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ANCIENT AND MODERN

Scottish Songs,

HEROIC BALLADS, ETC.

COLLECTED BY

David Herd,

REPRINTED FROM THE EDITION OF 1776,

WITH AN APPENDIX.

CONTAINING THE PIECES SUBSTITUTED IN THE EDITION
OF 1791 FOR OMISSIONS FROM THAT OF 1776, &c.

IN TWO VOLUMES.

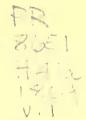
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NOTE.

The two volumes published in 1776, entitled 'Ancient and Modern Scottish Songs, Heroic Ballads, &c.,' are generally acknowledged to be the collection of DAVID HERD. It has been surmised,* from a letter of Bishop PERCY to PATON, dated 9th February, 1769, that PATON was in whole or in part the editor of the first edition of these Songs and Ballads, published in one volume, in 1769. With this exception, HERD is always alluded to as the editor.

In the Preface to the 1776 edition, it is said that the favourable reception of the first edition "encouraged the Editor to extend "and arrange it in the form which it now wears. The reader "will find here all the Songs contained in the former edition, "with the addition of nearly an equal number. In fine, the "Editor hath attempted to compile a more compleat and "better arranged collection of Scottish Songs than any hitherto "published."

It is clear from this statement that the editor of the second edition was the editor of the first; and no coadjutor is

acknowledged.

DAVID HERD, who died in 1810, aged seventy-eight, was a native of St. Cyrus, in Kincardineshire. He was a clerk in the office of Mr. DAVID RUSSELL, accountant, in Edinburgh. SCOTT says he "was known and generally esteemed for his shrewd, manly common sense, and antiquarian science, mixed with much good-nature and great modesty. His hardy and antique mould of countenance, and his venerable grizzled locks, procured him, amongst his acquaintance, the name of Graysteil."

The value of Herd's Collection is variously estimated. RITSON† is "bound in gratitude to acknowledge" indebtedness to it for "a number of excellent and genuine compositions, never before "printed." And, again, begs PATON (Letter, 19th May, 1795) to present HERD with "my sincerest acknowledgements for his "valuable collection of Scottish Ballads, many of which are "particularly curious, and such as I had never before seen or "heard of."

SCOTT calls it "the first classical collection of Scottish Songs and Ballads."

^{*} Biographical notice of George Paton, in "Ritson's Letters to Paton," Edinburgh, 1829.

[†] Historical Essay, Ritson's Scottish Songs, Vol. 1.

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ROBERT CHAMBERS remarks that HERD's compilation shows him to have been a man of equal industry with RAMSAY, and of more antiquarian and classic taste. Besides many of the legendary poems which he gathered from oral tradition, CHAMBERS enumerates fifty-four Songs of "great merit," which HERD noted down from recitation, and which might otherwise have been lost.

Moreover, and what may be more to the purpose, in the estimation of the antiquary and the curious, in Chambers's Songs and Ballads of Scotland, the editor, designing his collection for "the tasteful, the fair, and the young," apologises for the "violation" of excluding entire pieces, and "silently omitted passages," by saying, that the Songs are to be found, "in all their native beauty, in the collections of Ramsay and Herd."

AYTOUN (Ballads of Scotland) remarks that DAVID HERD, as a collector, was *fortunately* a man of a very different stamp from ALLAN RAMSAY—that he contented himself with faithfully preserving such remnants of the floating minstrelsy and song as he

could procure, either from tradition or from manuscript.

That this re-issue may be complete, there are added, in the form of an Appendix, all the pieces substituted in the edition of 1791 for those omitted of the 1776 edition; also, one Ballad contained in the first edition, 1769, in one volume, and not contained in the later editions. The edition of 1791, published by Lawrie and Symington, Edinburgh, is characterised as a mere reprint of that of 1776; but besides the omissions from the latter (forty-one in all), there is considerable variation in the orthography, and most of the few Notes inserted by Herd are omitted. The versions of Auld Robin Grey are so different that both are given. Altogether, the edition of 1791 can hardly be considered a reprint of Herd.

The student of Scottish ballad lore will find in HERD's collection the germs of many of BURNS's imperishable lyrics.

Although the high price which these volumes bring at public auction proves them to be scarce, it by no means follows that there is a wide-spread desire to possess them. It is believed, however, that there are many who, from antiquarian motives, will not think ill-timed a limited issue of this reprint, faithfully transcribed from the best edition; and, perhaps, more

"Who love a ballad in print,"

And hold that,

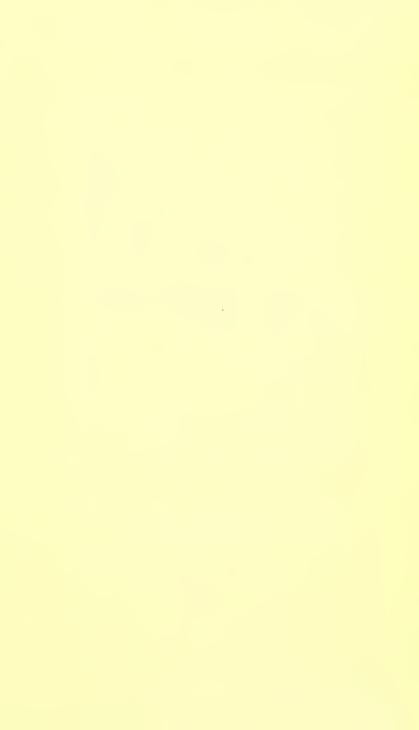
"——Though old wrytynges apere to be rude, Yet notwithstandynge, they do include The pythe of a mater most fructuously."

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SCOTS SONGS.

Vol. I.

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ANCIENT AND MODERN SCOTTISH SONGS, HEROIC BALLADS,

ETC.

IN TWO VOLUMES.

VOLUME the FIRST.

The garb our Muses wore in former years.

Hamilton.



EDINBURGH:

Printed by John Wotherspoon,

FOR

JAMES DICKSON and CHARLES ELLIOT,

M D C C L X X V I.



PREFACE.

THE common popular fongs and national music, as they form a favourite entertainment of the Gay and the Chearful, seem likewise to merit some regard from the Speculative and Refined, in so far as they exhibit natural and striking traits of the character, genius, taste and pursuits of the people. And trivial as his idea of a song may be, the statesman has often selt this paultry engine affecting the machine of government; and those who are versant in history can produce instances of popular songs and ballads having been rendered subservient to great revolutions both in church and state.

Every nation, at least every ancient and unmixed nation, hath its peculiar style of musical expression, its peculiar mode of melody; modulated by the joint influence of climate and government, character and situation, as well as by the formation of the organs. Thus each of the states of ancient Greece had its characteristic style of music, the Doric, the Phrygian, the Lydian mood, &c., and thus the moderns have their distinct national styles, the Italian, the Spanish, the Irish, and the Scottish. That predilection so natural for every production of one's own country,

together with the force of habit, a certain enthufiafm, attendant on mufic, and perhaps fometimes the principle of affociation, whereby other agreeable ideas are mingled and always called up to the mind together with the mufical air, has ever induced people to prefer their own national mufic to that of all others: and we are feldom at a lofs for arguments in fupport of this real or fancied preeminence. Strongly biaffed, however, as our judgments muft be by the powerful prejudices mentioned above, it would feem that the question concerning the comparative merit of the respective styles of national melody is a question of much difficulty and little importance.

The Scots yield to none of their neighbours in a paffionate attachment to their native music; in which, to say the truth, they seem to be justified by the unbiassed suffrage of foreigners of the best taste, who have often candidly allowed it a preference to their own. Many ingenious reasons have been assigned for a distinction so agreeable, chiefly drawn from the romantic sace of the country, and the vacant, pastoral life of a great part of its inhabitants; circumstances, no doubt, highly savourable to poetry and song.

But the editor of these little volumes will not hazard a disquisition on this delicate subject, satisfied that it is not in his power to do it justice, and

confcious of ftrong prepossessions. In general, it may be permitted him to observe, that the merit both of the poetry and the music of the Scots fongs is undoubtedly great; and that the peculiar fpirit and genius of each is fo admirably adapted to each other, as to produce, when conjoined, the most enchanting effect on every lover of nature and unaffected simplicity. For the characteristical excellence of both, he apprehends, is nearly the fame, to wit, a forcible and pathetic fimplicity, which at once lays strong hold on the affections; fo that the heart itself may be considered as an instrument, which the bard or minstrel harmonizes, touching all its ftrings in the most delicate and mafterly manner! Such is the character of the pathetic and fentimental fongs of Scotland, which may with truth be termed, the poetry and the music of the heart. There is another species, to wit, the humorous and comic, no less admirable for genuine humour, fprightly naivete, picturefque language, and striking paintings of low life and comic characters; the music whereof is so well adapted to the fentiment, that any person of a tolerable ear upon hearing it, feels a difficulty in restraining a strong propensity to dance.

But perhaps too much has been already faid on the fubject of these volumes. The Editor shall anticipate the censure of the severe, by consessing them a work of slight importance, which hath no higher aim than mere amusement. To magnify, therefore, the importance of the publication by pompous encomiums would justly subject him to ridicule.

It feems proper, however, in this place, to give fome account of the conduct and arrangement of this collection. It is divided into three parts. The first is composed of all the Scottish ancient and modern Heroic Ballads or Epic Tales, together with fome beautiful fragments of this kind. Many of these are recovered from tradition or old MSS. and never before appeared in print. The fecond part confifts of all the Sentimental, Pastoral and Love Songs; and the third is a collection of Comic, Humorous, and Jovial fongs. In thefe two last, as in the first part, will be found a number of fongs to favourite Scottish airs, not hitherto published, and many stanzas and passages reftored and corrected by collating various verfions

The Editor hath not attempted to reduce the language to the orthography of the times in which the feveral pieces may be supposed to have been written. This was a task for which he found himself unqualified; and which appeared the less necessary, as the collection was not intended to be confined to the critical antiquarian, but devoted to the amusement of the public at

large. Of many of the fongs in these volumes the chief merit will be found to consist in the musical air, while the poetry may appear much below mediocrity. For this the Editor has no other apology to offer, than that these were the only words existing to the tunes in question, the original words which gave rise to these tunes being irrecoverably lost. There are, however, many of these adopted words to ancient tunes which are by no means liable to this censure, being composed by eminent modern Scots poets; and the classical reader may easily substitute more.

The favourable reception of the first edition of this collection, and the frequent demands for it since it has become fcarce, encouraged the Editor to extend and arrange it in the form which it now wears. The reader will find here all the songs contained in the former edition, with the addition of nearly an equal number. In fine, the Editor hath attempted to compile a more compleat and better arranged collection of Scottish songs than any hitherto published: with what success, the candid public will determine.



SCOTSSONGS.

PART FIRST.

HEROIC BALLADS

AND

FRAGMENTS.



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GIL MORRICE*.

IL MORRICE was an erle's fon,
His name it waxed wide:
It was nae for his great riches,
Nor zet his meikle pride;
Bot it was for a lady gay,
That livd on Carron fide.

Quhair fall I get a bonny boy,
That will win hoes and shoen;
That will gae to Lord BARNARDS ha',
And bid his lady cum?
And ze maun rin errand, WILLIE,
And ze maun rin wi' pride;
Quhen other boys gae on their foot,
On horse-back ze fall ride.

Oh no! oh no! my mafter dear!

I dar nae for my life;
I'll no gae to the bauld barons,
For to trieft furth his wife.

^{*} On this ballad the Tragedy of DOUGLAS is founded. VOL. I. A

My bird WILLIE, my boy WILLIE; My dear WILLIE, he fayd: How can ze strive against the stream? For I shall be obey'd.

Bot, O my master dear! he cry'd,
In grene wod ze're zour lain;
Gi owre sie thochts, I wald ze rede,
For fear ze should be tain.
Haste, haste, I say, gae to the ha',
Bid hir cum here wi' speid:
If ze resuse my high command,
I'll gar zour body bleid.

Gae bid hir tak this gay mantel,
'Tis a' gowd but the hem;
Bid hir cum to the gude grene wode,
And bring nane bot hir lain:
And there it is, a filken farke,
Hir ain hand fewd the flieve;
And bid hir come to GIL MORRICE,
Speir nae bauld barons leave.

Yes, I will gae zour black errand,
Though it be to zour coft;
Sen ze by me will nae be warn'd,
In it ze fall find froft.
The baron he's a man of might,
He neir could bide to taunt,
As ze will fee before its night,
How fma' ze hae to vaunt.

And fen I maun zour errand rin Sae fair against my will, I'fe mak a vow and keip it trow,
It fall be done for ill.
And quhen he came to Broken brigue,
He bent his bow and fwam;
And when he came to grafs growing,
Set down his feet and ran.

And when he came to BARNARDS ha',
Would neither chap nor ca';
Bot fet his bent bow to his brieft,
And lightly lap the wa'.
He wad nae tell the man his errand,
Though he stude at the gait;
Bot straight into the ha' he cam,
Quhair they were fet at meit.

Hail! hail! my gentle fire and dame!
My meffage winna waite;
Dame, ze maun to the gude grene wod
Before that it be late.
Ze're bidden tack this gay mantel,
Tis a' gowd bot the hem:
Zou man gae to the gude green wode,
Ev'n by yourfel alane.

And there it is, a filken farke,
Your ain hand fewd the fleive;
Ze maun gae fpeik to GIL MORRICE
Speir nae bauld barons leive.
The lady flamped wi' hir foot,
And winked wi' her ee;
Bot a' that fhe cou'd fay or do,
Forbidden he wad nae bee.

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Its furely to my bowr-woman;
It neir could be to me.
I brought it to Lord BARNARDS lady;
I trow that ze be fhe.
Then up and fpack the wylie nurfe,
(The bairn upon her knee),
If it be cum from GIL MORRICE,
Its dear welcum to mee.

Ze leid, ze leid, ye filthy nurfe,
Sae loud's I heire ze lee;
I brought it to Lord BARNARDS lady;
I trow ze be nae shee.

Then up and fpack the bauld baron,
An angry man was hee;
He's tain the table wi' his foot,
Sae has he wi' his knee;
Till filver cup and ezar difh
In flinders he gard flee.

Gae bring a robe of zour cliding,

That hings upon the pin;

And I'll gae to the gude grene wode,

And fpeik wi' zour lemman,

O bide at hame, now Lord BARNARD,

I warde ze bide at hame;

Neir wyte a man for violence,

That neir wyte ze wi' nane.

GIL MORRICE fat in gude grene wode, He whiftled and he fang: O what means a' the folk coming? My mother tarries lang. His hair was like the threds of gold,
Drawn from MINERVAS loome:
His lips like rofes drapping dew,
His breath was a perfume.

His brow was like the mountain fna Gilt by the morning beam;
His cheiks like living rofes glow:
His een like azure ftream.
The boy was clad in robes of grene,
Sweet as the infant fpring:
And like the Mavis on the bufh,
He gart the vallies ring.

The baron came to the grene wode,
Wi' muckle dule and care,
And there he first spied GIL MORRICE,
Kaiming his zellow hair,
That sweetly waved round his face,
That face beyond compare:
He sang sae sweet it might dispel
A' rage but fell dispair.

Nae wonder, nae wonder, GIL MORRICE,
My lady loed thee weel:
The fairest part of my body
Is blacker than thy heel.
Zet neir-the-less now, GIL MORRICE,
For a' thy great bewty,
Ze's rew the day ze eir was born;
That head fall gae wi' me.

Now he has drawn his trufty brand, And flaited on the ftrae: And thro' GIL MORRICE' fair body
He's gard cauld iron gae.
And he has tain GIL MORRICE' head,
And fet it on a fpeir:
The meanest man in a' his train
Has gotten that head to bear.

And he has tain GIL MORRICE up,
Laid him acrofs his fleid,
And brought him to his painted bowr,
And laid him on a bed.
The lady fat on caftil wa',
Beheld baith dale and doun;
And there flee faw GIL MORRICE' head
Cum trailing to the toun.

Far better I loe that bluidy head,
Bot and that zellow hair,
Than Lord BARNARD and a' his lands,
As they lig here and thair.
And she has tain hir GIL MORRICE,
And kis'd baith mouth and chin:
I was ance as fow of GIL MORRICE,
As the hip is o' the stean.

I got ze in my father's house,
Wi' mickle sin and shame;
I brocht ze up in gude grene wode,
Under the heavy rain:
Oft have I by thy craddle sitten,
And sondly seen thee sleip;
Bot now I gae about thy grave,
The saut tears for to weip.

And fyne she kis'd his bluidy cheik,
And fyne his bluidy chin:
O better I loe my GIL MORRICE
Than a' my kith and kin!
Away, away, ze ill woman,
And an ill deith mait ze dee:
Gin I had kend he'd been zour son,
He'd neir been slain for mee.

Obraid me not, my Lord BARNARD!

Obraid me not for fhame!

Wi that fame fpeir O pierce my heart!

And put me out o' pain.

Since naething but GIL MORRICE head

Thy jealous rage could quell,

Let that faim hand now tack hir life,

That neir to thee did ill.

To me nae after days nor nichts
Will eir be faft or kind;
I'll fill the air with heavy fighs,
And greet till I am blind.
Enouch of blude by me's bin fpilt,
Seek not zour death frae mee;
I rather lourd it had been my fel
Than eather him or thee.

