquering nations, Might I caress, and still possess This lass of whom I'm vogie; For these are toys, and still look less, Compar'd with Katharine Ogie. But I fear the gods have not decreed For me so fine a creature ; Whose beauty rare makes her exceed All other works of Nature. Clouds of despair surround my love, That are both dark and foggy; Pity my case, ye Powers above, Else I die for Katharine Ogie!

Thy handsome air, and graceful look, Far excels a clownish rogie; Thou 'rt match for laird, or lord, or duke, My charming Katharine Ogie. VOL. II.

BENEATH A GREEN SHADE, &c.

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WRITTEN

By Dr BLACKLOCK.

AIR-THE BRAES OF BALLENDEN.

BENEATH a green shade, a lovely young swain One ev'ning reclin'd, to discover his pain. So sad, yet so sweetly, he warbled his woe, The winds ceas'd to breathe, and the fountains to flow; Rude winds with compassion could hear him complain; Yet Chloc, less gentle, was deaf to his strain.

Thro' changes, in vain, relief I pursue; All, all but conspire my grief to renew : From sunshine to zephyrs and shades we repair, To sunshine we fly from too piercing an air; But love's ardent fever burns always the same, No winter can cool it, no summer inflame.

How happy, he cry'd, my moments once flew,

But see the pale moon all clouded retires;

Ere Chloe's bright charms first flash'd on my view ! These eyes then with pleasure the dawn could survey, Nor smiled the fair morning more cheerful than they; Now scenes of distress please only my sight-I'm tortur'd in pleasure, and languish in light.

The breezes grow cool, not Strephon's desires : I fly from the dangers of tempest and wind, Yet nourish the madness that preys on my mind : Ah wretch ! how can life thus merit thy care ! Since length'ning its moments but lengthens despair.

THE BROOK AND THE WILLOW. TO

WRITTEN

By ROWE.

THE SAME AIR.

o the brook and the willow that heard him complain, To the nymph, my heart's love, ye soft slumbers repair, Poor Colin went weeping, and told them his pain : Sweet stream, he cry'd, sadly I'll teach thee to flow, Let me be left restless, mine eyes never close, And the waters shall rise to the brink with my woe; All restless and painful my Celia now lies, And counts the sad moments of time as it flies.

Spread your downy wingso'er her, and make her your care; So the sleep that I lose give my dear on e repose; Sweet stream, if you chance by her pillow to creep, Perhaps your soft murmurs may lull her to sleep.

But if I am doom'd to be wretched indeed, And the loss of my charmer the fates have decreed, Believe me, thou fair one, thou dear one, believe, Few sighs to thy lose, and few tears will I give : One fate to thy Colin and thee shall betide, And soon lay thy shepherd down by thy cold side ! Then glide, gentle brook, and to lose thyself haste, Bear this to my willow, this verse is my last !





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* The above Sym⁸ and Accomp^{ts} composed by Haydn & first pub, in 1803.

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THE GLOOMY NIGHT IS GATH'RING FAST.

WRITTEN

By BURNS,

As a farewell dirge to his native country, a few days before his intended embarkation for Jamaica,—an event which was happily prevented by a letter from Dr Blacklock to a friend of the Poet, opening new prospects to his ambition; in consequence of which he immediately came to Edinburgh, and published a new edition of his Poems by subscription, the success of which enabled him soon after to take the farm of Ellisland near Dumfries.

AIR-FAREWELL TO AYR.

T_{HE} gloomy night is gath'ring fast, Loud roars the wild inconstant blast, Yon murky cloud is foul with rain, I see it driving o'er the plain. The hunter now has left the moor, The scatter'd coveys meet secure; While here I wander, prest with care, Along the lonely banks of Ayr.

The autumn mourns her ripening corn, By early winter's ravage torn ; Across her placid azure sky, She sees the scowling tempest fly: Chill runs my blood to hear it rave, I think upon the stormy wave, Where many a danger I must dare, Far from the bonny banks of Ayr. 'Tis not the surging billows roar, 'Tis not that fatal deadly shore, Tho' death in ev'ry shape appear, The wretched have no more to fear! But round my heart the ties are bound, That heart transpiere'd with many a wound ; These bleed afresh, those ties I tear, To leave the bonny banks of Ayr. Farewell, old Coila's hills and dales, Her heathy moors, and winding vales, The scenes where wretched fancy roves, Pursuing past unhappy loves! Farewell my friends, farewell my foes! My peace with these, my love with those; The bursting tears my heart declare,-Farewell, the bonny banks of Ayr!

ALAS! THE SUNNY HOURS ARE PAST.

WRITTEN

By WILLIAM HAMILTON, Esq. Bangour.

THE SAME AIR.

ALAS! the sunny hours are past; The cheating scene, it will not last; Let not the flatt'rer, Hope, persuade,— Ah! must I say that it will fade! For see the summer flies away, Sad emblem of our own decay! Grim winter from the frozen north, Drives swift his iron chariot forth.

His grisly hand, in icy chains, Sweet Tweeda's silver stream constrains: Cast up thy eyes, how bleak, how bare, He wanders on the tops of Yare! Behold, his footsteps dire are seen Confest o'er ev'ry with'ring green: Griev'd at the sight, thou soon shalt see A snowy wreath clothe ev'ry tree.

Frequenting now the stream no more, Thou fliest, displeased, the frozen shore: When thou shalt miss the flowers that grew, But late, to charm thy ravish'd view, Then shall a sigh thy soul invade, And o'er thy pleasures cast a shade : "Shall I," ah, horrid ! shalt thou say, "Be like to this some other day !"