With waefo wae I hear zour plaint;
Sair, fair I rew the deid,
That eir this curfed hand of mine
Had gard his body bleid.
Dry up zour tears, my winfom dame;
Ze neer can heal the wound;

Ze fee his head upon the fpeir, His heart's blude on the ground.

I curfe the hand that did the deid,
The heart that thocht the ill;
The feet that bore me wi' fic fpeid,
The comely zouth to kill.
I'll ay lament for GIL MORRICE,
As gin he were my ain;
I'll neir forget the driery day
On which the zouth was flain.

EDOM O' GORDON.

IT fell about the Martinmas, Quhen the wind blew fehrill and cauld, Said EDOM o' Gordon to his men, We maun draw to a hauld:

And what a hauld fall we draw to,
My mirry men and me?
We waul gae to the house o' the Rhodes,
To fee that fair ladie.

The ladie flude on her caftle wa',
Beheld baith dale and down;
There she was ware of a host of men
Cum ryding towards the toun.

O fee ze not, my mirry men a'?
O fee ze not quhat I fee?
Methinks I fee a hoft of men:
I merveil quhat they be.

She weend it had been hir luvely lord, As he came riding hame;

It was the traitor EDOM o' Gordon, Quha reckt nae fin nor fhame.

She had nae fooner buskit hersel,
And putten on hir goun,
Till E D O M o' Gordon and his men
Were round about the toun.

They had nae fooner fupper fett,

Nae fooner faid the grace,

Till Edom o' Gordon and his men

Were light about the place.

The lady ran up to hir towir head, Sae fast as she could drie, To see if by hir fair speeches She could wi' him agree.

But quhan he fee this lady faif And hir yates all locked faft, He fell into a rage of wrath, And his hart was all aghaft.

Cum down to me, ze lady gay,
Cum doun, cum doun to me:
This night fall ye lig within mine arms,
To-morrow my bride fall be.

I winnae cum doun, ze fals GORDON,
I winnae cum doun to thee;
I winnae forfake my ain dear lord,
That is fae far from me.

Give owre zour house, ze lady fair, Give owre zour house to me, Or I fall brenn yoursel therein, Bot and zour babies three. I winnae give owre, ze fals GORDON,

To nae fic traitor as zee;

And if ze brenn my ain dear babes,

My lord fall make ze drie.

But reach my piftol, GLAUD, my man, And charge ze weil my gun: For, but if I pierce that bluidy butcher, My babes we been undone.

She flude upon hir caftle wa,
And let twa bullets flee:
She mift that bluidy butchers hart,
And only raz'd his knee.

Set fire to the house, quo' fals GORDON,
All wood wi' dule and ire:
Fals lady, ze fall rue this deid,
As ye brenn in the fire.

Wae worth, wae worth ze, JOCK my man,
I paid ze weil zour fee;
Quhy pow ze out the ground-wa flane,
Lets in the reek to me?

And een wae worth ze, Jock my man,
I paid ze weil zour hire:

Quhy pow ze out the ground-wa ftane,
To me lets in the fire?

Ze paid me weil my hire, Lady;
Ze paid me weil my fee:
But now Ime EDOM o' Gordons man,
Maun either doe or die.

O than befpack hir little fon, Sate on the nourice' knee: Says, Mither dear, gi owre this house, For the reek it fmithers me.

I wad gie a' my gowd, my childe, Sae wad I a' my fee, For ane blaft o' the weftlin wind, To blaw the reek frae thee.

O then befpack hir dochtir dear, She was baith jimp and fma: O row me in a pair o' fheits,

O row me in a pair o' fheits, And tow me owre the wa.

They rowd hir in a pair o' fheits,
And towd her owre the wa:
But on the point of GORDON's fpeir,
She gat a deadly fa.

O bonnie bonnie was her mouth, And cherry wer hir cheiks, And clear clear was hir zellow hair, Whereon the reid bluid dreips.

Then wi' his fpear he turn'd hir owre,
O gin her face was wan!
He faid, Ze are the first that eir
I wisht alive again.

He turn'd her owre and owre again,
O gin her skin was whyte!
I might ha spared that bonny face
To hae been sum mans delyte.

Busk and boun, my merry men a',
For ill dooms I do guess;
I cannae luik in that bonnie face,
As it lyes on the grass.

Thame luiks to freits, my master deir,
Then freits will follow thame:
Let it neir be said brave Edom o' Gordon
Was daunted by a dame.

But quhen the ladye fee the fire Cum flaming owre hir head, She wept and kift hir children twain, Sayd, Bairns, we been but dead.

The GORDON then his bougill blew, And faid, Awa', awa'; This house o' the Rhodes is a' in flame, I hauld it time to ga'.

O then befpied hir ain dear lord, As he cam owre the lee; He fied his caftle all in blaze, Sae far as he could fee.

Then fair, O fair his mind mifgave, And all his hart was wae: Put on, put on, my wighty men, Sae fast as ze can gae;

Put on, put on, my wighty men,
Sae fast as ze can drie;
For he that is hindmost of the thrang,
Sall neir get guide o' me.

Than fum they rade, and fum they rin,
Fou fast out-owre the bent;
But eir the foremost could get up,
Baith lady and babes were brent.

He wrang his hands, he rent his hair, And wept in teenefu' muid: O traitors, for this cruel deid Ze fall weip teirs o' bluid.

And after the GORDON he is gane, Sae fast as he micht drie: And foon i' the GORDON's foul hartis bluid, He's wroken his dear ladie.

JOHNIE ARMSTRANG.

SUM speiks of lords, sum speiks of lairds, And ficklike men of hie degrie; Of a gentleman I fing a fang, Sumtyme cal'd Laird of Gilnockie. The king he wrytes a luving letter Wi' his ain hand fae tenderlie, And he hath fent it to JOHNY ARMSTRANG, To cum and fpeik with him fpeedily.

The ELLIOTS and ARMSTRANGS did convene; They were a gallant companie: We'll ryde and meit our lawfull king, And bring him fafe to Gilnockie. Make kinnen and capon ready then, And venifon in great plentie; We'll welcum hame our royal king, I hope he'll dyne at Gilnockie.

They ran their horfe on the Langum Hawn, And brake their fpeirs with meikle main; The ladys lukit frae their loft windows, God bring our men weil back again.

VOL. I.

Quhen JOHNY came before the King, With all his men fae brave to fee, The King he movit his bonnet to him, He weind he was a king as well as he.

May I find grace, my fovereign Liege,
Grace for my loyal men and me,
For my name it is JOHNIE ARMSTRANG,
And fubject of zours, my Liege, faid he.

Away, away, thou traytor strang, Out of my ficht thou mayst fune be, I grantit nevir a traytor's lyfe, And now I'll not begin with thee.

Grant me my lyfe, my Liege, my King,
And a bonny gift I will gi' to thee,
Full four-and-twenty milk-whyt fleids,
Were a' foald in a zeir to me.
I'll gie thee all thefe milk-whyt fleids,
That prance and nicher at a fpeir,
With as meikle gude Inglis gilt,
As four of their braid backs dow beir.

Away, away, thou traytor, etc.

Grant me my life, my Liege, my King,
And a bonny gift I'll gie to thee,
Gude four-and-twenty ganging mills,
That gang throw a' the zeir to me.
Thefe four-and-twenty mills complete,
Sall gang for thee throw a' the zeir,
And as meikle of gude reid quheit,
As all thair happers dow to beir.

Areay, areay, thou traytor, etc.

Grant me my lyfe, my Liege, my King, And a great gift I'll gie to thee, Bauld four-and-twenty fisters sons, Sall for thee fecht tho' a' fould flee. Away, away, thou traytor, etc.

Grant me my lyfe, my Liege, my King, And a brave gift I'll gie to thee; All between heir and Newcastle town, Sall pay thair zeirly rent to thee. Away, away, thou traytor, etc.

Ze lied, ze lied now, King, he says,
Althocht a King and prince ze be;
For I luid naithing in all my lyfe,
I dare well fay it, but honefty:
But a fat horfe and a fair woman,
Twa bonny dogs to kill a deir;
But Ingland fuld haif fund me meil and mat,
Gif I had livd this hundred zeir.

Scho fuld haif fund me meal and malt,
And beef and mutton in all plentie;
But neir a Scots wyfe coud haif faid,
That eir I fkaithd her a pure flie.
To feik het water beneath cauld yce,
Surely it is a great folie;
I haif afked grace at a graceless face,
But there is nane for my men and me.

But had I kend or I cam frae hame,
How thou unkind wadft bene to me.
I wad haif kept the border-fyde,
In fpyte of all thy force and thee.

Wift Ingland's king that I was tane,
O gin a blyth man wad he be;
For ance I flew his fifters fon,
And on his brieft-bane brak a trie.

JOHN wore a girdle abut his middle,
Imbroidred owre with burning gold,
Bespangled with the same mettle,
Maist bewtiful was to behold.
Ther hang nine targats at JOHNIES hat,
And ilka ane worth thrie hundred pound:
What wants that knave that a King fuld have,
But the sword of honour and the crown.

O quhar got thou thefe targats, JOHNIE,

That blink fae brawly abune thy brie!
I gat them in the fild fechting

Quher, cruel King, thou durft not be.
Had I my horfe and my harnefs gude,

And ryding as I wont to be,
It fuld haif bene tald this hundred zeir,

The meiting of my king and me.

God be wi' thee, KIRSTY, my brither,
Lang live thou Laird of Mangertoun;
Lang mayest thou dwell on the border-fyde,
Or thou se thy brither ryde up and doun:
And God be wi' thee, KIRSTY, my son,
Quhair thou sits on thy nurses nee;
But and thou live this hundred zeir,
Thy fathers better thoult never be.

Farweil, my bonny Gilnockhall,
Quhair on Esk syde thou standest stout:
Gif I had lieved but seven zeirs mair,
I wuld haif gilt thee round about.

John murdred was at Carlinrigg, And all his gallant companie; But Scotland's heart was neir fo wae, To fee fae mony brave men die.

Because they savd their country deir
Frae Inglishmen; nane were sae bald,
Quhyle JOHNIE livd on the border-syde,
Nane of them durst cum neir his hald.

Young WATERS.

A BOUT Zule, quhen the wind blew cule, And the round tables began, A'! ther is cum to our king's curt Mony a well-favourd man.

The Quein luikt owre the caftle wa, Beheld baith dale and down, And then she saw zoung WATERS Cum ryding to the town.

His footmen they did rin before, His horfemen rade behind, And mantel of the burning gowd Did keip him frae the wind.

Gowden graith'd his horse before,
And filler shod behind;
The horse zoung WATERS rade upon
Was sleeter than the wind.

But then fpack a wylie lord, Unto the Queen faid he, O tell me quha's the fairest face Rides in the companie?

I've feen lord, and I've feen laird,
And knights of high degree;
Bot a fairer face than zoung WATERS
Mine eyne did never fee.

Out then fpack the jealous King, (And an angry man was he), O if he had been twice as fair, Zou might have excepted me.

Zou're neither laird nor lord, fhe fays, Bot the King that wears the crown; Ther is not a knight in fair Scotland But to thee man bow down.

For a' that she coud do or fay,
Appeas'd he wadnae be;
Bot for the words which she had faid,
Zoung WATERS he maun die.

They hae taen zoung WATERS, and Put fetters on his feet;
They hae taen zoung WATERS, and Thrown him in dungeon deep.

Aft I have ridden thru Stirling towne
In the wind bot and the weit,
Bot I neir rade thru Stirling towne
Wi' fetters at my feit.

Aft I have ridden thru Stirling towne
In the wind bot and the rain,
Bot I neir rade thru Stirling towne
Neir to return again.

They have taen to the heiding hill
His zoung fon in his craddle,
And they have taen to the heiding hill
His horse bot and his faddle:

They hae taen to the heiding hill
His lady fair to fee:
And for the words the Queen had fpoke,
Zoung WATERS he did dee.

Bonny BARBARA ALLAN.

IT was in and about the Martinmas time,
When the green leaves were a falling,
That Sir JOHN GRÆME in the west countrie
Fell in love with BARBARA ALLAN.

- He fent his man down thro' the town, To the place where she was dwelling:
- O haste and cum to my master dear, Gin ye be BARBARA ALLAN.
- O hooly, hooly rofe fhe up,

 To the place where he was lying,

 And when fhe drew the curtin by,

 Young man, I think youre dying.
- O its I'm fick, and very very fick, And 'tis a' for BARBARA ALLAN.
- O the better for me ye's never be, Tho' your heart's blood were a fpilling.
- O dinna ye mind, young man, faid fhe, When ye was in the tavern a drinking,

That ye made the healths gae round and round, And flighted BARBARA ALLAN?

He turn'd his face into the wa',
And death was with him dealing,
Adieu, adieu, my dear friends a',
And be kind to BARBBRA ALLAN.

And flowly, flowly raife fhe up,
And flowly, flowly left him;
And fighing, faid, fhe cou'd not flay,
Since death of life had reft him.

She had nae gane a mile but twa,
When she heard the deid-bell ringing,
And ev'ry jow that the deid-bell geid,
It cry'd, Woe to BARBARA ALLAN!

O mother, mother, mak my bed,
O make it fast and narrow;
Since my luve died for me to-day,
I'll die for him to-morrow.

Bonny Earl of MURRAY*.

YE Highlands and ye Lawlands,
Oh! where have you been?
They have flain the Earl of MURRAY,
And they have laid him on the green!
They have, etc.

* James VI. being jealous of an attachment betwixt his Queen, Anne of Denmark and this Earl of Murray, the handsomest man of his time, prevailed with the Marquis of Huntley, his enemy, to murder him; and by a writing under his own hand, promised to save him harmless.

Now wae be to thee, HUNTLY, And wherefore did you fae?

I bade you bring him wi' you, But forbade you him to flay.

I bade, etc.

He was a bra gallant,
And he rid at the ring;
And the bonny Earl of Murray,
Oh! he might have been a king.

And the, etc.

He was a bra gallant,
And he play'd at the ba':
And the bonny Earl of MURRAY
Was the flour amang them a'.

And the, etc.

He was a bra gallant,
And he play'd at the gluve:
And the bonny Earl of Murray,
Oh! he was the queen's luve.

And the, etc.

Oh! lang will his lady
Look oer the castle Down,
Ere she see the Earl of MURRAY
Cum sounding through the town.

The young Laird of OCHILTRIE.

O LISTEN, gude peopell, to my tale, Listen to quhat I tell to thee, The King has taiken a poor prisoner, The wanton Laird of OCHILTRIE. Quhen news came to our guidly Queen,
She ficht, and faid right mournfullie,
O quhat will cum of Lady MARGARET,
Ouha beirs fick luve to OCHILTRIE?

Lady MARGARET tore hir yallow hair,

Quhen as the Queen told hir the faim:

I wis that I had neir bin born,

Nor neir had known OCHILTRIES naim.

Fie na, quoth the Queen, that maunna be, Fie na, that maunna be; I'll fynd ze out a better way To faif the lyfe of OCHILTRIE.

The Queen sche trippet up the stair,
And lowly knielt upon hir knie:
The first boon quhich I cum to craive
Is the life of gentel OCHILTRIE.

O if you had askd me castels and towirs, I wad hae gin thaim, twa or thrie; Bot a' the monie in fair Scotland Winna buy the lyfe of OCHILTRIE.

The Queen sche trippet down the stair,
And down sche gade richt mournfullie,
It's a' the monie in fair Scotland
Winna buy the lyfe of OCHILTRIE.

Lady MARGARET tore her yallow hair, Quhen as the Queen tald hir the faim; I'll tack a knife and end my lyfe, And be in the grave affoon as him.

Ah! na, fie! na, quoth the Queen, Fie! na, fie! na, this maunna be; I'll fet ze on a better way

To loofe and fet OCHILTRIE frie.

The Queen she slippet up the stair,
And sche gaid up richt privatlie,
And sche has stoun the prison-keys,
And gane and set Ochiltrie frie.

And fches gien him a purfe of gowd, And another of whyt monie, Sches gien him twa piftoles by's fide, Saying to him, Shute quhen ze win frie.

And quhen he cam to the Queens window, Quhaten a joyfou shute gae he! Peace be to our royal Queen, And peace be in her companie!

O quhaten a voice is that? quoth the King, Quhaten a voice is that? quoth he, Quhatten a voice is that? quoth the King; I think its the voyce of OCHILTRIE.

Call to me a' my gaolours,

Call thaim by thirtie and by thrie;

Quhairfor the morn at twelve a clock

Its hangit fchall they ilk ane be.

O didna ze fend zour keyis to us?

Ze fent thaim be thirtie and be thrie,

And wi thaim fent a strait command,

To fet at lairge zoung OCHILTRIE.

Ah! na, fie! na, quoth the Queen,
Fie, my dear luve! this maunna be:
And iff ye're gawn to hang thaim a',
Indeed ze maun begin wi me.

The tane was fchippit at the pier of Leith,
The ither at the Queensferrie;
And now the Lady has gotten hir luve,
The winfom Laird of OCHILTRIE.

Lord THOMAS and Fair ANNET.

LORD THOMAS and fair ANNET Sat a' day on a hill;
Whan nicht was cum, and fun was fett,
They had not talkt their fill.

Lord THOMAS faid a word in jeft, Fair ANNET took it ill; A'! I wull nevir wed a wife Against my ain friends wull.