Ah! when the lovely white and red From the pale ashy cheek are fled; When wrinkles dire, and age severe, Make beauty fly, we know not where,— Unhappy love! may lovers say, Beauty, thy food, does swift decay; When once that short-liv'd stock is spent, What is 't thy famine can prevent.

Lay in good sense with timeous care, That love may live on wisdom's fare; Tho' extacy with beauty dies, Esteem is born when beauty flies. Happy the man whom fates decree Their richest gift in giving thee! Thy beauty shall his youth engage, Thy wisdom shall delight his age.

MY DADDY IS A CANKER'D CARLE.

AIR-LOW DOWN IN THE BROOM.

WI y daddy is a canker'd carle, He'll nae twine wi' his gear; My minny she 's a scolding wife, Hads a' the house a steer : But let them say, or let them do, It's a' ane to me; For he's low down, he's in the broom, That's waiting on me; Waiting on me, my love, He's waiting cn me; For he's low down, he's in the broom, That's waiting on me. My auntie Kate sits at her wheel, And sair she lightlies me; But weel ken I it 's a' envy, For ne'er a jo has she.—But let them, &c.

My cousin Kate was sair beguil'd, Wi' Johnny i' the glen ; And ay sinsyne she cries, " Beware " Of false deluding men."-But let them, &c. Gleed Sandy he came west ae night, And spier'd when I saw Pate ; And ay sinsyne the neighbours round They jeer me ear' and late. But let them say, or let them do, It's a' ane to me; For he's low down, he's in the broom, That 's waiting on me; Waiting on me, my love, He's waiting on me; For he's low down, he's in the broom, That's waiting on me.

YE SHEPHERDS OF THIS PLEASANT VALE.

WRITTEN

By WILLIAM HAMILTON, Esq. Bangour.

THE SAME AIR.

 $\mathbf{Y}_{\mathbf{E}}$ shepherds of this pleasant vale, Where Yarrow glides along, Forsake your rural toils, and join, In my triumphant song. She grants! she yields!-one heavenly smile Atones her long delays; One happy minute crowns the pains Of many suff'ring days. • Yarrow, how dear thy stream ! Thy beauteous banks how blest! For there 't was first my loveliest maid A mutual flame confest. Raise, raise the victor notes of joy, These suffering days are o'er; Love satiates now his boundless wish From beauty's boundless store : No doubtful hopes, no anxious fears, This rising calm destroy ; Now every prospect smiles around, All opening into joy .- Yarrow, &c. The sun with double lustre shone That dear consenting hour; Brighten'd each hill, and o'er each vale New colour'd ev'ry flower: The gales their gentle sighs withheld, No leaf was seen to move ; The hov'ring songsters round were mute, And wonder hush'd the grove .- Varrow, &c.

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The hills and dales no more resound The lambkin's tender cry; Without one murmur Yarrow stole In dimpling silence by: All nature seem'd in still repose Her voice alone to hear, That gently roll'd the tuneful wave,-She spoke and blest my ear. - Yarrow, &c. " Take, take, whate'er of bliss or joy, " You fondly fancy mine ; "Whate'er of joy or bliss I boast, " Love renders wholly thine !" The woods struck up to the soft gale, The leaves were seen to move, The feather'd choir resum'd their voice, And wonder fill'd the grove .- Yarrow, &c. The hills and dales again resound The lambkin's tender cry; With all his murmurs Yarrow trill'd The song of triumph by. Above, beneath, around, all on, Was verdure, beauty, song; I snatch'd her to my trembling breast, All nature joy'd along. Yarrow, how dear thy stream ! Thy beauteous banks how blest ! For there 'twas first my loveliest maid A mutual flame confest!

* These four lines were added by BURNS, without which the Stanzas would have been too short for the Air.









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* The above Sym? and Accomp!s composed by Haydn and first pubd in 1803.



MOURN, HAPLESS CALEDONIA, MOURN.

WRITTEN

By TOBIAS SMOLLET.

AIR-THE TEARS OF CALEDONIA.

COMPOSED FOR THIS WORK

By Allan Masterton, Edinburgh.

Dr Blacklock told Burns, that Smollet, who was at bottom a great Jacobite, composed these beautiful and pathetic Verses on the heartrending proceedings of the Duke of Cumberland after the Battle of Culloden.

MOURN, hapless Caledonia, mourn, Thy banish'd peace, thy laurels torn! Thy sons for valour long renown'd, Lie slaughter'd on their native ground! Thy hospitable roofs no more Invite the stranger to the door; In smoaky ruins sunk they lie,

The rural pipe, and merry lay, No more shall cheer the happy day; No social scenes of gay delight Beguile the dreary winter night: No strains, but those of sorrow, flow, And nought be heard but sounds of woe; While the pale phantoms of the slain

The monuments of cruelty !

The wretched owner sees, afar, His all become the prey of war; Bethinks him of his babes and wife, Then smites his breast, and curses life. Thy swains are famish'd on the rocks, Where once they fed their wanton flocks; Thy ravish'd virgins shriek in vain! Thy infants perish on the plain!

What boots it then, in ev'ry clime, Thro' the wide spreading waste of time, Thy martial glory, crown'd with praise, Still shone with undiminish'd blaze? Thy tow'ring spirit now is broke, Thy neck is bended to the yoke: What foreign arms could never quell, By civil rage and rancour fell. Glide nightly o'er the silent plain.