Gif ye wull nevir wed a wife,
A wife wull neir wed yee.
Sae he is hame to tell his mither,
And knelt upon his knee:

O rede, O rede, mither, he fays,
A gude rede gie to mee:
O fall I tak the nut-browne bride,
And let fair ANNET bee?

The nut-browne bride has gowd and gear, Fair Annet fhe 'as gat nane; And the little bewtie fair Annet haes, O it wull foon be gane!

And he has till his brither gane: Now, brither, rede ye mee; A'! fall I marrie the nut-browne bride, And let fair Annet bee?

The nut-browne bride has oxen, brother,
The nut-browne bride has kye;
I wad hae ye marrie the nut-browne bride,
And cast fair ANNET bye.

Her oxen may dye i' the house, Billie, And her kye into the byre; And I sall hae naething to mysell Bot a sat sadge by the syre.

And he has till his fister gane:

Now, fister, rede ye me;
O fall I marrie the nut-browne bride,
And set fair Anne T free?

Ife rede ye tak fair ANNET, THOMAS, And let the browne bride alane; Left ye fould figh, and fay, Alace! What is this we brought hame?

No, I wull tak my mithers counfel,
And marrie owt o' hand;
And I wull tak the nut-browne bride;
Fair Annet may leive the land.

Up then rofe fair Anners father Twa hours or it wer day, And he is gane into the bower Wherein fair Anner lay.

Rife up, rife up, fair Annet, he fays,
Put on your filken sheene;
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Let us gae to St Maries kirke, And fee that rich wedden.

My maides, gae to my dreffing-room, And drefs to me my hair; Whair-eir yee laid a plait before, See yee lay ten times mair.

My maides, gae to my dreffing-roome, And drefs to me my fmock; The one half is o' the holland fine, The other o' neidle-work.

The horse fair ANNET rade upon, He amblit like the wind, Wi' filler he was shod before, Wi' burning gowd behind.

Four-and-twenty filler bells
Wer a' tied till his mane,
Wi' yae tift o' the norland wind,
They tinkled ane by ane.

Four-and-twenty gay gude knichts Rade by fair Anners fide, And four-and-twenty fair ladies, As gin fhe had bin a bride.

And whan she cam to Maries kirke, She sat on Maries stean; The cleading that fair ANNET had on It skinkled in their ean.

And whan fhe cam into the kirke, She skimmer'd like the fun; The belt that was aboute her waist Was a' wi' pearles bedone. She fat her by the nut-browne bride,
And hir een they wer fae clear,
Lord Thomas he clean forgat the bride,
When fair Annet drew near.

He had a rose into his hand,

He gae it kisses three,

And reaching by the nut-browne bride,

Laid it on fair ANNETS knee.

Up then fpak the nut-browne bride, She fpak wi' meikle fpite; And whair gat ye that rofe-water That does mak yee fae white?

O I did get the rofe-water Whair ye wull neir get nane; For I did get that very rofe-water Into my mither's wame.

The bride she drew a long bodkin

Frae out her gay head-gear,

And strake fair Anner unto the heart,

That word spak nevir mair.

Lord THOMAS faw fair ANNET wex pale, And marvelit what mote bee; Bot whan he faw her dear hearts blude, A' wood-wroth wexed hee.

He drew his dagger that was fae sharp,
That was fae sharp and meet,
And drave it into the nut-browne bride,
That fell deid at his feit.

Now flay for me, dear Annet, he faid, Now flay, my dear, he cryd; Then strake the dagger untill his heart, And fell deid by hir side.

Lord THOMAS was buryd without kirk-wa', Fair ANNET within the quiere; And o' the tane thair grew a birk, The other a bonny briere.

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

Sir PATRICK SPENCE.

THE King fits in Dumfermling toune,
Drinking the blude-reid wine:
O quhar wull I get a guid failor,
To fail this fchip of mine?

Up and fpak an eldern knicht,
Sat at the kings richt kne:
Sir PATRICK SPENCE is the best sailor
That sails upon the se.

The King has written a braid letter,
And fignd it wi' his hand;
And fent it to Sir PATRICK SPENCE,
Was walking on the fand.

The first line that Sir PATRICK red,
A loud lauch lauched he:
The next line that Sir PATRICK red,
The teir blinded his ee.

O quha is this has don this deid,

This ill deid don to me;

To fend me out this time o' the zeir,

To fail upon the fe?

Mak hafte, mak hafte, my mirry men all, Our guid fchip fails the morne.

O fay na fae, my master deir, For I feir a deadlie storme.

Late late yestreen I saw the new moone Wi' the auld moone in hir arme;

And I seir, I seir, my deir master,

That we wull cum to harme.

O our Scots nobles wer richt laith To weet their cork-heild shoone; Bot lang or a' the play were playd, They wat thair heads aboone.

O lang, lang, may thair ladies fit
Wi' thair fans into their hand,
Or eir they fe Sir PATRICK SPENCE
Cum failing to the land.

O lang, lang, may thair ladies fland Wi' thair gold kems in their hair, Waiting for thair ain deir lordes, For they'll fe thame na mair.

Haff owre, haff owre to Aberdour,
It's fiftie fadom deip:
And thair lies guid Sir PATRICK SPENCE,
Wi' the Scots lordes at his feit.

Sir JAMES the ROSE.

OF all the Scottish northern chiefs
Of his high warlike name,
The bravest was Sir JAMES the ROSE,
A knight of meikle same.

His growth was as the tufted fir,

That crowns the mountain's brow;

And waving o'er his fhoulders broad,

His locks of yallow flew.

The Chieftain of the brave clan Ross, A firm undaunted band; Five hundred warriors drew the fword, Beneath his high command.

In bloody fight thrice had he flood, Against the English keen; Ere two and twenty op'ning springs This blooming youth had seen.

The fair MATILDA dear he lov'd,
A maid of beauty rare;
Even MARG'RET on the Scottish throne,
Was never half so fair.

Lang had he woo'd, lang fhe refus'd, With feeming fcorn and pride; Yet aft her eyes confefs'd the love, Her fearful words deny'd.

At last she bless'd his well-try'd faith, Allow'd his tender claim: She vow'd to him her virgin heart, And own'd an equal flame. Her father, Buchan's cruel lord,
Their passion disapprov'd,
And bade her wed Sir John the Græme,
And leave the youth she lov'd.

Ae night they met, as they were wont,
Deep in a fhady wood,
Where on a bank befide the burn,
A blooming faugh-tree flood.

Conceal'd among the under-wood,

The crafty Donald lay,

The brother of Sir John the Græme,

To hear what they would fay.

When thus the maid began; My Sire Your passion disapproves, And bids me wed Sir John the Græme; So here must end our loves.

My father's will must be obey'd, Nought boots me to withstand: Some sairer maid in beauty's bloom Must bless thee with her hand.

MATILDA foon shall be forgot, And from thy mind defac'd: But may that happiness be thine Which I can never taste.

What do I hear? is this thy vow?
Sir James the Rose reply'd;
And will Matilda wed the Græme,
Though fworn to be my bride?

His fword fhall fooner pierce my heart Than reave me of thy charms. Then clasp'd her to his beating breast, Fast lock'd into his arms.

I fpake to try thy love, fhe faid;
I'll ne'er wed man but thee;
My grave shall be my bridal bed,
Ere Græme my husband be.

Take then, dear youth, this faithful kiss, In witness of my troth; And every plague become my lot That day I break my oath!

They parted thus: the fun was fet:

Up hasty Donald flies;

And, Turn thee, turn thee, beardless youth!

He loud infulting cries.

Soon turn'd about the fearlefs chief,
And foon his fword he drew;
For DONALD's blade before his breaft
Had pierc'd his tartans through.

"This for my brother's flighted love;
His wrongs fit on my arm."
Three paces back the youth retir'd,
And fav'd himfelf frae harm.

Returning fwift his hand he rear'd
Frae Donald's head above,
And thro' the brain and crashing bones,
His sharp-edg'd weapon drove.

He stagg'ring reel'd, then tumbled down A lump of breathles clay:
So fall my foes, quo' valiant Rose,
And stately strode away.

Thro' the Green-wood he quickly hy'd Unto Lord Buchan's hall;
And at Matilda's window flood,
And thus began to call:

Art thou afleep, MATILDA dear?
Awake, my love, awake:
Thy luckless lover on thee calls,
A long farewell to take.

For I have flain fierce DONALD GREME;
His blood is on my fword:
And diffant are my faithful men,
Nor can affift their Lord.

To S K Y I'll now direct my way, Where my twa brothers bide, And raife the valiant of the Isles To combat on my fide.

O do not fo, the maid replies;
With me till morning flay:
For dark and dreary is the night,
And dangerous the way.

All night I'll watch you in the park;
My faithful page I'll fend,
To run and raife the Ross's clan,
Their master to defend.

Beneath a bush he laid him down, And wrapp'd him in his plaid, While trembling for her lover's fate At distance stood the maid.

Swift ran the page o'er hill and dale, Till in a lowly glen

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He met the furious Sir JOHN GRÆME With twenty of his men.

Where go'ft thou, little page? he faid, So late who did thee fend? I go to raife the Rose's clan, Their mafter to defend:

For he hath flain fierce Donald GREME; His blood is on his fword:

And far, far distant are his men, That should assist their Lord.

And has he flain my brother dear?

The furious GREME replies.

Difhonour blaft my name but he

By me ere morning dies!

Tell me where is Sir James the Rose?
I will thee well reward.

He fleeps into Lord Buchan's park; MATILDA is his guard.

They fpurr'd their fleeds in furious mood, And fcour'd along the lee:

They reach'd Lord Buchan's lofty tow'rs
By dawning of the day.

MATILDA flood without the gate;
To whom thus GRÆME did fay,
Saw ye Sir JAMES the ROSE last night?
Or did he pass this way?

Last day at noon, MATILDA faid, Sir JAMES the ROSE pass'd by: He furious prick'd his sweaty steed, And onward fast did hye: By this he is at Edinburgh
If horfe and man hold good.—
Your page then lied, who faid he was
Now fleeping in the wood.

She wrung her hands, and tore her hair; Brave Rose, thou art betray'd, And ruin'd by those means, she cry'd, From whence I hop'd thine aid.

By this the valiant knight awak'd,
The virgin's fhrieks he heard;
And up he rofe, and drew his fword,
When the fierce band appear'd.

Your fword, last night, my brother flew;
His blood yet dims its shine:
And ere the fetting of the sun
Your blood shall reek on mine.

You word it well, the chief reply'd, But deeds approve the man: Set by your men, and hand to hand We'll try what valour can.

Oft boafting hides a coward-heart;
My weighty fword you fear,
Which shone in front in Flowden-field,
When you kept in the rear.

With dauntlefs ftep he forward ftrode,
And dar'd him to the fight:
Then GRÆME gave back, and fear'd his arm,
For well he knew its might.

Four of his men, the bravest four, Sunk down beneath his fword: But ftill he fcorn'd the poor revenge, And fought their haughty lord.

Behind him bafely came the GREME, And wounded him in the fide: Out fpouting came the purple-tide, And all his tartans dy'd.

But yet his fword not quat the grip, Nor dropt he to the ground, Till thro' his en'my's heart his fleel Had forc'd a mortal wound.

GREME like a tree with wind o'erthrown Fell breathless on the clay;
And down beside him sunk the Rose,
And faint and dying lay.

The fad MATILDA faw him fall:

O fpare his life! fhe cry'd;

Lord Buchan's daughter begs his life,

Let her not be denied.

Her well-known voice the hero heard; He rais'd his death-clos'd eyes, And fix'd them on the weeping maid, And weakly thus replies:

In vain MATILDA begs the life By death's arrest denied: My race is run-adieu, my love-Then clos'd his eyes, and died.

The fword yet warm from his left fide
With frantic hand she drew:
I come, Sir James the Rose, she cry'd,
I come to follow you!

She lean'd the hilt against the ground,
And bar'd her snowy breast;
Then fell upon her lover's face,
And funk to endless rest.

The Battle of Harlaw*.

FRAE Dunidier as I cam throuch,
Doun by the hill of Banochie,
Alangst the lands of Garioch:
Grit pitie was to heir and se
The noys and dulesum hermonie,
That evir that dreiry day did daw,
Cryand the Corynoch on hie,
Alas! alas! for the Harlaw.

I marvlit quhat the matter meint,
All folks war in a fiery fairy:
I wist nocht qua was fae or freind;
Zit quietly I did me carrie.
But fen the days of auld king HAIRIE,
Sic slaughter was not herde nor sene,
And thair I had nae tyme to tairy,
For bissiness in Aberdene.

Thus as I walkit on the way,
To Inverury as I went,
I met a man, and bad him ftay,
Requeifting him to make me quaint,

^{*} Fought upon Friday, July 24, 1411, against Donald of the Isles.

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Of the beginning and the event, That happenit thair at the Harlaw; Then he entreited me tak tent, And he the truth fould to me fchaw.

Grit DONALD of the Yles did claim,
Unto the lands of Ross fum richt,
And to the Governour* he came,
Thaim for to haif gif that he micht;
Quha faw his interest was but slicht:
And thairfore answerit with disdain;
He hastit hame baith day and nicht,
And fent nae bodward back again.

But DONALD richt impatient
Of that answer Duke ROBERT gaif,
He vowed to God omnipotent,
All the hale lands of Ross to haif,
Or ells be graithed in his graif.
He wald not quat his richt for nocht,
Nor be abusit lyk a slaif,
That bargin fould be deirly bocht.

Then haiflylie he did command,

That all his weir-men fhould convene,
Ilk ane well harnifit frae hand,

To meit and heir quhat he did mein;
He waxit wrath and vowit tein
Sweirand he wald furpryfe the North,
Subdew the brugh of Aberdene,
Mearns, Angus, and all Fyfe to Forth.

^{*} Robert Duke of Albany, uncle to King James I. The account of this famous battle may be feen in our Scots histories.

Thus with the weir-men of the Yles,
Quha war ay at his bidding bown,
With money maid, with fors and wyls,
Richt far and neir baith up and doun:
Throw mount and muir, frae town to town,
Allangst the lands of Ross he roars,
And all obey'd at his bandown,
Evin frae the North to Suthren shoars.

Then all the countrie men did zield;
For nae refistans durst they mak,
Nor offer battill in the feild,
Be fors of arms to beir him bak;
Syne they refolvit all and spak,
That best it was for thair behoif,
They fould him for thair chiftain tak,
Believing weil he did them luve.

Then he a proclamation maid
All men to meet at Invernefs,
Throw Murray land to mak a raid,
Frae Arthurfyre unto Speynefs.
And further mair, he fent exprefs,
To fchaw his colours and enfenzie,
To all and findry, mair and lefs,
Throchout the bounds of Byne and Enzie.

And then throw fair Strathbogie land,
His purpose was for to pursew,
And quhasoevir durst gainstand,
That race they should full fairly rew.
Then he bade a' his men be trew,
And him defend by fors and slicht,

And promift them rewardis anew, And mak them men of mekle micht.

Without refistans as he faid,

Throw all these parts he stoutly past,
Quhair sum war wae, and sum war glaid,
But Garioch was all agast.

Throw all these feilds he sped him fast,
For sic a ficht was never sene;
And then, forfuith, he langed at last

To fe the bruch of Aberdene.

To hinder this prowd enterprife,

The flout and michty erle of MARR*
With all his men in arms did ryfe,

Even frae Curgarf to Craigyvar,

And down the fyde of Don richt far,

Angus and Mearns did all convene

To fecht, or DONALD came fae nar

The royal bruch of Aberdene.

And thus the martial Erle of MARR,
Marcht with his men in richt array,
Befoir the enemie was awarr
His banner bauldly did difplay.
For weil enewch they kend the way,
And all their femblance weil they faw,
Without all dangir, or delay,
Cum haiftily to the Harlaw.

With him the braif Lord OGILVY, Of Angus fherriff principall,

^{*} Alexander Earl of Mar, fon of Alexander, the governor's brother.

The conftabill of gude Dunde,
The vanguard led before them all.
Suppose in number they war small,
Thay first richt bauldlie did persew,
And maid thir saes before them fall,
Quha then that race did fairly rew.

And then the worthy Lord SALTON,
The strong undoubted laird of Drum,
The stalwart laird of Lauristone,
With ilk thair forces all and sum.
PANMUIR with all his men did cum,
The provost of braif Aberdene,
With trumpets and with tuicke of drum.
Came schootly in thair armour schene.

These with the Erle of MARR came on,
In the reir-ward richt orderlie,
Thair enemies to set upon;
In awful manner hardily,
Togither vowit to live and die,
Since they had marchit mony mylis
For to suppress the tyrannie
Of doubted Donald of the Yles.

But he in number ten to ane,
Richt fubtilie alang did ryde,
With MALCOMTOSCH and fell MACLEAN,
With all thair power at thair fyde,
Prefumeand on thair strength and pryde,
Without all feir or ony aw,
Richt bauldlie battil did abyde,
Hard by the town of fair Harlaw.

The armies met, the trumpet founds,
The dandring drums aloud did tuik,
Baith armies byding on the bounds,
Till ane of them the feild fuid bruik.
Nae help was thairfor, nane wald jouk,
Fers was the fecht on ilka fyde,
And on the ground lay mony a bouk
Of them that thair did battill byd.