Oh baneful cause ! oh fatal morn ! Accurs'd to ages yet unborn ! The sons against their fathers stood ; The parent shed his children's blood ! Yet, when the rage of battle ceas'd, The victor's soul was not appeas'd : The naked and forlorn must feel Devouring flames, and murdering steel :

The pious mother, doom'd to death, Forsaken, wanders o'er the heath ; The bleak wind whistles round her head ; Her helpless orphans cry for bread ! Bereft of shelter, food, and friend, She views the shades of night descend ; And, stretch'd beneath th' inclement skies, Weeps o'er her tender babes, and dies !

While the warm blood bedews my veins, And unimpair'd remembrance reigns, Resentment of my Country's fate Within my filial breast shall beat : And, spite of her insulting foe, My sympathizing verse shall flow ; " Mourn, hapless Caledonia, mourn, " Thy banish'd peace, thy laurels torn !"



ON A BANK OF FLOWERS, &c.

WRITTEN

By BURNS.

THE SUBJECT TAKEN FROM AN OLD SONG, BEGINNING IN THE SAME MANNER:

AIR-ON A BANK OF FLOWERS.

On a bank of flowers, in a summer day, For summer lightly drest, The youthful blooming Nelly lay, With love and sleep opprest; When Willie, wand'ring through the wood, Who for her favour oft had sued, He gaz'd, he wish'd, he fear'd, he blush'd, And trembled where he stood.

Her robes, light waving in the breeze, Her tender limbs embrace;
Her lovely form, her native ease, All harmony and grace:
Tumultuous tides his pulses roll,
A faltering ardent kiss he stole;
He gaz'd, he wish'd, he fear'd, he blush'd, And sigh'd his very soul.

Her closed eyes, like weapons sheath'd, Were seal'd in soft repose;
Her lips, still as she fragrant breath'd, It richer dy'd the rose.
The springing lilies sweetly prest,
Wild, wanton kiss'd her rival breast;
He gaz'd, he wish'd, he fear'd, he blush'd, His bosom ill at rest. As flies the partridge from the brake, On fear-inspired wings; So Nelly, starting half awake, Away affrighted springs: But Willie follow'd,—as he should, He overtook her in the wood : He vow'd, he pray'd, he found the maid Forgiving all, and good.

AS AMORET WITH PHILLIS SAT.

THE SAME AIR.

A s Amoret with Phillis sat One evening on the plain, And saw the gentle Strephon wait To tell the nymph his pain; The threat'ning danger to remove, She whisper'd softly in her ear,— • Ah Phillis, if your peace you love, • That shepherd do not hear !

None ever had so strange an art,
His passion to convey
Into a list'ning virgin's heart,
And steal her soul away.
Fly, fly, betimes, for fear you give
Occasion for a hapless fate.'
In vain," said she, " in vain I strive,
" Alas! 'tis now too late !"

In the latter Song, a word is added to the sixth line of each Stanza, to fit it for the Air.







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O MY LOVE'S LIKE THE RED RED ROSE.

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FROM A MS. IN THE EDITOR'S POSSESSION.

AIR-WISHAW'S FAVOURITE.

COMPOSED

By Mr Marshall.

My Love's like the red red rose, That's newly sprung in June;
My love's like the melodie, That's sweetly play'd in tune.
As fair art thou, my bonie lass, So deep in love, in love am I;
And I can love thee still, my dear, 'Till a' the seas gang dry.—As fair art thou, &c. 'Till a' the seas gang dry, my dear, And the rocks melt with the sun,—
I will love thee still, my dear, While the sands o' life shall run.
And fare thee well, my only Love, O fare thee well a little while,
And I will come again, my Love, Tho' 'twere ten thousand mile — And fare, &c.

THE WESTERN SKY WAS PURPLED O'ER.

WRITTEN

By SHENSTONE.

THE SAME AIR.

THE western sky was purpled o'er With every pleasing ray, And flocks, reviving, felt no more The sultry heat of day; When from a hazel's artless bower Soft warbled happy * Strephon's tongue; He blest the scene, he blest the hour, While Nancy's praise he sung.—When from, &c.

Let fops with fickle falsehood range The paths of wanton love, Whilst weeping maids lament their change, And sadden ev'ry grove: But endless blessings crown the day I first beheld fair Esham's dale; And every blessing find its way To Nancy of the vale.—But endless, &c.

'Twas from Avona's banks the maid Diffused her lovely beams;
And every shining glance display'd The Naiad of the streams.
Soft as the wild duck's tender young, That float on sweetest Avon's tide;
Bright as the water-lily sprung And glitt'ring near its side.—Soft as the wild, &c.

Fresh as the bordering flowers her bloom,Her eye all mild to view ;The little halcyon's azure plumeWas never half so blue.

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Her shape was like the reed, so sleek, So taper, straight, and wond'rous fair; Her dimpled smile, her blushing cheek, How charming sweet they were !--Her shape, &c.

Far in the winding vale retir'd, This peerless bud I found ;
And shadowing rocks, and woods conspir'd, To fence her beauties round.
That nature in so lone a dell Should form a nymph so *heav'nly* sweet !
Or fortune to her secret cell Conduct my wandering feet !— That nature, &c.

Gay lordlings sought her for their bride, But she would ne'er incline;
" Prove to your equals true," she cried,
" As I will prove to mine.
" Tis Strephon on the mountain's brow
" Has won, has kept, my right good will;
" To him I gave my plighted vow,
" With him I'll climb the hill."— Tis Strephon, &c.

Struck with her charms and gentle truth,
I clasp'd the constant fair;
To her alone I give my youth,
And vow my future care.
And when this vow shall faithless prove,
Or I these *dearest* charms forego,
The stream that saw our tender love,
That stream shall cease to flow.—And when, &c.

• The words printed above in Italics, in the 6th line of each Stanza, are added by the Editor, because that line is otherwise too short for the Air. There could be no other apology for lengthening it.