With doutfum victorie they dealt,

The bluidy battill laftit lang,
Each man his nibours fors thair felt;

The weakest aft times gat the wrang:

Thair was nae mowis thair them amang,
Naithing was hard but heavy knocks,

That Echo maid a dulefull fang,
Thairto resounding frae the rocks.

But Donald's men at last gaif back;
For they wer all out of array.

The Erle of Marr's men throw them brak,
Pursewing sharply in thair way,
Thair enemys to tak or slay,
Be dynt of fors to gar them yield,
Quha war richt blyth to win away,
And sae for seirdness tint the feild.

Then DONALD fled, and that full faft,
To mountains hich for all his micht;
For he and his war all agast,
And ran till they war out of ficht;
And fae of Ross he lost his right,
Thocht mony men with hem he brocht,

Towards the Yles fled day and nicht, And all he wan was dearly bocht.

This is (quod he) the richt report
Of all that I did hear and knaw,
Thocht my difcourfe be fumthing fchort,
Tak this to be a richt futhe faw;
Contrairie God and the king's law,
Thair was fpilt mekle Christian blude,
Into the battil of Harlaw,
This is the fum, fae I conclude.

But zit a bonny quhyle abyde,
And I fall mak thee cleirly ken
Quhat flauchter was on ilka fyde,
Of Lowland and of Highland men,
Quha for thair awin haif evir bene:
Thefe lazie lowns micht weil be fpaird,
Cheffit lyke deirs into their dens,
And gat thair wages for reward.

MALCOMTOSH of the clan heid cheif,
MACLEAN with his grit haughty heid,
With all thair fuccour and relief,
War dulefully dung to the deid:
And now we are freid of thair feid,
They will not lang to cum agen;
Thoufands with them without remeid,
On DONALD's fyde that day war flain.

And on the other fyde war loft,
Into the feild that difmal day,
Chief men of worth (of mekle coft)
To be lamentit fair for ay.

The Lord SALTON of Rothemay, A man of micht and meikle main; Grit dolour was for his decay, That fae unhappylie was flain.

Of the best men amang them was,
The gracious gude Lord OGILVY,
The sherrisf-principall of Angus;
Renownit for truth and equitie,
For faith and magnanimitie;
He had few fallows in the feild,
Zet fell by fatal destinie,
For he nae ways wad grant to zield.

Sir JAMES SCRIMGEOR of Duddap, knicht, Grit conflabill of fair Dunde,
Unto the duleful deith was dicht,
The kings chief bannerman was he,
A valziant man of chevalrie,
Quhais predeceffors wan that place
At Spey, with gude King WILLIAM frie,
Gainft MURRAY and MACDUNCANS race.

Gude Sir ALLEXANDER IRVING,
The much renownit laird of Drum,
Nane in his days was better fene,
Quhen they war femblit all and fum;
To praife him we fould not be dumm,
For valour, witt, and worthynefs,
To end his days he ther did cum,
Quhois ranfom is remeidylefs.

And thair the knicht of Laurislon Was slain into his armour schene,

And gude Sir ROBERT DAVIDSON,
Quha provoft was of Aberdene,
The knicht of Panmure, as was fene,
A mortal man in armour bricht,
Sir THOMAS MURRAY flout and kene,
Left to the warld their last gude nicht.

Thair was not fen king Kenneth's days
Sic strange intestine crewel stryfe
In Scotland sene, as ilk man fays,
Quhair mony liklie lost thair lyse;
Quhilk maid divorce twene man and wyse,
And mony children fatherles,
Quhilk in this realme has been full ryse:
Lord help these lands, our wrangs redress!

In July, on Saint JAMES his even,
That four and twenty difmal day,
Twelve hundred, ten fcore and eleven
Of zeirs fen Chryft, the futhe to fay;
Men will remember as they may,
Quhen thus the veritie they knaw,
And mony a ane may murn for ay,
The brim battil of the Harlaw.

Flodden-Field*.

FROM Spey to the border, was peace and good order, The fway of our monarch was mild as the May, Peace he adored, whilk Soudrons abhorred, Our marches they plunder, our wardens they flay.

^{*} Fought September 9, 1513.

'Gainst Louis our ally their Henry did fally, Tho' James but in vain did his herauld advance, Renouncing alliance, and denouncing defiance To Soudrons if langer abiding in France.

Many were the omens our ruin was coming, E'er the flower of our nation was call'd to array: Our king at devotion St Andrew did caution, And figh'd as with forrow he to him did fay,

Sir, in this expedition you must have ambition; From the company of all women you shou'd keep away. When the spectre this declar'd, it quickly disappear'd; But where it retired no man could spy.

The flowers of the nation were called on their flation, With valiant inclination their banner to difplay; To Burrow-Muir reforting, their right for fupporting, And there rendevouzing, encamped did lay.

But another bad omen, that vengeance was coming, At midnight, in Edinburgh, a voice loud did cry, As heraulds, in their flation, with loud proclamation, Did name all our barons in England to die.

Thefewords the demon fpoke, at the throne of Plotcock, It charged their appearing, appointing the day. The provoft, in its hearing, the fummons greatly fearing, Appeal'd to his Maker, the fame did deny.

At this was many griev'd, as many disbeliev'd; But forward they marched to the deftiny: From thence to the border they march'd in good order; The Merfe men and Forrest they join'd the array.

England's invafion, it was their perfuafion, To make reflitution for their cruelty. But O fatal Flodoun! there came the wo down; And our royal nation was brought to decay.

After spoiling and burning, many hameward returning, With our king still the nobles and vassals abide. To Surry's proud vaunting he answers but daunting; The king would await him whatever betide.

The English advanced to where they were stanced; Half-intrenched by nature, the field it so lay; To fight the English searing, and sham'd their retiring: But alas! unperceived was their subtilty.

Our highland battalion, fo forward and valiant, They broke from their ranks, and they rush'd on to slay: With hacking and slashing, and broad swords a-dashing, Thro' the front of the English they cut a full way.

But alas to their ruin! an ambush pursuing, They were furrounded with numbers too high: The Merse men and Forest, they suff'red the forest Upon the left wing was inclosed the same way.

Our men into parties, the battle in three quarters, Upon our main body the markfmen did play: The fpearmen were furrounded, and all was confounded; The fatal devastation of that woful day!

Our nobles all enfnared, our king he was not fpared; For of that fate he shared, and would not run away: The whole were intercepted, that very few escaped The fatal conflagration of that woful day.

This fet the whole nation into grief and vexation: The widows did weep, and the maidens did fay, Why tarries my lover? the battle's furely over? Is there none left to tell us the fates of the day?

48 SCOTS SONGS.

I've heard a lilting at our ewes milking, Laffes a-lilting afore break of day: But now there's a moaning on ilka green loaning, Since our bra foresters are a' wed away.

At boughts i' the morning nae blyth lads are fcorning: The laffes are lonely, dowie, and wae: Nae daffin, nae gabbin, but fighing and fabbing, Ilk ane lifts her leglen, and hies her away.

At e'en in the glomin nae fwankeys are roaming, Mang flacks wi' the laffes at bogle to play; But ilk ane fits dreary, lamenting her deary, The flowers of the Forest that are wed away.

In herst at the shearing nae younkers are jeering: The bansters are lyart, runkled, and gray. At fairs nor at preaching, nae wooing, nae fleeching, Since our braw Forresters are a' wed away.

O dool for the order fent our lads to the border! The English for anes by guile got the day: The flowers of the forest that ay shone the foremost, The prime of our land lyes cauld in the clay.

We'll hear nae mair lilting at our ewes milking: The women and bairns are dowie and wae, Sighing and moaning on ilka green loaning, Since our bra forresters are a' wed away.

I've feen the finiling of fortune beguiling; I've felt all her favours, and found her decay. Sweet is her bleffing and kind her careffing; But now it is fled, it is fled far away.

I've feen the forcit adorned the foremost With flowers of the fairest both pleasant and gay:

Sae bonny was their blooming, their fcent the air perfuming; But now they are withered and all gone away.

I've feen the morning with gold the hills adorning, And loud tempefts florming before mid-day: I have feen Tweed's filver ftreams fhining i'the funny beams, Grow drumly and dark as it roll'd on the way.

O fickle fortune! why this cruel fporting?
Why this perplexing poor fons of a day?
Thy frowns cannot fear me, nor fmiles cannot chear me Since the flowers of the Forest are a' wed away*.

The Battle of Reid-Squair +.

ON July feventh, the futhe to fay,
At the Reid-Squair the tryft was fet.
Our wardens they affixt the day,
And as they promift, fae they met:
Allace! that day I'll neir forzet,
Was fure fae feir'd, and then fae fain,
They cam thair justice for to get,
Will nevir grein to cum again.

* This version is made up from various copies of this old ballad collated, and is of very unequal merit. The stanzas from the 17th to the 22d inclusive compose a dirge of the most beautiful and pathetic simplicity. The circumstances are happily chosen and combined, and the language, to those who understand it, is so picturesquely expressive, that while we read the words, we feel the scene penciled on our imagination. And it is impossible to peruse it without seeling a high degree of that pleasing sombre tenderness which it is the object of this fort of poetry to produce.

† Fought on July 7, 1576. Vol. I. (4) E CARMICHAEL was our warden then,
He causit the countrey to convene,
And the laird WATT, that worthy man,
Brocht in his surname weil be sene:
The ARMSTRANGS that ay haif bene
A hardy house, but not a hail;
The ELLIOTS honours to mentain,
Brought in the laif of LIDDISDALE.

Then TWIDAIL came to with fpeid,
The Scheriff brocht the DOUGLAS doun,
With CRANSTANE, GLADSTANE, gude at neid,
Baith Rewls-water and Hawick Town.
BEANGEDDERT bauldly maid him boun,
With all the TRUMBLES strang and stout;

The RUTHIRFUIRDS, with grit renoun, Convoyit the town of Jedbruch out.

With other Clanns I can nocht tell,
Because our wairning was nocht wyde,
Be this our folk hes tane the fell,
And plantit pallions thair to byde:
We lukit down the uther fyde,
And faw cum briefting owr the brae,
And Sir George Foster was their gyde,
With Fyftene hundrid men and mae.

It greivt him fair that day I trow,
With Sir JOHN HINROME of Schipfydehouse,
Because we were not men enow,
He counted us not worth a souse;
Sir GEORGE was gentil, meik and douse,
But he was hail and het as syre:
But zit for all his cracking crouse
He rewd the raid of the Reid Squyre.

To deil with proud men is but pain,
For ether ze maun ficht or flie,
Or els nae answer mack again,
But play the beist, and let him be.
It was nae wondir tho he was hie,
Had TYNDALL, REDSDAILE at his hand,
With CUCKSDAILE, GLADSDAILE on the lie,
Auld HEBSRIME and NORTHUMBERLAND.

Zit was our meiting meik enough,
Begun with mirrines and mows,
And at the brae abune the heugh
The clerk fat doun to call the rows,
And sum for ky and sum for ewis,
Callit in of DANDRIE HOB and JOCK,
I saw cum merching owre the knows,
Fyve hundred FENNICKS in a slock.

With jack and speir, and bowis all bent,
And warlike weaponis at their will;
Howbeit they wer not weil content,
Zit be me trouth we feird nae ill:
Sum zeid to drink, and sum stude still,
And sum to cards and dyce them sped,
Quhyle on ane Farstein they syld a bill,
And he was sugitive that sled.

CARMICHAEL bad them fpeik out plainly, And cloke nae cause for ill nor gude, The uther answering him full vainly, Begouth to reckon kin and blude, He raise and rax'd him quhair he stude, And bade him match him with his marrows; Then TVNDAL hard these reseurs rude, And they lute aff a slight of arrows. Then was ther nocht but bow and speir,
And ilka man pullit out a brand,
A SCHAFTAN and a FENNICK their,
Gude SYMINGTON was slain frae hand.
The Scotismen cryd on uther to sland,
Frae tyme they saw JOHN ROBSON slain:
Quhat suld they cry! The Kings command
Culd cause nae cowards turn again.

Up raife the laird to red the cumber,

Quhilk wald not be for all his boift,

Quhat fuld we do with fic a number,

Fyve thousand men into an hoift?

Then HENRIE PURDIE proud hes cost,

And verie narrowlie had mischiefd him,

And ther we had our WARDEN lost,

Wart not the grit GOD he relieved him.

Ane uther throw the breiks him bair,

Quhyle flatlines to the ground he fell:

Then thocht I, we had loft him thair,

Into my heart it flruck a knell;

Zit up he raife, the truth to tell,

And laid about him dunts full dour,

His horfemen they faucht flout and fnell,

And flude about him in the flour.

Then raifd the flogan with an fchout,

Fy, TYNDALL to it, JEDBRUGH heir:

I trow he was not half fae flout,

But anes his flomak was a fteir,

With gun and genzie, bow and fpeir,

He micht fe mony a crakit crown,

But up amang the merchant geir,

They buffie were as we wer down.

The fwallow-tails frae teckles flew,
Fyve hundred flain into the flicht,
But we had peftellets anew,
And fchot amang them as we micht.
With help of God the game gade richt,
Frae tyme the foremost of them fell;
Hynd owre the know, without gude-nicht,
They ran with mony a fchout and zell.

And after they had turnd again,

Zit TYNDALL men they turnd again,

And had not bene the merchant packs,

There had been mae of Scotland flain:

But Jesu gif the folk was fain

To put the buffing on thair theis,

And sae they fled with all thair main,

Doun owre the brae lyke clogged beis.

Sir FRANCIS RUSSEL tane was thair,
And hurt, as we heir men reherfe;
Proud WALLINGTOUN was wouded fair,
Albeit he was a Fennick ferfs,
But gif ze wald a fouldier ferche
Amang them all was tane that night,
Was nane fae wordie of our verfe
As COLINGWOOD that courteous knight.

Zung HENRY skapit hame, is hurt,
A fouldier schot him with a bow,
Scotland has cause to make great sturt,
For laiming of the Laird of Mow.
The Laird WATT did weil indeid,
His friends stude stoutly by himsell,
With little GLADSTANE, gude in neid,
For GRETEIN kend not gude be ill.

The SCHERIFF wantit not gude-will,
Howbeit he might not ficht fae fast:
BENJEADERT, HUNDLIE and HUNTHILL,
Three, on they laid weil at the last,
Except the horsemen of the gaird;
If I could put men to avail,
Nane stoutlier stude out for their laird,
Nor did the lads of LIDDISDALE.

But little harnefs had we thair,

But auld BADRULE had on a jack,

And did richt weil, I zou declair,

With all the TRUMBULLS at his back.

Gude EDERSTANE was not to lack,

With KIRKTOUN, NEWTOUN, nobill-men.

Thir is all the fpecials I haif fpack,

Forby them that I could nocht ken.

Quha did invent that day of play,
We neid nocht feir to find him fune,
For Sir JOHN FOSTER, I dare weil fay,
Maid us that noyfome afternune:
Not that I fpeik precifely out,
That he fuppofd it wald be perill,
But pryde and breaking out, but dout,
Gart TYNDALL lads begin the quarrell.

Chevy-Chace.

G O D profper long our noble king, Our lives and fafetyes all; A woful hunting once there did In Chevy-chace befall; To drive the deere with hound and horne, Earl Percy took his way; The child may rue that is unborne,

The child may rue that is unborne, The hunting of that day.

The flout Earl of NORTHUMBERLAND
A vow to God did make,
His pleafure in the Scottish woods

Three fummer days to take;

The cheefest harts in Chevy-Chace

To kill and beare away.

These tyding to Earl Douglas came,

In Scotland where he lay:

Who fent Earl PERCY prefent word,
He wold prevent his fport.
The English earl not fearing this,
Did to the woods refort;

With fifteen hundred bow-men bold, All chofen men of might, Who knew full well in time of neede, To aime their fhafts aright.

The gallant greyhounds quickly ran,
To chafe the fallow-deere:
On Monday they began to hunt,
Ere day-light did appear;

And long before high noone they had An hundred fat buckes flaine; Then having din'd, the drovers wont To rouze them up againe.

The bow-men mustered on the hills, Well able to endure;

Their backfides all, with special care, That day were guarded fure.

The hounds ran fwiftly thro' the woods,
The nimble deere to take,
And with their cryes the hiles and dales
An eccho shrill did make.

Lord PERCY to the quarry went, To view the tender deere; Quoth he, Earl Douglas promifed This day to meet me heere:

But if I thought he would not come,
No longer would I flay.
With that, a brave younge gentleman
Thus to the earl did fay.

Loe yonder doth Earl Douglas come, His men in armour bright; Full twenty hundred Scottish speares All marching in our fight;

All men of pleafant Tivydale,
Fast by the river Tweede:
Then cease your sport, Earl Percy said,
And take your bowes with speede:

And now with me, my countrymen, Your courage forth advance; For never was there champion yet In Scotland or in France,

That ever did on horsebacke come,
But if my hap it were,
I durst encounter man for man,
With him to break a speare.

Earl DougLAs on a milk-white steede Most like a baron bold,

Rode foremost of his company, Whose armour shone like gold:

Show me, fayd he, whofe men ye bee,
That hunt fae boldly heere,
That, without my confent, do chafe
And kill my fallow-deere?