WHAR HA'E YE BEEN A' DAY.

WRITTEN

By H. MACNEILL, Esq.

AIR_THE LAMMY.

• W HAR ha'e ye been a' day, my boy Tammy? " Whar ha'e ye been a' day, my boy Tammy?"

" I've been by burn and flowery brae,

" Meadow green and mountain gray, (mammy." " Courting o' this young thing, just come frae her

· And whar gat ye that young thing, my boy Tammy? ' And whar gat ye that young thing, my boy Tammy?

" I gat her down in yonder howe,

" Smiling on a broomy knowe,

" Herding ae wee lamb and ewe, for her poor mammy."

"What said ye to the bonny bairn, my boy Tammy ? "What said ye to the bonny bairn, my boy Tammy? The smile gade aff her bonny face-" I manna leave " my mammy."

The smile gade aff her bonny face-" I manna leave " my mammy,

" She's gi'en me meat, she's gi'en me claise;

" She's been my comfort a' my days-

" My father's death brought mony waes-I canna " leave my mammy !"

- "We'll tak' her hame, and mak' her fain, my ain " kind-hearted lammy !
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"We'll gie her meat; we'll gi'e her claise;

" I prais'd her e'en sae lovely blue,

" Her dimpled cheek, and cherry mou; (mammy.

" I preed it aft as ye may trow,-she said she'd tell her

" I held her to my beating heart, my young my smil-

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" I held her to my beating heart, my young, my smil-" I ha'e a house, it cost me dear,

" I've walth o' plenishan and gear;

"Ye'se get it a', wer't ten times mair, gin ye will leave your mammy."

" We'll be her comfort a' her days ;-The wee thing gives her hand, and says,-" There I " gang and ask my mammy."

' Has she been to kirk wi' thee, my boy Tammy? ' Has she been to kirk wi' thee, my boy Tammy ?' " She has been to kirk wi' me, " And the tear was in her e'e,-

' But oh ! she's but a young thing, just come frae her " mammy ?"

THOU HAST LEFT ME EVER, TAM.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By BURNS.

THE SAME AIR.

Тиои hast left me, ever, Tam, thou hast left me ever, Thou hast me forsaken, Tam, thou hast me forsaken, Thou hast left me ever, Tam, thou hast left me ever; Often hast thou vow'd that death

Only should us sever :

Now thou'st left thy lass for ay-I must see thee never!

Thou hast me forsaken, Tam, thou hast me forsaken; Thou canst love another maid, While my heart is breaking !

Soon my weary eyes will close, never more to waken !













NOW SPRING HAS CLAD THE GROVE IN GREEN.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By BURNS.

The Air here united to the following beautiful Verses is substituted for the one in the former Editions, as being, in the opinion of the Editor, much superior to it, and better suited to the poetry.

AIR-THE HOPELESS LOVER.

Now spring has clad the grove in green, And strew'd the lea with flowers; The furrow'd waving corn is seen Rejoice in fostering showers. While ilka thing in nature join Their sorrows to forego, O why thus all alone are mine The weary steps of woe !

The trout within yon wimpling burn That glides, a silver dart,
And safe beneath the shady thorn Defies the angler's art:
My life was ance that careless stream, That wanton trout was I;
But love, wi' unrelenting beam, Has scorch'd my fountains dry. The little floweret's peaceful lot, In yonder cliff that grows, Which, save the linnet's flight, I wot, Nae ruder visit knows, Was mine—'till love has o'er me past, And blighted a' my bloom ; And now beneath the withering blast My youth and joy consume.

The waken'd lavrock warbling springs, And climbs the early sky, Winnowing blythe her dewy wings In morning's rosy eye:

As little reckt I sorrow's power, Until the flowery snare Of witching love, in luckless hour, Made me the thrall of care.

O had my fate been Greenland snows, Or Afric's burning zone,
Wi' man and nature leagu'd my foes, So Peggy ne'er I'd known !
The wretch whose doom is, " hope nae mair !" What tongue his woes can tell ;
Within whose bosom, save Despair, Nae kinder spirits dwell !

WHY, CRUEL CREATURE, WHY SO BENT.

WRITTEN

By LANSDOWN.

THE SAME AIR.

W ну, cruel creature, why so bent To vex a tender heart? To gold and title you relent,— Love throws in vain his dart. Let glitt'ring fops in courts be great; For pay let armies move; Beauty should have no other bait, But gentle vows and love.

If on those endless charms you lay The value that's their due, Kings are themselves too poor to pay,— A thousand worlds too few. But if a passion without vice, Without disguise or art,— Ah, Celia! if true love's your price, Behold it in my heart!



HAD I A CAVE ON SOME WILD DISTANT SHORE.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By BURNS.

AIR-ROBIN ADAIR.

HAD I a cave on some wild distant shore, Where the winds howl to the waves dashing roar;

There would I weep my woes, There seek my lost repose, 'Till grief my eyes should close, Ne'er to wake more. Falsest of woman-kind, canst thou declare, All thy fond plighted vows, fleeting as air ! To thy new lover hie, Laugh o'er thy perjury— Then in thy bosom try What peace is there !

SINCE ALL THY VOWS, FALSE MAID.

The following interesting account of the plaintive Ballad called Cromlet's Lilt, is from the pen of Alexander Frazer Tytler, Esq. afterwards Lord Woodhouselee.

' In the latter end of the 16th century, the Chisolms were proprietors of the estate of Cromlecks, (now possessed by the Drummonds.) . The eldest son of that family was very much attached to a daughter of Sterling of Ardoch, commonly known by the name of Fair Helen . of Ardoch. At that time the opportunities of meeting betwixt the sexes were more rare, consequently more sought after than now; and the Scottish ladies, far from priding themselves on extensive literature, were thought sufficiently book-learned if they could make out the Scrip-' tures in their mother tongue. Writing was entirely out of the line of female education; at that period the most of our young men of family ' sought a fortune, or found a grave in France. Cromlus, when he went abroad to the war, was obliged to leave the management of his · correspondence with his mistress, to a lay-brother of the monastery of Dumblane, in the immediate neighbourhood of Cromleck, and near " Ardoch. This man, unfortunately, was deeply sensible of Helen's charms. He artfully prepossessed her with stories to the disadvan-' tage of Cromlus; and, by misinterpreting, or keeping up the letters and messages intrusted to his care, he entirely irritated both. All ' connection was broken off betwixt them. Helen was inconsolable ; and Cromlus has left behind him, in the ballad of Cromlet's Lilt, a ' proof of the elegance of his genius, as well as the steadiness of his love. ' When the artful Monk thought time had sufficiently softened Helen's sorrow, he proposed himself as a lover : Helen was obdurate; but · at last, overcome by the persuasions of her brother, with whom she lived, and who, having a family of thirty-one children, was probably " very well pleased to get her off his hands, she submitted, rather than consented, to the ceremony; but there her compliance ended; ' and, when forcibly put into bed, she started quite frantic from it, screaming out, that, after three gentle taps on the wainscot, at the . bed-head, she heard Cromlus's voice, crying, Helen, Helen, mind me! Cromlus soon after coming home, the treachery of the confi-• dant was discovered,—her marriage annulled,—and Helen became Lady Cromlecks.'

N. B.—Margaret Murray, mother to these thirty-one children, was daughter to Murray of Strown, one of the 17 sons of Tullybardine, and whose youngest son, commonly called the Tutor of Ardoch, died in the year 1715, aged 111 years.

THE SAME AIR.

SINCE all thy vows, false maid, are blown to air, And my poor heart betray'd to sad despair,

Into some wilderness, My grief I will express, And thy hard heartedness, O cruel Fair.

Have I not graven our loves on every tree, In yonder spreading groves, tho' false thou be :

Was not a solemn oath Plighted between us both, Thou thy faith, I my troth, Constant to be.

Some gloomy place I'll find, some doleful shade, Where neither sun nor wind e'er entrance had: Into that hollow cave, There will I sigh and rave, Because thou dost behave Wild fruit shall be my meat, I'll drink the spring;
Cold earth shall be my seat; for covering
I'll have the starry sky
My head to canopy,
Until my soul on high
Shall spread its wing.

I'll have no funeral fire, nor tears for me; No grave do I desire, nor obsequie. The courteous red-breast, he, With leaves will cover me, And sing my elegy With doleful voice.

And when a ghost I am, I'll visit thee: O thou deceitful dame, whose cruelty Has kill'd the kindest heart That e'er felt Cupid's dart, And never can desert





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COME, LET ME TAKE THEE TO MY BREAST.

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WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By BURNS.

Miss Jean Blackstock, now Mrs Whiter, is the Lady to whom these beautiful Verses were addressed;

AIR-ALLY CROAKER.

Соме, let me take thee to my breast, And pledge we ne'er shall sunder; And I shall spurn, as vilest dust, The warld's wealth and grandeur : And do I hear my Jeanie own, That equal transports move her? I ask for dearest life alone That I may live to love her. To love, to love, that I may live to love her, I ask for dearest life alone That I may live to love her.

When in my arms, wi' a' thy charms, I clasp my countless treasure ;
I seek nae mair o' Heaven to share, Than sic a moment's pleasure :
And by thy e'en sae bonie blue, I swear I'm thine for ever !
And on thy lips I seal my vow, And break it shall I never !
Never, never, break it shall I never !
And on thy lips I seal my vow, And on thy lips I seal my vow, 1 1

NOW WESTLIN WINDS AND SPORTSMEN'S GUNS.

WRITTEN

By BURNS.

THE SAME AIR.

Now westlin winds and sportsmen's guns, Bring Autumn's pleasant weather; The moorcock springs on whirring wings Amang the blooming heather: Now waving grain, wide o'er the plain, Delights the weary farmer; And the moon shines bright, when I rove at night To muse upon my charmer. O my dear, my ain lovely charmer,* How I delight to rove at night, To muse upon my charmer !

Come, Peggy dear, the evening's clear, Thick flies the skimming swallow;
The sky is blue, the fields in view All fading green and yellow:
Come, let us stray our gladsome way, And view the charms of nature,—
The rustling corn, the fruited thorn, And every happy creature !
O my dear, my ain lovely charmer, How I delight to rove at night, With thee, my lovely charmer !

We'll gently walk, and sweetly talk,
'Till the silent moon shine clearly;
I'll grasp thy waist, and fondly press 't,
Swear how I love thee dearly:
Not vernal show'rs to budding flowers,
Not autumn to the farmer,
So dear can be as thou to me,
My fair, my lovely charmer !
O my dear, my ain lovely charmer,
How I delight to rove at night,
With thee, my lovely charmer !

* The lines printed in Italics are added by the Editor, merely for the sake of the Air.



WHISTLE AND I'LL COME TO YOU, MY LAD. 0

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By BURNS.

AIR-O WHISTLE AND I'LL COME TO YOU, MY LAD.

WHISTLE, and I'll come to you, my lad, O whistle, and I'll come to you, my lad, Tho' father and mother and a' should gae mad, Thy JEANY will venture wi' ye, my lad. But warily teat, when ye come to court me, And come nae unless the back-yett be a-jee ; Syne up the back style, and let naebody see, And come, as ye were na coming to me, And come, as ye were na coming to me.