The man that first did answer make
Was noble Percy hee;
Who sayd, We list not to declare,
Nor shew whose men we bee:

Yet will we fpend our deerest blood,
Thy chiefest harts to flay.
Then Douglas swore a solemne oathe,
And thus in rage did say,

Ere thus I will out-braved bee,
One of us two shall dye:
I know thee well, an earl thou art;
Lord Percy so am I.

But trust me, Percy, pittye it were, And great offence to kill Any of these our harmlesse men, For they have done no ill.

Let thou and I the battel trye,
And fet our men afide.

Accurs'd bee hee, Lord PERCY fayd,
By whom this is denved.

Then flept a gallant fquire forth,
WITHERINGTON was his name,

Who faid, I wold not have it told

To HENRY our king for shame,

That e'er my captaine fought on foote,
And I flood looking on.

You bee two earls, fayd WITHERINGTON,
And I a fquire alone:

Ile doe the best that doe I may,
While I have power to stand:

While I have power to weeld my fword, Ile fight with heart and hand.

Our English archers bent their bowes, Their hearts were good and trew; At the first flight of arrowes fent, Full threescore Scots they slew.

To drive the deere with hound and horne, Earl Douglas had the bent; Two captaines mov'd with mickle pride, Their speares to shivers went.

They clos'd full fast on everye side, No slackness there was found; And many a gallant gentleman Lay gasping on the ground.

O CHRIST! it was a griefe to fee, And likewife for to heare, The cries of men lying in their gore, And fcatter'd here and there.

At last these two stout earles did meet, Like captaines of great might; Like lyons wood, they layd on load, And made a cruel sight: They fought untill they both did fweat, With fwords of temper'd fteele; Untill the blood, like drops of rain, They trickling downe did feele.

Yeeld thee, Lord PERCY, DOUGLAS fayd; In faith I will thee bring, Where thou shalt high advanced bee By JAMES our Scottish king.

Thy ranfom I will freely give,
And thus report of thee,
Thou art the most couragious knight,
That ever I did fee.

No, Douglas, quoth Earl Percy then,
Thy proffer I doe fcorne;
I will not yeelde to any Scott,
That ever yet was borne.

With that, there came an arrow keene
Out of an English bow,
Which strucke Earl Douglas to the heart,
A deep and deadlye blow:

Who never fpoke more words than thefe, Fight on, my merry men all; For why, my life is at an end; Lord Percy fees me fall.

Then leaving life, Earl PERCY tooke
The dead man by the hand;
And faid, Earl DOUGLAS, for thy life
Would I had loft my land.

O CHRIST! my very heart doth bleed, With forrow for thy fake; For fure, a more renowned knight Mischance did never take.

A knight amongst the Scotts there was, Which saw Earl Douglas dye, Who streight in wrath did vow revenge Upon the Lord Percy:

Sir Hugh Mountgomery was he call'd,
Who, with a fpeare most bright,
Well-mounted on a gallant steed,
Ran fiercely thro' the fight;

And past the English archers all,
Without all dread or feare;
And thro' Earl PERCY's body then
He thrust his hatefull speare;

With fuch a vehement force and might He did his body gore,
The fpeare went thro' the other fide
A large cloth-yard and more.

So thus did both these nobles dye,
Whose courage none could staine:
An English archer then perceiv'd
The public earl was slain:

He had a bow bent in his hand, Made of a trufty tree; An arrow of a cloth-yard long Up to the head drew hee:

Against Sir Hugh Mountgomery, So right the shaft he sett, The grey goose-wing that was thereon, In his heart's blood was wett. This fight did laft from breake of day,
Till fetting of the fun;
For when they rung the evening-bell,
The battel fcarce was done.

With brave Earl Percy, there was flain Sir John of Ogerton*,

Sir ROBERT RATCLIFF, and Sir JOHN, Sir JAMES that bold baron:

And with Sir GEORGE and flout Sir JAMES,
Both knights of good account,
Good Sir RALPH RABBY there was flaine,
Whose prowesse did furmount.

For WITHERINGTON needs must I wayle,
As one in doleful dumpest;
For when his leggs were smitten off,
He sought upon his sumpes.

And with Earl Douglas, there was flain Sir Hugh Mountgomery;

Sir CHARLES MURRAY, that from the feeld One foote would never flee.

Sir CHARLES MURRAY, of Ratcliff, too,
His fifters fonne was hee;
Sir DAVID LAMB, fo well esteem'd,
Yet faved could not be.

And the Lord MAXWELL in like cafe
Did with Earl Douglas dye:

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^{*} The names here feem to be corrupted from the old Copy.

[†] i. e. "I, as one in deep concerne, must lament." The conftruction here has generally been misunderstood.

Of twenty hundred Scottish speeres, Scarce twenty-five did flye.

Of fifteen hundred English men, Went home but fifty-three; The rest were slain in Chevy-chase: Under the green-woode tree.

Next day did many widowes come, Their husbands to bewayle; They washt their wounds in brinish teares, But all wold not prevayle.

Their bodyes, bath'd in purple gore,
They bare with them away;
They kift them dead a thousand times,
When they were cladd in clay.

This newes was brought to Edenborrow, Where Scotlands king did rayne, That brave Earl Douglas fuddenlye Was with an arrow flaine:

O heavy newes! King JAMES did fay, Scotland can witnesse bee, I have not any captaine more Of such account as hee.

Like tydings to King HENRY came,
Within as fhort a space,

That PERCY of NORTHUMBERLAND Was flain in Chevy-chafe:

Now God be with him, faid our king, Sith it will no better bee; I truft I have, within my realme,

Five hundred as good as hee:

Yet shall not Scotts nor Scotland fay, But I will vengeance take, I'll be revenged on them all, For brave Earl Percy's sake.

This vow full well the king perform'd After, on Humbledowne;
In one day, fifty knights were flayne,
With lords of great renowne:

And of the reft, of fmall account,
Did many thousands dye:
Thus endeth the hunting of Chevy-Chase,
Made by the Earl Percy.

GOD fave the king, and blefs this land In plentye, joy, and peace; And grant henceforth, that foule debate 'Twixt noblemen may ceafe.

EDWARD, EDWARD.

QUHY dois zour brand fae drap wi' bluid,
EDWARD, EDWARD?

Quhy dois zour brand fae drap wi' bluid?
And quhy fae fad gang zee, O?

O, I hae killed my hauke fae guid,
Mither, mither:

O, I hae killed my hauke fae guid;
And I had nae mair bot hee, O.

Your haukis bluid was nevir fae reid; EDWARD, EDWARD.

64 SCOTS SONGS.

Zour haukis bluid was nevir fae reid; My deir fon I tell thee, O.

O, I hae killed my reid-roan fleid, Mither, mither:

O, I hae killed my reid-roan fleid, That erft was fair and frie, O.

Zour fleid was auld, and ze hae gat mair, EDWARD, EDWARD:

Zour fleid was auld, and ze hae gat mair, Sum other dule ze drie. O.

O, I hae killed my fadir deir,

Mither, mither:

O, I hae killed my fadir deir,
Alas! and wae is mee, O!

And quhatten penance wul ze drie for that?

EDWARD, EDWARD.

And quhatten penance wul ze drie for that?

My deir fon, now tell me, O.

Ile fet my feit in zonder boat,

Mither, mither:

Ile fet my feit in zonder boat,

And Ile fare over the fea, O.

And quhat wul ze doe wi' zour touirs and zour ha',
EDWARD, EDWARD?

And quhat wul ze doe wi' zour towirs and zour ha',
That were fae fair to fee, O?

Ile let thame fland tull they down fa',

Mither, mither:

Ile let thame fland till they down fa',

For here nevir mair maun I bee, O.

And quhat wul ze leive to zour bairns and zour wife, EDWARD, EDWARD?

And quhat wul ze leive to zour bairns and zour wife, Quhan ze gang ovir the fea, O?

The warldis room, late thame beg thrae life, Mither, mither:

The warldis room, let thame beg thrae life, For thame nevir mair wul I fee, O.

And quhat wul ze leive to zour ain mither deir, EDWARD, EDWARD?

And quhat wul ze leive to zour ain mither deir, My deir fon, now tell mee, O?

The curfe of hell frae me fall ze beir, Mither, mither:

The curse of hell frae me fall ze beir, Sic counseils ze gave to me, O.

Lady BOTHWELL'S Lament.

Balow, my boy, ly still and sleep,
It grieves me fair to hear thee weep:
If thoul't be filent, I'll be glad,
Thy mourning makes my heart full sad.
Balow, my boy, thy mother's joy,
Thy father bred me great annoy.

Balow, my dear, lie flill and sleep,
It grieves me fair to hear thee weep.

Balow, my darling, fleep a while, And when thou wak'ft then fweetly fmile;

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But fmile not as thy father did,
To cozen maids, nay God forbid;
For in thine eye his look I fee,
The tempting look that ruin'd me.

Balow, my boy, etc.

When he began to court my love,
And with his fugar'd words to move,
His tempting face, and flatt'ring chear,
In time to me did not appear;
But now I fee that cruel he,
Cares neither for his babe nor me.

Balow, my boy, etc.

Fareweel, fareweel, thou falfest youth That ever kis'd a woman's mouth; Let never any after me Submit unto thy courtefy: For, if they do, O! cruel thou Wilt her abuse, and care not how.

Balow, my boy*, etc.

I was too cred'lous at the first,
To yield thee all a maiden durst;
Thou swore for ever true to prove,
Thy faith unchang'd, unchang'd thy love;
But quick as thought the change is wrought,
Thy love nae mair, thy promise nought.

Balow, my boy, etc.

O gin I were a maid again, From young mens flatt'ry I'd refrain, For now unto my grief I find They all are perjur'd and unkind: Bewitching charms bred all my harms, Witness my babe lyes in my arms.

Balow, my boy, etc.

I tak my fate from bad to worfe, That I must needs be now a nurse, And lull my young fon on my lap: From me, sweet orphan, tak the pap: Balow, my child, thy mother mild Shall wail as from all bliss exil'd.

Balow, my boy, etc.

Balow, my boy, weep not for me, Whofe greatest gries's for wranging thee, Nor pity her deserved smart, Who can blame none but her fond heart; For, too soon trusting latest finds, With fairest tongues are falsest minds.

Balow, my boy, etc.

Balow, my boy, thy father's fled, When he the thriftles fon hath play'd; Of vows and oaths forgetful, he Preferr'd the wars to thee and me. But now, perhaps, thy curse and mine Make him eat acorns with the swine.

Balow, my boy, etc.

But curse not him; perhaps now he, Stung with remorse, is bleffing thee: Perhaps at death; for who can tell, Whether the Judge of heaven or hell, By some proud soe has struck the blow, And laid the dear deceiver low?

Balow, my boy, etc.

I wish I were into the bounds,
Where he lyes fmother'd in his wounds,
Repeating, as he pants for air,
My name, whom once he call'd his fair,
No woman's yet fo fiercely fet,
But she'll forgive, though not forget.

Balow, my boy, etc.

If linen lacks, for my love's fake,
Then quickly to him would I make
My fmock once for his body meet,
And wrap him in that winding-fheet.
Ah me! how happy had I been,
If he had ne'er been wrapt therein.

Balow, my boy, etc.

Balow, my boy, I'll weep for thee:
Too foon, alake, thou'lt weep for me:
Thy griefs are growing to a fum,
God grant thee patience when they come;
Born to fustain thy mother's shame,
A hapless fate, a bastard's name.

Balow, my boy, ly still and sleep, It grieves me fair to hear thee weep.

The Braes of Yarrow.

A. BUSK ye, busk ye, my bonny bonny bride,
Busk ye, busk ye, my winfome marrow;
Busk ye, busk ye, my bonny bony bride,
And think nae mair on the brace of Yarrow.

B. Where gat ye that bonny bonny bride? Where gat ye that winfome marrow?

A. I gat her where I dare nae weil be feen, Puing the birks on the braes of Yarrow.

Weep not, weep not, my bonny bonny bride, Weep not, weep not, my winfome marrow; Nor let thy heart lament to lieve Puing the birks on the braes of Yarrow.

B. Why does she weep, thy bonny bonny bride? Why does she weep thy winsome marrow? And why dare ye nae mair weil be seen Puing the birks on the braes of Yarrow?

A. Lang maun she weep, lang muan she, maun she weep, Lang maun she weep with dule and forrow, And lang maun I nae mair weil be seen Puing the birk on the braes of Yarrow.

For fhe has tint hir luver luver dear,
Her luver dear, the cause of forrow,
And I hae slain the comeliest swain
That e'er pu'd birk on the braes of Yarrow.

Why run thy ftreams, O Yarrow, Yarrow, red?
Why on thy braes heard the voice of forrow?
And why you melancholeous weeds
Hung on the bonny birks of Yarrow?

What's yonder floats on the rueful, rueful flream?
What's yonder floats? O dule and forrow!
'Tis he the comely fwain I flew
Upon the doleful braes of Yarrow.

Wash, O wash his wounds, his wounds in tears, His wounds in tears, with dule and forrow, And wrap his limbs in mourning weids, And lay him on the braes of Yarrow.

Then build, then build, ye fifters fifters fad, Ye Sifters fad, his tomb with forrow, And weep around in waeful wife, His hapless fate on the braes of Yarrow.

Curfe ye, curfe ye, his ufeless useless shield, My arm that wrought the deid of forrow, The fatal speir that pierc'd his breast, His comely breast on the brases of Yarrow.

Did I not warn thee not to lue,
And warn from fight; but to my forrow,
O'er rashly bald a stronger arm
Thou met'st, and fell on the braes of Yarrow.

Sweet fmells the birk, green grows, green grows the grafs,
Yallow on Yarrow's banks the gowan,
Fair hangs the apple frae the rock,
Sweet the wave of Yarrow flowan.

Flows Yarrow fweet? as fweet as fweet flows Tweed,
As green its grafs, its gowan as yellow,
As fweet finells on its braes the birk,
The apple frae the rock as mellow.

Fair was thy luve, fair fair indeed thy luve, In flowry bands thou him did'ft fetter; Tho' he was fair and well beluv'd again, Than me he never lued thee better.

Busk ye, then busk, my bonny bonny bride,
Busk ye, busk ye, my winsome marrow,
Busk ye, and lue me on the banks of Tweed,
And think nae mair on the braes of Yarrow.

C. How can I busk a bonny bonny bride?How can I busk a winsome marrow?How lue him on the banks of Tweed,That slew my luve on the braes of Yarrow.

O Yarrow fields, let never never rain, No dew thy tender bloffoms cover, For there was bafely flain my luve, My luve, as he had not been a lover.

The boy put on his robes, his robes of green,
His purple veft, 'twas my awn feuing;
Ah! wretched me! I little little kend
He was in these to meet his ruin.

The boy took out his milk-white milk-white fleed, Unheedful of my dule and sorrow; But e'er the toofal of the night He lay a corps on the braes of Yarrow.

Much I rejoic'd that waeful waeful day;
I fang, my voice the words returning:
But lang e'er night the fpear was flown
That flew my luve, and left me mourning.

What can my barbarous barbarous father do,
But with his cruel rage purfue me?
My luver's blood is on thy fpear,
How can'ft thou, barbarous man, then woo me?

My happy fisters may be may be proud;
With cruel, and ungentle fcoffin,
May bid me feek on Yarrow braes
My luver nailed in his coffin.

My brother Douglas may upbraid,
And strive with threatning words to move me:

My luver's blood is on thy fpear, How can'ft thou ever bid me luve thee?

Yes, yes, prepare the bed, the bed of luve, With bridal fheets my body cover; Unbar, ye bridal maids, the door, Let in the expected husband lover.

But who the expected husband husband is?
His hands, methinks, are bath'd in flaughter;
Ah me! what ghaftly fpectre's yon,
Comes, in his pale fhroud, bleeding after?

Pale as he is, here lay him lay him down,
O lay his cold head on my pillow;
Tak aff tak aff thefe bridal weids,
And crown my careful head with willow.

Pale tho' thou art, yet best yet best beluv'd,
O could my wramth to life restore thee!
Yet lye all night between my briefts,
No youth lay ever there before thee.

Pale pale indeed, O luvely luvely youth,
Forgive, forgive fo foul a flaughter!
And lye all night between my briefts,
No youth fhall evir lye there after.

 A. Return, return, O mournful mournful bride, Return, and dry thy ufeless forrow,
 Thy luver heeds nought of thy fighs, He lyes a corps on the braes of Yarrow.

GILDEROY.

GILDEROY was a bonny boy,
Had rofes tull his fhoone,
His flockings were of filken foy,
Wi' garters hanging down;
It was, I weene, a comlie fight,
To fee fae trim a boy;
He was my joy and heart's delight,
My handsome GILDEROY.

Oh! fick twa charming een he had,
A breath as fweet as rofe,
He never ware a Highland plaid,
But coftly filken clothes;
He gain'd the luve of ladies gay,
Nane eir tull him was coy;
Ah! wae is mee! I mourn the day,
For my dear GILDEROY.

My GILDEROY and I were born,
Baith in one toun together,
We fcant were feven years beforn
We gan to luve each other;
Our dadies and our mammies thay
Were fill'd wi' mickle joy,
To think upon the bridal day
'Twixt me and GILDEROY.