O whistle, and I'll come to you, my lad, O whistle, and I'll come to you, my lad, Tho' father and mother and a' should gae mad, Thy JEANY will venture wi' ye my lad. At kirk, or at market, whene'er ye meet me, Gang by me as tho' that ye cared nae a flie; But steal me a blink o' your bonnie black e'e, Yet look as ye were na looking at me, Yet look as ye were na looking at me.

O whistle, and I'll come to you, my lad, O whistle, and I'll come to you, my lad ; . Tho' father and mother and a' should gae mad, Thy JEANY will venture wi' ye, my lad. Ay yow and protest that ye carena for me, And whyles ye may lightly my beauty a wee: But court nae anither, tho' joking ye be, For fear that she wyle your fancy from me, For fear that she wyle your fancy from me.

WHISTLE,_A BALLAD. THE

WRITTEN

BURNS. By

As the authentic Prose history of the WHISTLE is curious, we shall here give it .- In the train of ANNE of Denmark, when she came to Scotland with our JAMES the Sixth, there came over also a Danish Gentleman of gigantic stature and great prowess, and a matchless champion of BACCHUS. He had a little ebony Whistle, which, at the commencement of the orgies, he laid on the table ; and whoever was last able to blow it, every body else being disabled by the potency of the bottle, was to carry off the Whistle as a trophy of victory. The Dane produced credentials of his victories, without a single defeat, at the Courts of Copenhagen, Stockholm, Moscow, Warsaw, and several of the petty Courts in Germany; and challenged the Scots Bacchanalians to the alternative of trying his prowess, or else of acknowledging their inferiority. After many overthrows on the part of the Scots, the Dane was encountered by Sir ROBERT LOWRIE of Maxwellton, ancestor to the present worthy Baronet of that name ; who, after three days and three nights hard contest, left the Scandinavian under the table, " And blew on the Whistle his requiem shrill." Sir WALTER, son to Sir ROBERT before-mentioned, afterwards lost the Whistle to WALTER RIDDEL of Glenriddel, who had married a sister of Sir WALTER's. On Friday the 16th October 1790, at Friar's Carse, the Whistle was once more contended for, as related in the Ballad, by the present Sir ROBERT LOWRIE of Maxwellton; ROBERT RID-DEL, Esq. of Glenriddel, lineal descendant and representative of WALTER RIDDEL, who won the Whistle, and in whose family it had continued ; and ALEXANDER FERGUSON, Esq. of Craigdarroch, likewise descended of the great Sir ROBERT ; which last Gentleman carsied off the hard-won honours of the field.

THE SAME AIR.

SING of a Whistle, a whistle of worth, I sing of a Whistle, the pride of the North, Was brought to the Court of our good Scottish King, And long with this Whistle all Scotland shall ring. Old LODA, * still rueing the arm of Fingal, The god of the bottle sends down from his hall-" This Whistle's your challenge, to Scotland get o'er ! " And drink them to hell, Sir, or ne'er see me more, " And drink them to hell, Sir, or ne'er see me more."

Old Poets have sung, and old Chronicles tell, What champions ventured, what champions fell; The son of great LODA was conqueror still, And blew on the Whistle their requiem shrill : Till ROBERT, the lord of the Cairn and the Scaur, Unmatch'd at the bottle, unconquered in war, He drank his poor godship as deep as the sea, No tide of the Baltic e'er drunker than he, No tide of the Baltic e'er drunker than he.

Thus ROBERT, victorious, the trophy has gained, Which now in his house has for ages remained; Till three noble Chieftains, and all of his blood, The jovial contest again have renewed. Three joyous good fellows, with hearts clear of flaw; Craigdarroch, so famous for wit, worth, and law; And trusty Glenriddel, so skilled in old coins; And gallant Sir ROBERT, deep read in old wines, And gallant Sir ROBERT, deep read in old wines.

Craigdarroch began, with tongue smooth as oil, Desiring Glenriddel to yield up the spoil; Or else he would muster the Heads of the Clan, And once more in claret try which was the man. " By the gods of the ancients !" Glenriddel replies, " Before I surrender so glorious a prize, " I'll conjure the ghost of the great RORY MORE, †

" And bumper his horn with him twenty times o'er, " And bumper his horn with him twenty times o'er."

Sir ROBERT, a soldier, no speech would pretend, But he ne'er turned his back on his foe or his friend, Said, toss down the Whistle, the prize of the field, And, knee-deep in claret, he'd die ere he'd yield. To the board of Glenriddel our heroes repair, So noted for drowning of sorrow and care ; But for wine and for welcome not more known to fame, Tho' Fate said a hero should perish in light; Than the sense, wit, and taste of a sweet lovely dame, So up rose bright PHOEBUS-and down fell the knight ! Than the sense, wit, and taste of a sweet lovely dame. So up rose bright PHOEBUS-and down fell the knight !

A bard was selected to witness the fray, And tell future ages the feats of the day; A bard who detested all sadness and spleen, And wished that Parnassus a vineyard had been. The dinner being over, the claret they ply, And every new cork is a new spring of joy ; In the bands of old friendship and kindred so set, Gay pleasure ran riot as bumpers ran o'er ; Bright PROEBUS ne'er witnessed so joyous a corps, And vowed that to leave them he was quite forlorn, Till CYNTHIA hinted he'd see them next morn. Six bottles a piece had well wore out the night, ** When gallant Sir ROBERT, to finish the fight, Turned o'er in one bumper a bottle of red, And swore 'twas the way that their ancestor did. And swore 'twas the way that their ancestor did.

Then worthy Glenriddel, so cautious and sage, No longer the warfare ungodly would wage ; A high-ruling elder to wallow in wine ! He left the foul business to folks less divine. The gallant Sir ROBERT fought hard to the end ; But who can with Fate and Quart Bumpers contend?

Next up rose our bard, like a prophet in drink : " Craigdarroch, thou'lt soar when creation shall sink ! " But if thou wouldst flourish immortal in rhyme, " Come, one bottle more, and have at the sublime ! " Thy line that have struggled for freedom with Baucz, " Shall heroes and patriots ever produce : " So thise be the laurel, and mine be the bay;

And the bands grew the tighter the more they were wet, " The field thou hast won, by yon bright god of day! And the bands grew the tighter the more they were wet. " The field thou hast won, by yon bright god of day !"

+ See Jourson's Tour to the Hebrides.

* See Osstan's Carrie-thurs.





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* The Sym. & Accomp! simplified as above by M! K. 1801.

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THE REAL PROPERTY AND



THEIR GROVES OF SWEET MYRTLE, &c.

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WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By BURNS.

The Jean of this inimitable Song is Mrs Burns. -

AIR_THE HUMOURS OF GLEN.

THEIR groves of sweet myrtle let foreign lands reckon, Where bright-beaming summers exalt the perfume; Far dearer to me yon lone glen o' green breckan, Wi' the burn stealing under the lang, yellow broom : Far dearer to me are yon humble broom bowers, Where the blue-bell and gowan lurk, lowly, unseen; For there lightly tripping amang the wild flowers, A-listening the linnet, oft wanders my Jean.

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Tho' rich is the breeze in *their* gay sunny vallies, And cauld Caledonia's blast on the wave ; Their sweet-scented woodlands that skirt the proud palace, What are they?—the haunt of the Tyrant and Slave ! The Slave's spicy forests, and gold-bubbling fountains, The brave Caledonian views with disdain ; He wanders as free as the winds of his mountains, Save Love's willing fetters, the chains of his Jean.

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FAREWELL, DEAR MISTRESS OF MY SOUL.

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WRITTEN

By BURNS.

IRISH AIR.

TAREWELL, dear mistress of my soul, The measur'd time is run !
The wretch beneath the dreary pole, So marks his latest sun !
To what dark cave of frozen night,
Alas ! shall thy poor wand'rer hie ?
Depriv'd of thee, his life and light,

We part—but by these precious drops, That fill thy lovely eyes ! No other light shall guide my steps Till thy bright beams arise. She, the fair sun of all her sex, Has blest my happy, glorious day ; And ne'er shall glimmering planet fix

The sun of all his joy.

My worship to its ray.

COME, ALL YE YOUTHS, &c.

WRITTEN

By OTWAY.

THE SAME AIR.

Соме, all ye youths, whose hearts e'er bled, By cruel beauty's pride; Bring each a garland on his head, Let none his sorrows hide : But hand in hand around me move, Singing the saddest tales of love; And see, when your complaints ye join, If your wrongs equal mine.

The happiest mortal once was I, My heart no sorrows knew: Pity the pain with which I die, But ask not whence it grew; Yet, if a tempting fair you find, That's very lovely, very kind, Tho' bright as Heaven, whose stamp she bears, Be wise and shun her snares.

.* The Critical Reader will perceive, that the last line in each Stanza of the preceding Song is slightly altered to suit it for the Air.

















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THE SMALL BIRDS REJOICE, &c.

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FROM A MS.

By BURNS.

These admirable Stanzas are supposed to be spoken by the young PRINCE CHARLES EDWARD, when wandering in the Highlands of Scotland, after his fatal Defeat at Culloden.

IRISH AIR-CAPTAIN O'KAIN.

The small birds rejoice on the green leaves returning, The murmuring streamlet winds clear thro' the vale; The primroses blow in the dews of the morning, And wild scatter'd cowslips bedeck the green dale. But what can give pleasure, or what can seem fair, When the lingering moments are number'd wi' care? Nor birds sweetly singing, nor flowers gaily springing, Can soothe the sad bosom of joyless depair.

The deed that I dared, could it merit their malice? A king and a father to place on his throne ! His right are these hills, and his right are these vallies, Where wild beasts find shelter, tho' I can find none ! But 'tis not my sufferings, thus wretched, forlorn, My brave gallant friends, 'tis your ruin I mourn; Your faith prov'd so loyal, in hot bloody trial, Alas ! can I make it no better return !

THE WOUNDED HUSSAR.

WRITTEN

By THOMAS CAMPBELL,

AND HERE PUBLISHED BY HIS PERMISSION.

THE SAME AIR.

A LONE to the banks of the dark-rolling Danube, Fair Adelaide hied when the battle was o'er; 'O whither,' she cried, 'hast thou wander'd, my lover, 'Or here dost thou welter and bleed on the shore? 'What voice did I hear !—'twas my Henry that sigh'd !' All mournful she hasten'd, nor wander'd afar, When, bleeding and low on the heath, she descried, By the light of the moon her poor wounded hussar.

From his bosom that heav'd, the last torrent was streaming, And pale was his visage, deep mark'd with a scar, And dim was that eye, once expressively beaming, That melted in love, and that kindled in war : How smit was poor Adelaide's heart at the sight ! How bitter she wept o'er the victim of war ! " Hast thou come, my fond Love, this last sorrowful night, " To cheer the lone heart of thy wounded hussar !"