For GILDEROY that luve of mine,
Gude faith, I freely bought
A wedding fark of holland fine,
Wi' filken flowers wrought:
And he gied me a wadding ring,
Which I receiv'd wi' joy,
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Nae lad nor laffie eir could fing, Like my love GILDEROY.

Wi' mickle joy we fpent our prime,
Till we were baith fixteen,
And aft we past the langsome time,
Amang the leaves fae green;
Aft on the banks we'd fit us thair,
And sweetly kis and toy,
Wi' garlands gay wad deck my hair,
My handsome GILDEROY.

Oh! that he still had been content Wi' me to lead his life;
But, ah! his mansu' heart was bent To stir in feates of strife:
And he in many a venturous deed,
His courage bauld wad try,
And now this gars mine heart to bleed
For my dear GILDEROY.

And whan of me his leave he tuik,

The tears they wat mine ee;
I gave tull him a parting luik,

"My benifon gang wi' thee!
God speid thee weil, mine ain dear heart,
For gane is all my joy;
My heart is rent fith we maun part,
My handsome GILDEROY."

My GILDEROY baith far and near, Was fear'd in evry town, And bauldly bare away the gear Of many a lawland lown; Nane eir durst meit him man to man, He was sae brave a boy, At length wi' numbers he was tane, My winfome GILDEROY.

The Queen of Scots possessed nought
That my love let me want:
For cow and ew he brought to me,
And e'en when they were skant.
All these did honestly possess,
He never did annoy,
Who never fail'd to pay their cess*
To my love GILDEROY.

Wae worth the loun that made the laws
To hang a man for gear,
To 'reave of life for ox or afs,
For fheep, or horfe, or mare;
Had not their laws been made fae ftrict
I neir had loft my joy,
Wi' forrow neir had wat my cheek
For my dear GILDEROY.

Giff GILDEROY had done amisse
He mought hae banisht been,
Ah! what fair cruelty is this
To hang sik handsome men;
To hang the slower o' Scottish land,
Sae sweet and fair a boy;
Nae lady had sae white a hand
As thee, my GILDEROY.

Of GILDEROY fae 'fraid they were, They bound him mickle strong,

* This cefs which was paid by the inhabitants of the Highlands of Scotland to the robbers of that country, was a composition for sparing their cattle and effects, and is well known by the Name of the BLACK MAIL.

Tull Edenburrow they led him thair,
And on a gallows hung:
They hung him high aboon the reft,
He was fae trim a boy,
Thair dyed the youth whom I lued beft,
My handsome GILDEROY.

Thus having yielded up his breath,
I bare his corpfe away,
Wi' tears that trickled for his death,
I washt his comely clay;
And ficker in a grave fae deep
I laid the dear-lued boy,
And now for evir maun I weep
My winfome GILDEROY.

WILLIAM'S Ghoft.

THERE came a ghost to MARG'RET'S door,
With many a grievous groan,
And ay he tirled at the pin,
But answer made she none.

Is that my father PHILIP?
Or is't my brother JOHN?
Or is't my true love WILLIE
From Scotland new come home?

'Tis not thy father PHILIP,
Nor yet thy brother JOHN;
But 'tis thy true love WILLIE,
From Scotland new come home.

O fweet MARG'RET! O dear MARG'RET!
I pray thee speak to me,

Give me my faith and troth, MARG'RET!
As I gave it to thee.

Thy faith and troth thou's never get,
Nor yet will I thee lend,
Till that thou come within my bower,
And kifs my cheek and chin.

If I should come within thy bower, I am no earthly man;
And should I kiss thy rosy lips,
Thy days would not be lang.

O fweet Marg'ret! O dear Marg'ret! I pray thee fpeak to me; Give me my faith and troth, Marg'ret! As I gave it to thee.

Thy faith and troth thou's never get,
Nor yet will I thee lend,
Till you take me to yon kirk-yard,
And wed me with a ring.

My bones are buried in yon kirk-yard, Afar beyond the fea; And it is but my fp'rit, MARG'RET, That's now speaking to thee.

She firetched out her lily-white hand,
And for to do her beft;
Hae, there's your faith and troth, WILLIE;
God fend your faul good reft!

Now she has kilted her robes of green A piece below her knee, And a' the live-lang winter-night The dead corpse follow'd she. Is there any room at your head, WILLIE, Or any room at your feet, Or any room at your fide, WILLIE, Wherein that I may creep?

There's no room at my head, MARG'RET, There's no room at my feet, There's no room at my fide, MARG'RET, My coffin's made fo meet.

Then up and crew the red cock,
And up then crew the gray,
'Tis time, 'tis time, my dear MARG'RET,
That you were going away.

No more the ghost to MARG'RET said, But, with a grievous groan, Evanished in a cloud of mist, And left her all alone.

O flay, my only true love, flay,
The conflant MARG'RET cry'd;
Wan grew her cheeks, flee clos'd her een,
Stretch'd her foft limbs, and dy'd.

WILLIAM and MARGARET.

'T WAS at the fearful midnight hour,
When all were fast asleep,
In glided MARG'RET'S grimly ghost,
And stood at WILLIAM'S feet.

Her face was pale like April morn, Clad in a wintery cloud; And clay-cold was her lily-hand That held her fable shroud. So shall the faireft face appear,
When youth and years are flown:
Such is the robe that kings muft wear,
When death has reft their crown.

Her bloom was like the fpringing flower,
That fips the filver dew;
The rofe was budded in her cheek,
Just op'ning to the view:

But love had, like the canker-worm, Confum'd her early prime: The rofe grew pale, and left her cheek; She dy'd before her time.

Awake! fhe cry'd, thy true love calls, Come from her midnight grave; Now let thy pity hear the maid, Thy love refus'd to save.

This is the dumb and dreary hour,
When injur'd ghofts complain,
And aid the fecret fears of night,
To fright the faithless man.

Bethink thee, WILLIAM, of thy fault, Thy pledg'd and broken oath, And give me back my maiden-vow, And give me back my troth.

How could you fay my face was fair, And yet that face forfake? How could you win my virgin-heart, Yet leave that heart to break?

Why did you promife love to me, And not that promife keep?

Why faid you that my eyes were bright, Yet left these eyes to weep?

How could you fwear my lip was fweet, And made the fcarlet pale? And why did I, young witlefs maid, Believe the flatt'ring tale?

That face, alas! no more is fair;
These lips no longer red;
Dark are my eyes, now clos'd in death,
And every charm is fled.

The hungry worm my fifter is;
This winding-sheet I wear:
And cold and weary lasts our night,
Till that last morn appear.

But hark!—the cock has warn'd me hence—A long and late adieu!

Come fee, false man! how low she lyes,

That dy'd for love of you.

The lark fung out, the morning fmil'd, And rais'd her glift'ning head:
Pale WILLIAM quak'd in every limb,
Then, raving, left his bed.

He hy'd him to the fatal place
Where MARG'RET'S body lay,
And firetch'd him o'er the green grafs-turf
That wrapp'd her breathlefs clay.

And thrice he call'd on MARGARET'S name,
And thrice he wept full fore;
Then laid his cheek on her cold grave,
And word fpoke never more.

Waly, waly.

O WALY waly up the bank,
And waly waly down the brae,
And waly waly by yon burn-fide,
Where I and my love were wont to gae.
I leant my back unto an aik,
I thought it was a truftie trie;
But first it bow'd, and fyne it brake,
And fae my true love did lyghtlie me.

O waly waly gin love be bonny
A little time while it is new;
But when its auld it waxeth cauld,
And fades awa' like morning-dew.
O wherfore fhu'd I bufk my head?
O wherfore fhu'd I kame my hair?
For my true love has me forfook,
And fays he'll never loe me mair.

Now Arthur-feat fall be my bed,
The fheits fall neir be fyl'd by me:
Saint Anton's wall fall be my drink,
Since my true love has forfaken me.
Marti'mas wind, whan wilt thou blaw,
And fhake the green leaves aff the trie?
O gentle death, whan wilt thou cum?
For of my life I am wearie.

'Tis not the froft that freezes fell,
Nor blawing fnaw's inclemencie;
'Tis not fick cauld that makes me cry,
But my love's heart grown cauld to me.
Whan we came in by Glafgowe town,
We were a comely fight to fee;

My love was cled i' th' black velvet, And I myfell in cramafie.

But had I wist before I kifst,

That love had been fae ill to win,
I had lockt my heart in a case of gowd,
And pinn'd it wi' a filler pin.
Oh, oh! if my young babe were borne,
And set upon the nurse's knee,
And I mysell were dead and gone,
For a maid again Ile never be!

WILLIE'S drown'd in Yarrow.

WILLIE's rare, and WILLIE's fair, and WILLIE's wondrous bonny,

And WILLIE hecht to marry me,

Gin e'er he married ony.

Yestreen I made my bed su' braid, This night I'll make it narrow; For a' the live-lang winter-night I'll ly twin'd of my marrow.

O came you by yon water-fide?
Pu'd you the rofe or lilly?
Or came you by yon meadow-green?
Or faw ye my fweet Willie?

She fought him eaft, fhe fought him weft, She fought him braid and narrow; Syne in the cleaving of a craig She found him drown'd in Yarrow.

BOTHWELL.

AS BOTHWELL was walking in the lowlands alane, Hey down, and a down.

He met fix ladies fae gallant and fine, Hey down, and a down*. He cast his lot amang them a', And on the youngest his lot did fa'. He's brought her frae her mother's bower, Unto his strongest castle and tower. But ay she cried and made great moan, And ay the tear came trickling down. Come up, come up, faid the foremost man; I think our bride comes flowly on, O Lady, fits your faddle awry? Or is your steed for you owre high? My faddle is not fet awry, Nor carries me my fleed owre high: But I am weary of my life, Since I maun be Lord BOTHWELL'S wife. He's blawn his horn fae sharp and shrill, Up flart the deer on every hill. He's blawn his horn fae lang and loud, Up flart the deer in gude green wood. His Lady Mother lookit owre the castle wa', And she saw them riding ane and a'. She's call'd upon her maids by feven, To mak his bed baith faft and even: She's call'd upon her cooks by nine, To make their dinner fair and fine. When day was gane, and night was come, What ails my love on me to frown?

^{*} The chorus repeated at the end of each line.

Or does the wind blow in your glove? Or runs your mind on another love? Nor blows the wind within my glove, Nor runs my mind on another love: But I not maid nor maiden am. For I'm wi' bairn to another man. I thought I'd a maiden fae meek and fae mild, But I've nought but a woman wi' child. His mother's taen her up to a tower, And lockit her in her fecret bower: Now, doughter mine, come tell to me, Wha's bairn this is that you are wi'? O mother dear, I canna learn Wha is the faither of my bairn; But as I walk'd in the lowlands my lane, I met a gentleman gallant and fine; He keepit me there fae late and fae lang, Frae the ev'ning late till the morning dawn, And a' that he gied me to my propine, Was a pair of green gloves and a gay gold ring; Three lauchters of his vellow hair, In case that we shou'd meet nae mair. His Lady Mother went down the stair. Now fon, now fon, come tell to me, Where's the green gloves I gave to thee. I gied to a lady, fae fair and fae fine, The green gloves and a gay gold ring; But I wad gie my castles and towers, I had that lady within my bowers: But I wad gie my very life, I had that lady to be my wife. Now, keep, now keep your castles and towers, You have that lady within your bowers;

Now keep, now keep your very life, You have that lady to be your wife. O row my lady in fattin and filk, And wash my son in the morning milk.

Fair MARGARET and Sweet WILLIAM.

As it fell out on a long fummer's day
Two lovers they fat on a hill;
They fat together a long fummer's day,
And could not talk their fill.

I fee no harm by you, MARGARET, And you fee none by mee: Before to-morrow at eight o'clock A rich wedding you shall fee.

Fair MARGARET fate in her bower-window, A combing of her hair; She fpy'd Sweet WILLIAM and his bride, As they were a riding near.

Down fhe layd her ivory combe,
And up fhe bound her hair;
She went her way forth of the bower,
But never more came there.

When day was gone, and night was come,
And all men fast asleep,
There came the spirit of Fair MARG'RET,
And stood at WILLIAMS feet.

God give you joy, you lovers true, In bride-bed fast asleep; Vol. I. H Lo! I am going to my green-grass grave, And I'm in my winding-sheet.

When day was come, and night was gone, And all men wak'd from fleep, Sweet WILLIAM to his lady fay'd, My dear, I have caufe to weep.

I dreamt a dream, my dear lady, Such dreames are never good, I dreamt my bower was full of red fwine,

And my bride-bed full of blood.

Such dreams, fuch dreams, my honoured Sir,
They never do prove good;
To dream thy bower was full of red fwine,
And thy bride-bed full of blood.

He called up his merry men all,
By one, by two, and by three:
Saying, I'll away to Fair MARG'RETS bower,
By the leave of my lady.

And when he came to fair MARG'RETS bower, He knocked at the ring; So ready were her feven brethren To let Sweet WILLIAM in.

Then he turned up the covering-sheet, Pray let me see thee dead; Methinks she does look pale and wan, She has lost her cherry red.

I'll do more for thee, MARGARET, Than any of thy kin; For I will kifs thy pale wan lips, Though a fmile I cannot win. With that befpake the feven brethren,
Making most piteous mone:
You may go kifs your jolly brown bride,
And let our fister alone.

If I do kifs my jolly brown bride,
I do but what is right;
For I made no vow to your fifter dear,
By day, nor yet by night.

Pray tell me then how much you'll deal Of your white bread and your wine; So much as is dealt at her funeral to-day, To-morrow shall be dealt at mine.

Fair MARGARET dyed to-day, to-day,
Sweet WILLIAM dyed the morrow:
Fair MARGARET dyed for pure true love,
Sweet WILLIAM dyed for forrow.

MARGARET was buryed in the lower chancel, And WILLIAM in the higher: Out of her breft there fprang a rofe, And out of his a briar.

They grew as high as the church-top,

Till they could grow no higher;

And there they grew in a true lovers knot,

Made all the folke admire.

Then came the clerk of the parifh,
As you this truth shall hear,
And by misfortune cut them down,
Or they had still been there.

Fine Flowers o' the Valley.

THERE was three ladies in a ha', Fine flowers i' the valley;
There cam three lords amang them a',
The red, green, and the yellow.

The first of them was clad in red, Fine flowers i' the valley;

O lady fair, will ye be my bride? Wi' the red, green, and the yellow.

The fecond of them was clad in green, Fine flowers i' the valley;

O lady fair, will ye be my queen? Wi' the red, green, and the yellow.

The third of them was clad in yellow, Fine flowers i' the valley;

O lady fair will ye be my marrow?.
Wi' the red, green, and the yellow.

You must ask my father dear,
Fine flowers i' the valley;
Likewise the mother that did me bear,
Wi' the red, green, and the yellow.

You must ask my sister Ann, Fine slowers i' the valley;

And not forget my brother John, Wi' the red, green, and the yellow.

I have ask't thy father dear, Fine flowers i' the valley; Likewise the mother that did thee bear, Wi' the red, green, and the yellow.

I have ask't thy sister Ann,
Fine slowers i' the valley;
But I forgot thy brother John,
Wi' the red, green, and the yellow.

Her father led her through the ha',
Fine flowers i' the valley;
Her mother danc'd before them a',
Wi' the red, green, and the yellow.

Her fifter Ann led her through the clofs, Fine flowers i' the valley; Her brother John put her on her horse, Wi' the red, green, and the yellow.

You are high and I am low,
Fine flowers i' the valley;
Let me have a kifs before you go,
Wi' the red, green, and the yellow.

She was louting down to kifs him fweet,
Fine flowers i' the valley;
Wi' his penknife he wounded her deep,
Wi' the red, green, and the yellow.

O lead me over into yon ftile,
Fine flowers i' the valley;
That I may flop and breathe a while,
Wi' the red, green, and the yellow.

O lead me over into yon stair, Fine flowers i' the valley; For there I'll ly and bleed ne mair, Wi' the red, green, and the yellow.

O what will you leave your father dear? Fine flowers i' the valley;

That milk-white fleed that brought me here, Wi' the red, green, and the yellow.

O what will you leave your mother dear? Fine flowers i' the valley;

The filken gown that I did wear, Wi' the red, green, and the yellow.

O what will you leave your fifter Ann?

Fine flowers i' the valley;

My filten fnood and golden fan

My filken fnood and golden fan, Wi' the red, green, and the yellow.

What will you leave your brother JOHN?
Fine flowers i' the valley;
The highest gallows to hing him on:

Wi' the red, green, and the yellow.

What will you leave your brother John's wife?
Fine flowers i' the valley;

Grief and forrow to end her life, Wi' the red, green, and the yellow.

What will you leave your brother JOHN's bairns? Fine flowers i' the valley;

The world wide for them to range, Wi' the red, green, and the yellow.

She louted down to gie a kifs, With a hey and a lily gay;

He fluck his penknife in her hafs, And the rofe it fmells fo fweetly.

Ride up, ride up, cry'd the foremost man, With a hey and a lilly gay; I think our bride looks pale and wan, And the rose it smells so sweetly.

LIZIE WAN.

LIZIE WAN fits at her father's bower door,
Weeping and making a mane,
And by there came her father dear,
What ails thee, LIZIE WAN?

I ail, and I ail, dear father, fhe faid, And I'll tell you a reafon for why, There is a child between my twa fides, Between my dear Billy and I.