'Thou shalt live,' she replied, 'Heaven's mercy relieving
'Each anguishing wound, shall forbid me to mourn !'
'' Ah no ! the last pang in my bosom is heaving,
'' No light of the morn shall to Henry return :
'' Thou charmer of life, ever tender and true !
'' Ye babes of my love that await me afar—''
His falt'ring tongue scarce could murmur adieu,
When he sunk in her arms, the poor wounded hussar.



SLOW SPREADS THE GLOOM, &c.

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The following Verses were found among the MSS. of BURNS, in his own handwriting, and therefore, as well as from their merit, have been supposed his composition; but the Editor has lately heard them attributed to Miss HELEN MARIA WILLIAMS, though with what justice he knows not.

IRISH AIR-SAVOURNA DELIGH.

SLOW spreads the gloom my soul desires, The sun from India's shore retires : To Evan-banks, with temp'rate ray, Home of my youth, he leads the day. Oh! banks to me for ever dear ! Oh! stream, whose murmurs still I hear ! All, all my hopes of bliss reside Where Evan mingles with the Clyde.

And she in simple beauty drest, Whose image lives within my breast; Who trembling heard my parting sigh, And long pursued me with her eye: Does she, with heart unchang'd as mine, Oft in the vocal bowers recline ! Or, where yon grot o'erhangs the tide, Muse while the Evan seeks the Clyde ! Ye lofty banks that Evan bound, Ye lavish woods that wave around, And o'er the stream your shadows throw, Which sweetly winds so far below ; What secret charm to mem'ry brings, All that on Evan's border springs ! Sweet banks ! ye bloom by Mary's side ; Blest stream ! she views thee haste to Clyde.

Can all the wealth of India's coast, Atone for years in absence lost? Return, ye moments of delight, With richer treasures bless my sight; Swift from this desart let me part, And fly to meet a kindred heart ! Nor more may aught my steps divide, From that dear stream which flows to Clyde.

OH THE MOMENT WAS SAD.

WRITTEN

By Mr COLEMAN,

AND HERE PUBLISHED BY PERMISSION OF THE PROPRIETOR:

THE SAME AIR.

A H! the moment was sad when my love and I parted, Savourna deligh shighan Oh !

As I kiss'd off her tears I was nigh broken-hearted, Savourna deligh shighan Oh !

Wan was her chek which hung on my shoulder,Damp was her hand, no marble was colder,I felt that I never again should behold her,Savourna deligh shighan Oh !

When the word of command put our men into motion, Savourna deligh shighan Oh !

I buckled my knapsack to cross the wide ocean, Savourna deligh shighan Oh !

Brisk were our troops, all roaring like thunder, Pleas'd with the voyage, impatient for plunder; My bosom with grief was almost torn asunder; Savourna deligh shighan Oh !

Long I fought for my country, far, far from my true love, Savourna deligh shighan Oh !
All my pay and my booty I hoarded for you, love, Savourna deligh shighan Oh !
Peace was proclaim'd—escaped from the slaughter, Landed at home, the sweet girl I sought her,









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NOW IN HER GREEN MANTLE, &c.

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WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By BURNS.

IRISH AIR-COOLUN.

Now in her green mantle blythe Nature arrays, And listens the lambkins that bleat o'er the braes, While birds warble welcomes in ilka green shaw; But to me it's delightless—my Nanie's awa'!

The snaw-drap and primrose our woodlands adorn, And violets bathe in the weet of the morn; They pain my sad bosom, sae sweetly they blaw! They mind me o' Nanie—and Nanie's awa'! Thou lavrock that starts from the dews of the lawn, The shepherd to warn of the grey-breaking dawn; And thou mellow mavis that hails the night fa', Give over for pity—my Nanie's awa'!

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Come Autumn, sae pensive, in yellow and grey, And soothe me wi' tidings o' Nature's decay; The dark, dreary winter, and wild driving snaw, Alone can delight me—now Nanie's awa'!

O SUMMER, THY PRESENCE GIVES JOY TO THE VALE.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By PETER PINDAR.

THE SAME AIR.

O SUMMER, thy presence gives joy to the vale, The song of the warbler enlivens the grove ! The pipe of the shepherd I hear in the gale ; Alas ! but I hear not the voice of my love.

The lilies are drest in their purest array; To the valleys the woodbines a fragrance impart; The roses the pride of their crimson display; But I see not the blush of the nymph of my heart.

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Go, shepherds, and bring the sweet wanderer here,
The boast of her sex, and delight of the swains:
Go, shepherds, and whisper this truth in her ear,—
That the pleasures with Phillis have quitted the plains.

If thus to the nymph ye my wishes declare, To the cot she has left she will quickly return : Too soft is her bosom to give us despair, That sooner would sigh than another should mourn.



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AWA' WI' YOUR WITCHCRAFT O' BEAUTY'S ALARMS.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By BURNS.

IRISH AIR-BALLINAMONA ORA.

A wa' wi' your witchcraft o' beauty's alarms, The slender bit beauty you grasp in your arms: O gi'e me the lass that has acres o' charms, O gi'e me the lass wi' the weel stockit farms. Then hey for a lass wi' a tocher, Then hey for a lass wi' a tocher,

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Your beauty's a flower in the morning that blows, And withers the faster the faster it grows; But the rapturous charm o' the bonie green knowes, Ilk spring they're new deckit wi' bonie white ewes. Then hey for a lass wi' a tocher, Then hey for a lass wi' a tocher,

And e'en when this beauty your bosom has blest, The brightest o' beauty may cloy, when possest; But the sweet yellow darlings wi' Geordie imprest, The langer ye ha'e them, the mair they're carest. Then hey for a lass wi' a tocher, Then hey for a lass wi' a tocher,

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