Now LIZIE WAN fits at her fathers bower door, Sighing and making a mane, And by there came her brother dear, What ails thee, LIZIE WAN?

I ail, I ail, dear brother, fhe faid, And I'll tell you a reafon why, There is a child between my twa fides, Between you, dear Billy, and I.

And hast thou told father and mother of that, And hast thou told fae o' me? And he has drawn his gude braid fword, That hang down by his knee. And he has cutted off Lizie Wan's head, And hir fair body in three, And he's awa to his mother's bower, And fair aghaft was he.

What ails thee, what ails thee, GEORDY WAN, What ails thee fae fast to rin?

For I fee by thy ill colour,

Some fallow's deed thou hast done.

Some fallow's deed I have done mother,
And I pray you pardon me,
For I've cutted off my greyhound's head,
He wadnae rin for me.

Thy grayhound's bluid was never fae red,
O my fon GEORDY WAN,
For I fee by thy ill colour,
Some fallow's deed thou hast done.

Some fallow's deed I hae done mother,
And I pray you pardon me,
For I hae cutted off Lizie Wan's head,
And hir fair body in three.

O what will thou do when thy father comes hame,
O my fon GEORDY WAN?

I'll fet my foot in a bottomless boat,
And swim to the sea ground.

And when will thou come hame again,

O my fon GEORDY WAN,

The fun and the moon shall dance on the green,

That night when I come hame.

MAY COLVIN.

FALSE Sir JOHN a wooing came,
To a maid of beauty fair;
MAY COLVIN was this lady's name,
Her father's only heir.

He woo'd her butt, he woo'd her ben, He woo'd her in the ha', Until he got this lady's confent, To mount and ride awa'.

He went down to her father's bower, Where all the fleeds did fland, And he's taken one of the best fleeds That was in her father's hand.

He's got on, and fhe's got on,
And fast as they could flee,
Until they came to a lonesome part,
A rock by the fide of the sea.

Loup off the steid, says false Sir John, Your bridal bed you see, For I have drowned seven young ladies, The eight ane you shall be.

Cast off, cast off, my MAY COLVIN, All, and your filken gown, For its o'er good, and o'er costly, To rot in the falt sea soam.

Cast off, cast off, my MAY COLVIN, All, and your embroidered shune,

For they are o'er good and o'er costly, To rot in the falt fea foam.

O turn you about, O falfe Sir John, And look to the leaf of the tree, For it never became a gentleman, A naked woman to fee.

He turn'd himfelf straight round about,
To look to the leaf of the tree,
So swift as MAY COLVIN was
To throw him in the sea.

O help, O help, my MAY COLVIN, O help or elfe I'll drown: I'll take you hame to your father's bower, And fet you down fafe and found.

No help, no help, you falfe Sir John, No help, nor pity thee; Though feven king's daughters you have drown'd, But the eight shall not be me.

So she went on her father's steed,
As swift as she could flee,
And she cam hame to her father's bower,
Before it was break of day.

Up then fpak the pretty parrot,

MAY COLVIN where have you been?

What has become of falfe Sir John,

That woo'd you fo late the streen?

He woo'd you butt, he woo'd you ben, He woo'd you in the ha', Until he got your own confent For to mount and gang awa'.

O hold your tongue, my pretty parrot, Lay not the blame upon me. Your cup shall be of the flowered gold, Your cage of the root of the tree.

Up then fpake the king himfelf,
In the bed-chamber where he lay,
What ails the pretty parrot
That prattles fo long ere day?

There came a cat to my cage door,
It almost worried me,
And I was calling on MAY COLVIN
To take the cat from me.

The wee wee Man.

A^S I was walking all alone,
Between a water and a wa',
And there I fpy'd a wee wee man,
And he was the leaft that ere I faw.

His legs were fcarce a shathmont's length,
And thick and thimber was his thighs,
Between his brows there was a span,
And between his shoulders there was three.

He took up a meikle stane,
And he flang't as far as I could fee,
Though I had been a WALLACE wight,
I coudna liften't to my knee.

O wee wee man, but thou be firong,
O tell me where thy dwelling be?
My dwelling's down at yon' bonny bower,
O will you go with me and fee?

On we lap and awa we rade,

Till we came to yon bonny green;

We 'lighted down for to bait our horfe,

And out there came a lady fine.

Four-and-twenty at her back,
And they were a' clad out in green,
Though the King of Scotland had been there,
The warft o' them might ha' been his queen.

On we lap and awa we rade,

Till we came to yon bonny ha',

Where the roof was o' the beaten gould,

And the floor was o' the crystal a'.

When we came to the flair foot,

Ladies were dancing jimp and fma',
But in the twinkling of an eye,

My wee wee man was clean awa'.

Sir Hugh.

A'THE boys of merry Linkim,
War playing at the ba',
An up it flands him fweet Sir Hugh,
The flower among them a'.
He keppit the ba' than wi' his foot,
And catcht it wi' his knee,

And even in at the Jews window, He gart the bonny ba' flee.

Cast out the ba' to me, fair maid, Cast out the ba' to me. Ah never a bit of it, she says,

Till ye come up to me.

Come up, fweet Hugh, come up, dear Hugh, Come up and get the ba'.

I winna come, I mayna come, Without my bonny boys a'.

Come up, fweet Hugh, come up, dear Hugh, Come up, and fpeak to me; I mayna come, I winna come, Without my bonny boys three.

She's taen her to the Jew's garden,
Whar the grafs grew lang and green,
She's pu'd an apple red and white,
To wyle the bonny boy in.

She's wyled him in through ae chamber, She's wyl'd him in through twa, She's wyl'd him till hir ain chamber, The flower out owr them a'.

She's laid him on a dreffin board, Whar she did often dine, She stack a penknife to his heart, And drefs'd him like a fwine.

She row'd him in a cake of lead, Bade him ly ftill and fleep, Vol. I. (7) I She threw him i' the Jew's draw-well, It was fifty fathom deep.

Whan belles were rung, and mass was sung,
And a' man bound to bed,
Every lady got hame her son,
But sweet Sir Hugh was dead.

Bonnie May.

IT was on an ev'ning fae faft and fae clear,
A bonny lafs was milking the kye,
And by came a troup of gentlemen,
And rode the bonny laffie by.

Then one of them faid unto her,
Bonny lafs, pr'ythee shew me the way.

O if I do fae it may breed me wae, For langer I dare nae stay.

But dark and mifty was the night
Before the bonny lafs came hame;
Now where hae you been, my ae doughter?
I am fure you was nae your lane.

O father, a tod has come o'er your lamb, A gentleman of high degree, And ay whan he fpake he lifted his hat, And bonny bonny blinkit his ee.

Or e'er fix months were past and gane, Six months but and other three, The lassie begud for to fret and to frown, And think lang for his blinkin ee. O wae be to my father's fhepherd, An ill death may he die; He bigged the bughts fae far frae hame, And tryfted a gentleman to me.

It fell upon another fair evening,
The bonny laffie was milking her ky,
And by came the troop of gentlemen,
And rode the bonnie laffie by.

Then one of them stopt, and said to her, Wha's aught that baby ye are wi? The lasse began for to blush, and think To a father as good as ye.

O had your tongue, my bonny M A Y, Sae loud I hear you lie; O dinnae you mind the mifty night

I was in the bught with thee?

Now he's come aff his milk-white fleed, And he has taen her hame: Now let your father bring hame the ky, You ne'er mair shall ca' them agen.

I am a lord of caftles and towers,
With fifty ploughs of land and three,
And I have gotten the bonnieft lafs
That is in this countrie.

MACPHERSON'S Rant.

I'VE fpent my time in rioting, Debauch'd my health and ftrength; I've pillag'd, plunder'd, murdered, But now, alas! at length, I'm brought to punishment direct, Pale death draws near to me; This end I never did project, To hang upon a tree.

To hang upon a tree! a tree!

That curs'd unhappy death!

Like to a wolf to worried be,

And choaked in the breath.

My very heart would furely break,

When this I think upon.

Did not my courage fingular,

Bid penfive thoughts begone.

No man on earth that draweth breath,
More courage had than I;
I dar'd my foes unto their face,
And would not from them fly;
This grandeur flout, I did keep out,
Like HECTOR, manfullie:
Then wonder one like me, fo flout,
Should hang upon a tree.

Th' Egyptian band I did command,
With courage more by far,
Than ever did a general
His foldiers in the war.
Being fear'd by all, both great and fmall,
I liv'd most joyfullie:
O! curse upon this fate of mine,
To hang upon a tree.

As for my life, I do not care,
If justice would take place,

And bring my fellow plunderers Unto this fame difgrace.

For PETER BROWN, that notour loon, Efcap'd, and was made free;

O! curse upon this fate of mine, To hang upon a tree.

Both law and justice buried are, And fraud and guile succeed,

The guilty pass unpunished, If money interceed.

The Laird of Grant, that Highland faint, His mighty majestie,

He pleads the cause of PETER BROWN, And lets MACPHERSON die.

The deft'ny of my life contriv'd By those whom I oblig'd,

Rewarded me much ill for good, And left me no refuge.

For BRACO DUFF, in rage enough, He first laid hands on me;

And if that death would not prevent, Avenged wou'd I be.

As for my life, it is but short, When I shall be no more;

To part with life I am content, As any heretofore.

Therefore, good people all, take heed, This warning take by me,

According to the lives you lead, Rewarded you shall be.

Gillicrankie.

CLAVERS, and his Highlandmen,
Came down upo' the raw, man,
Who being flout, gave mony a clout;
The lads began to claw then.
With fword and terge into their hand,
Wi' which they were nae flaw, man,
Wi' mony a fearful heavy figh,
The lads began to claw then.

O'er bush, o'er bank, o'er ditch, o'er stank, She slang amang them a', man; The Butter-box got mony knocks, Their riggings paid for a' then. They got their paiks, wi' sudden straiks, Which to their grief they saw, man; Wi' clinkum clankum o'er their crowns, The lads began to sa' then.

Hur fkipt about, hur leapt about,
And flang amang them a', man,
The English blades got broken heads,
Their crowns were cleav'd in twa then.
The durk and door made their last hour,
And prov'd their final fa', man,
They thought the devil had been there.
That play'd them fick a paw then.

The folemn League and Covenant Came whigging up the hills, man, Thought Highland trews durft not refuse For to subscribe their bills then. In WILLIE's name they thought nae ane Durft ftop their courfe at a', man, But hur nane fell, wi' mony a knock, Cryd, Furich-Whiggs awa', man.

Sir EVAN Du, and his men true,
Came linking up the brink, man;
The Hogan Dutch they feared fuch,
They bred a horrid flink then.
The true MACLEAN, and his fierce men,
Came in amang them a' man;
Nane durst withstand his heavy hand,
All fled and ran awa' then.

Oh' on a ri, Oh' on a ri,
Why should she lose King Shames, man?
Oh' rig in di, Oh' rig in di,
She shall break a' her banes then;
With furichinish, an' stay a while,
And speak a word or twa, man,
She's gi' a straike, out o'er the neck,
Before ye win awa' then.

O fy for shame, ye're three for ane,
Hur nane-fell's won the day, man.
King Shames' red-coats should be hung up,
Because they ran awa', then;
Had bent their brows, like Highland trows,
And made as lang a stay, man,
They'd sav'd their king, that sacred thing,
And Willie'd ran awa' then.

Sheriff-Muir.

THERE's fome fay that we wan, Some fay that they wan,

Some fay that nane wan at a' man;
But one thing I'm fure,
That at Sheriff-muir,

A battle there was, which I fa', man;

And we ran, and they ran, and they ran, and we ran,
and we ran, and they ran awa' man.

Brave ARGYLE and BELHAVEN, Not like frighted L-----N,

Which ROTHES and HADDINGTON fa', man;
For they all with WIGHTMAN
Advanc'd on the right, man,

While others took flight, being ra', man, And we ran, and they ran, etc.

Lord ROXBURGH was there, In order to share

With Douglas, who flood not in awe, man,
Volunteerly to ramble
With Lord Loudoun Campbell,

Brave ILAY did fuffer for a', man, And we ran, and they ran, etc.

Sir JOHN SCHAW, the great knight, With broad-fword most bright,

On horfeback he ftrangely did charge, man, An hero that's bold,

None could him with-hold,

He floutly encounter'd the targemen, And we ran, and they ran, etc. For the cowardly W------M,
For fear they should cut him,
Seeing glittering broad-swords with a pa', man,
And that in such thrang
Made BAIRD edicang,

And from the brave clans ran awa', man.

And we ran, and they ran, etc.

Brave Mar and Panmure
Were firm I am fure,
The latter was kidnapt awa', man,

With brifk men about,
Brave HARRY retook

His brother, and laught at them a', man.

And we ran, and they ran, etc.

Grave MARSHAL and LITHGOW, And GLENGARY'S pith too,

Affifted by brave LOGGIA-MAN,
And GORDONS the bright,
So boldly did fight,

The red-coats took flight and awa', man, And we ran, and they ran, etc.

STRATHMORE and CLANRONALD Cry'd fill, advance Donald,

Till both these heroes did fa', man;

For there was such hashing,

And broad swords a clashing,

Brave FORFAR himself got a cla', man,

And we ran, and they ran, etc.

Lord Perth flood the florm, Seaforth but lukewarm, Kilsyth and Strathallan not fla', man;

And HAMILTON pled, The men were not bred. For he had no fancy to fa', man, And we ran, and they ran, etc.

Brave generous Southesk, TILEBAIRN was brifk, Whose father indeed would not dra', man, Into the fame voke, Which ferv'd for a cloak. To keep the estate 'twixt them twa, man. And we ran, and they ran, etc.

Lord ROLLO not fear'd, KINTORE and his beard. PITSLIGO and OGILVIE a', man, And Brothers BALFOURS, They flood the first show'rs,

CLACKMANNAN and BURLEIGH did cla', man. And we ran, and they ran, etc.

But CLEPPAN acted pretty, And STROWAN the witty, A poet that pleafes us a', man; For mine is but rhime, In respect of what's fine, Or what he is able to dra', man, Though we ran, and they ran, etc.

For HUNTLY and SINCLAIR They both play'd the tinclair, With confciences black like a cra's man. Some Angus and Fifemen They ran for their life, man, And ne'er a Lot's wife there at a', man, And we ran, and they ran, etc.

Then L-----E the traytor,
Who betray'd his mafter,
His king, and his country, and a', man,
Pretending MAR might
Give order to fight,

To the right of the army awa', man.

And we ran, and they ran, etc.

Then L----E for fear, Of what he might hear,

Took DRUMMOND's best horse and awa', man, Instead of going to Perth He crossed the Firth,

Alongst Stirling-bridge and awa', man.

And we ran, and they ran, etc.

To London he pres'd,
And there he addres'd,
That he behav'd best of them a', man;
And there without strife
Got fettled for life,
An hundred a-year to his fa', man.

And we run, and they ran, etc.

In Borrowftounnefs
He refides with difgrace,
Till his neck ftands in need of a draw, man,
And then in a tether
He'll fwing from a ladder,
Go off the ftage with a pa', man.

And we ran, and they ran, etc.

ROBROY flood watch
On a hill for to catch
The booty for ought that I fa', man,

For he ne'er advanc'd,
From the place he was flanc'd,
'Till no more to do there at a' man.
For we ran, and they ran, etc.

So we all took the flight, And M-----y the Wright;

But D------ M the Smith was a bra-man,
For he took the gout,
Which truly was wit,
By judging it time to withdra', man.

And we ran, and they ran, etc.

And Trumpet M-----E,
Whose breeks were not clean,
Thro' misfortune he happen'd to sa', man,
By saving his neck
His trumpet did break,

Came off without mufick at a', man.

And we ran, and they ran, etc.

So there fuch a race was, As ne'er in that place was,

And as little chafe was at a', man;
From other they ran,
Without tuck of drum;

They did not make use of a pa', man.

And we ran, and they ran, and they ran, and we ran,
and we ran, and they ran awa', man.

Tranent Muir.

THE CHEVALIER, being void of fear,
Did march up Brifle brae, man,
And thro' Tranent, e'er he did ftent,
As faft as he could gae, man:
While General Cope did taunt and mock,
Wi' mony a loud huzza, man;
But e'er next morn proclaim'd the cock,
We heard another craw, man.

The brave LOCHIEL, as I heard tell,
Led CAMERONS on in clouds, man:
The morning fair, and clear the air,
They loos'd with devilish thuds, man;
Down guns they threw, and swords they drew,
And soon did chace them aff, man;
On Seaton Crafts they buft their chafts,
And gart them rin like daft, man.

The bluff dragoons fwore blood and 'oons,
They'd make the rebels run, man;
And yet they flee when them they fee,
And winna fire a gun, man.
They turn'd their back, the foot they brake,
Such terror feiz'd them a', man;
Some wet their cheeks, fome fyl'd their breeks,
And fome for fear did fa', man.

The volunteers prick'd up their ears,
And vow gin they were crouse, man:
But when the bairns saw't turn to earn'st,
They were not worth a louse, man;
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Maift feck gade hame; O fy for fhame!

They'd better flaid awa', man,

Than wi' cockade to make parade,

And do nae good at a', man.

M------ H the great, when herfell shit,
Un'wares did ding him o'er, man,
Yet wad nae stand to bear a hand,
But aff fou fast did fcour, man;
O'er Soutra hill, e'er he stood still,
Before he tasted meat, man:
Troth he may brag of his swift nag,
That bare him aff sae sleet, man.

And S-----N keen to clear the een
Of rebels far in wrang, man;
Did never ftrive wi piftols five,
But gallopp'd with the thrang, man:
He turn'd his back, and in a crack
Was cleanly out of fight, man;
And thought it beft; it was nae jeft
Wi' Highlanders to fight, man.

Mangst a' the gang nane bade the bang
But twa, and ane was tane, man;
For CAMPBELL rade, but MYRIE staid,
And fair he paid the kain, man;
Fell skelps he got was war than shot
Frae the sharp-edg'd claymore, man;
Frae mony a spout came running out
His reeking-het red gore, man.

But GARD'NER brave did still behave Like to a hero bright, man; His courage true, like him were few
That flill despised flight, man;
For King and laws, and country's cause,
In Honour's bed he lay, man;
His life, but not his courage, fled,
While he had breath to draw, man.

And Major Bowle, that worthy foul,
Was brought down to the ground, man;
His horfe being fhot, it was his lot
For to get mony a wound, man:
Lieutenant S-----H, of Irish birth,
Frae whom he call'd for aid, man,
Being full of dread, lap o'er his head,
And wadna be gainfaid, man.

He made fick hafte, fae fpur'd his beaft,
'Twas little there he faw, man:
To Berwick rade, and fafely faid,
The Scots were rebels a', man;
But let that end, for well 'tis kend
His ufe and wont to lie, man;
The Teague is naught, he never faught,
When he had room to flee, man.

And Caddell dreft, amang the reft,
With gun and good claymore, man;
On gelding grey he rode that way,
With piftols fet before, man;
The caufe was good, he'd fpend his blood,
Before that he would yield, man;
But the night before he left the cor,
And never fac'd the field, man.

But gallant ROGER, like a foger,
Stood and bravely fought, man:
I'm wae to tell, at last he fell,
But mae down wi' him brought, man.
At point of death, wi' his last breath,
(Some standing round in ring, man),
On's back lying flat, he wav'd his hat,
And cry'd, God save the King, man.

Some Highland rogues, like hungry dogs,
Neglecting to purfue, man,
About they fac'd, and in great hafte
Upon the booty flew, man;
And they as gain, for all their pain,
Are deck'd wi' fpoils of war, man;
Fow bald can tell how her nainfell
Was ne'er fae pra before, man.

At the thorn tree, which you may fee,
Bewest the meadow-mill, man,
There mony slain lay on the plain;
The clans pursuing still, man.
Sic unco' hacks, and deadly whacks,
I never saw the like, man,
Lost hands and heads cost them their deads,
That fell near Preston-dyke, man.

That afternoon, when a' was done,
I gaed to fee the fray, man;
But had I wift what after paft,
I'd better flaid away, man:
On Seaton fands, wi' nimble hands,
They pick'd my pockets bare, man;
But I wifh ne'er to drie fick fear,
For a' the fum and mair, man.

The Archer's March.

SOUND, found the mufic, found it,
Let hills and dales rebound it;
Let hills and dales rebound it,
In praife of archery;
Its origin divine is,
The practice brave and fine is,
Which generously inclines us
To guard our liberty.

Art by the gods employed, By which heroes enjoyed, By which heroes enjoyed

The wreath of victory.
The deity of Parnassus,
The god of fost caresses,
Chaste Cynthia and her lasses
Delight in archery.

See, fee yon bow extended,
'Tis Jove himfelf that bends it,
'Tis Jove himfelf that bends it,

O'er clouds on high it glows.
All nations, Turks and Parthians,
The Tartars and the Scythians,
The Arabs, Moors, and Indians,
With brav'ry draw their bows.

Our own true records tell us, That none cou'd e'er excel us, That none cou'd e'er excel us In martial archery;

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With fhafts our fires engaging, Oppos'd the Romans raging, Defeat the fierce Norvegian. And spar'd few Danes to flee.

Witness Largs and Loncartie, Dunkel and Aberlemny, Dunkel and Aberlemny, Roflin and Bannockburn.

The Cheviots----all the border Were bowmen in brave order. Told enemies, if further They mov'd, they'd ne'er return.

Sound, found the music, sound it. Let hills and dales rebound it. Let hills and dales rebound it. In praise of archery: Us'd as a game it pleases, The mind to joy it raifes, And throws off all difeases

Of lazy luxury.

Now no more care beguiling, When all the year looks finiling, When all the year looks finiling, With healthful harmony: The fun in glory glowing, With morning dew bestowing

Sweet fragrance, life, and growing, To flowers and ev'ry tree.

'Tis now the archers royal, An hearty band and loyal, An hearty band and loyal, That in just thoughts agree, Appear in ancient bravery,
Defpifing all base knavery,
Which tends to bring in flavery
Souls worthy to live free.

Sound, found the mufic, found it,
Fill up the glafs and round wi't,
Fill up the glafs and round wi't,
Health and profperity
To our great C H I E F and Officers,
T' our Prefident and Counfellors;
To all who, like their brave forbears,
Delight in archery.

General LESLY'S March.

MARCH, march, march,
Why the d---- don't ye march?

Stand to your arms, my lads,
Fight in good order,
Front about, ye mufketeers all,
Till ye come to the English border,
Stand till't, and fight like men,
True gospel to maintain,
The parliament's blyth to see us a' coming;
When to the kirk we come,
We'll purge it ilka room,
Frae Popish relicks, and a' fuch innovations,
That a' the warld may see,
There's nane i' the right but we,
Of the auld Scottish nation.

JENNY shall wear the hood,
JOCKY the sark of GOD;
And the kist fou of whistles,
That make sick a cleiro,
Our pipers bra, shall hae them a', whate'er comes on it;
Busk up your plaids, my lads, cock up your bonnets.

March, march, etc.

Highland March.

By Sir Harry Erskine.

IN the garb of old Gaul, wi' the fire of old Rome, From the heath-cover'd mountains of Scotia we come, Where the Romans endeavour'd our country to gain, But our ancestors fought, and they fought not in vain.

CHORUS.

Such our love of liberty, our country, and our laws, That like our ancestors of old, we stand by Freedom's cause;

We'll bravely fight like heroes bold, for honour and applaufe,

And defy the French, with all their art, to alter our laws.

No effeminate customs our finews unbrace, No luxurious tables enervate our race, Our loud-founding pipe bears the true martial strain, So do we the old Scottish valour retain.

Such our love, etc.

We're tall as the oak on the mount of the vale,
As fwift as the roe which the hound doth affail,
As the full moon in autumn our fhields do appear,
MINERVA would dread to encounter our fpear.
Such our love, etc.

As a storm in the ocean when BOREAS blows,
So are we enrag'd when we rush on our foes;
We fons of the mountains, tremendous as rocks,
Dash the force of our foes with our thundering strokes.

Such our love, etc.

Quebec and Cape Breton, the pride of old France, In their troops fondly boafted till we did advance; But when our claymores they faw us produce, Their courage did fail, and they fued for a truce.

Such our love, etc.

In our realm may the fury of faction long ceafe,
May our councils be wife, and our commerce increase;
And in Scotia's cold climate may each of us find,
That our friends still prove true, and our beauties prove kind.

Then we'll defend our liberty, our country, and our laws, And teach our late posterity to fight in Freedom's cause, That they like our ancestors bold, etc.

Little wat ye, etc.

LITTLE wat ye wha's coming,
Little wat ye wha's coming,
Little wat ye wha's coming,
JOCK and TAM and a's coming.

DUNCAN'S coming, DONALD'S coming, COLIN'S coming, RONALD'S coming, DOUGAL'S coming, LAUCHLAN'S coming, ALASTER and a'S coming.

Little wat ye wha's coming, JOCK and TAM and a's coming.

BORLAND and his men's coming,
The CAMERONS and M'LEANS coming,
The GORDONS and M'GREGORS coming,
A' the DUNYWASTLES' coming.

Little wat ye, etc.

M'GILVREY of Drumglafs is coming.

WIGTON'S coming, NITHSDALE'S coming, CARNWATH'S coming, KENMURE'S coming, DERWENTWATER and FOSTER'S coming, WITHRINGTON and NAIRN'S coming.

Little wat ye, etc.

Blyth Cowhill and a's coming.

The Laird of M'INTOSH is coming,
M'CRABIE and M'DONALD'S coming,
The M'KENZIES and M'PHERSONS' coming,
A' the wild M'CRAWS' coming.

Little wat ye, etc.

DONALD GUN and a's coming.

They gloom, they glowr, they look fae big, At ilka stroke they'll fell a Whig; They'll fright the suds of the Pockpuds, For mony a buttock bare's coming.

Little wat ye, etc.

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HEROIC BALLADS.

HARDYKNUTE: Or, The Battle of LARGS*.

STATELY stapt he east the wa,
And stately stapt he west:
Full seventy zeirs he now had sene,
With skers sevin zeirs of rest.
He livit quhen Britons breach of faith
Wroucht Scotland meikle wae;
And ay his sword tauld to their skaith,
He was their deadly sae.

Hie on a hill his caftle stude,
With halls and towirs a hicht,

* The battle of Largs was fought on the 1st of August 1263, between Alexander the III. king of Scotland and Haquin the V. king of Norway, in their contention for the Northern and Western Isles. Haquin had already reduced Bute and Arran; and making a descent with 20,000 men on the continent, was encountered and deseated by the Scots army at Largs in Airshire; upon which he retreated to his ships, and his sleet being dissipated, and in part destroyed by a tempest, he returned to the Orkneys, from whence he had made the descent, and there, after a few days illness, expired.

And guidly chambres fair to fee,
Quhair he lodgit mony a knicht.
His dame fae peirlefs anes and fair,
For chaft and bewtie deimt,
Nae marrow had in all the land,
Saif EMERGARD the queen.

Full thirtein fons to him fcho bare,
All men of valour flout;
In bludy ficht with fword in hand
Nyne loft their lives bot doubt;
Four zit remain, lang may they live
To fland by liege and land:
Hie was their fame, hie was their micht,
And hie was their command.

Great luve they bare to FAIRLY fair,
Their fifter faft and deir;
Her girdle fhawd her middle gimp,
And gowden glift her hair.
Quhat waefou wae her bewtie bred,
Waefou to zung and auld,
Waefou I trow to kyth and kin,
As flory ever tauld!

The King of Norse in summer tyde,
Puft up with powir and micht,
Landed in fair Scotland the yle,
With mony a hardy knicht.
The tydings to our gude Scots king
Came, as he fat at dyne,
With noble chiefs in braif aray,
Drinking the blude-reid wyne.

"To horfe, to horfe, my royal Liege, Zours faes fland on the flrand, Full twenty thousand glittering spears The King of Norfe commands."

"Bring me my fleed Mage dapple gray," Our gude King raife and cryd,

"A truftier beaft in all the land A Scots king nevir feyd.

Go, little page, tell HARDYKNUTE, That lives on hill fae hie, To draw his fword, the dreid of faes.

And haft and follow me."

The little page flew fwift as dart Flung by his mafters arm:

"Cum down, cum down, Lord HARDYKNUTE,
And rid zour King frae harm."

Then reid reid grew his dark-brown cheiks, Sae did his dark-brown brow; His luiks grew kene, as they were wont,

In dangers great, to do: He hes tane a horn as grene as glafs,

And gien five founds fae fhrill, That treis in grene wod fchuke thereat, Sae loud rang ilka hill.

His fons in manly fport and glie Had past that summers morn, Quhen low down in a graffy dale They heard their fatheris horn:

That horn, quod they, neir founds in peace, We haif other fport to byde.

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And fune they hey'd them up the hill, And fune were at his fide.

"Late late zeftrene I weind in peace
To end my lengthned life,
My age micht weil excufe my arm
Frae manly feats of ftryfe;
But now that Norse dois proudly boaft
Fair Scotland to inthrall,
Its neir be faid of Hardyknute,
He feard to ficht or fall.

"ROBIN of Rothfay, bend thy bow,
Thy arrows fehute fae leil,
Mony a comely countenance
They haif turnd to deidly pale.
Brade THOMAS, tak ze but zour lance,
Ze neid nae weapons mair,
Gif ze ficht weit as ze did anes
Gainst WESTMORLAND's fers heir.

"MALCOM, licht of fute as flag
That runs in forest wyld,
Get me my thousands thrie of men,
Well bred to sword and schield;
Bring me my horse and harnisine,
My blade of mettal cleir.
If saes kend but the hand it bare,
They sune had sled for feir.

"Fareweil my dame fae peirless gude, (And tuke hir by the hand),
Fairer to me in age zou feim,
Than maids for bewtie famd:

My zoungest son fall here remain To guard these stately towirs, And fehut the filver bolt that keips Sae fast zour painted bowirs."

And first scho wet hir comely cheiks, And then her bodice grene, Hir filken cords of twirtle twift. Weil plait with filver fchene; And apron fet with mony a dice Of neidle-wark fae rair, Wove by nae hand, as ze may guefs, Saif that of FAIRLY fair.

And he has ridden owre muir and mofs. Owre hills and mony a glen, Ouhen he came to a wounded knicht, Making a heavy mane;

"Here maun I lye, here maun I dye, By treacheries false gyles; Witlefs I was that eir gaif faith

To wicked womans fmyles."

"Sir Knicht, gin ze were in my bowir, To lean on filken feat. My ladyis kyndlie care zoud prove, Quha neir kend deidly hate: Hirfelf wald watch ze all the day, Hir maids at deid of nicht; And FAIRLY fair zour heart wald cheir,

As fcho flands in zour ficht.

" Aryse, young knicht, and mount zour steid, Full lowns the shynand day:

Cheis frae my menzie guhom ze pleis To leid ze on the way." With fmyles luke, and visage wan, The wounded knicht replyd, " Kynd chiftain, zour intent pursue, For heir I maun abyde.

To me nae after day nor nicht Can eir be fweit or fair, But fune beneath fum draping tree Cauld death fall end my care." With him nae pleiding micht prevail; Brave HARDYKNUTE in to gain, With fairest words, and reason strong, Straif courteously in vain.

Syne he has gane far hynd attowre Lord CHATTANS land fae wyde; That Lord a worthy wicht was ay, Quhen faes his courage feyd: Of Pictish race by mothers syde, Ouhen Picts ruld Caledon, Lord CHATTAN claimd the princely maid, Quhen he faift Pictish crown.

Now with his ferss and stalwart train, He reicht a ryfing heicht, Quhair braid encampit on the dale, NORSE menzie lay in ficht. " Zonder, my valiant fons and ferfs, Our raging revers wait, On the unconquerit Scottish swaird, To try with us their fate.

Mak orifons to Him that faift
Our fauls upon the roode;
Syne braifly fchaw zour veins ar filld
With Caledonian blude."
Then furth he drew his trufty glaive,
Quhile thoufands all around,
Drawn frae their fheaths glanft in the fun,
And loud the bougills found.

To join his King, adown the hill,
In hast his merch he made,
Quhile, playand pibrochs, minstrails meit
Afore him stately strade.
"Thryse welcum, valziant stoup of weir,

Thy nations fcheild and pryde; Thy King nae reafon has to feir Quhen thou art be his fyde."

Quhen bows were bent and darts were thrawn,
For thrang fcarce could he flie,
The darts clove arrows as they met,
The arrows dart the trie.
Lang did they rage and ficht full ferfs,
With little fkaith to man,
But bludy bludy was the field,
Or that lang day was done.

The King of Scots that findle bruikd
The war that luikt like play,
Drew his braid fword, and brake his bow,
Sen bows feimt but delay.
Quoth noble Rothsay, "Myne I'll keip,
I wate its bleid a fkore."

" Hast up, my merry men," cryd the King, As he rade on before.

The King of Norfe he focht to find, With him to menfe the faucht, But on his forehead there did licht A fharp unfonfie fhaft;

As he his hand put up to find

The wound, an arrow kene,

O waefou chance! there pinnd his hand In midft between his ene.

"Revenge, revenge!" cryd Rothsays heir,

" Your mail-coat fall nocht byde

The firength and fharpness of my dart:"
Then fent it through his syde.

Another arrow weil he markt, It perfit his neck in twa,

His hands then quhat the filver reins, He law as eard did fa.

" Sair bleids my Liege, fair fair he bleids!" Again with micht he drew,

And gefture dreid, his flurdy bow, Faft the braid arrow flew:

Wae to the knicht he ettled at,

Lament now, Queen ELDREID, Hie dames to wail zour darlings fall, His zouth and comely meid.

" Tak aff, tak aff his coftly jupe, (Of gold weil was it twynd,

Knit lyke the fowlers net, through quhilk His fleily harnefs flynd),

Tak, NORSE, that gift frae me, and bid Him venge the blude it beirs; Sae, if he face my bended bow, He fure nae weapon feirs."

Proud NORSE with giant body tall,
Braid shoulders and arms strong,
Cry'd, "Quhair is HARDYKNUTE sae fam'd,
And feird at Britains throne?
Tho Britons tremble at his name,
I sune sall make him wail,
That eir my sword was made sae sharp,
Sae saft his coat of mail."

That brag his flout heart coud na byde,

It lent him zouthfou micht;

"I'm HARDYKNUTE this day, he cry'd,

To Scotlands king I hecht

To lay thee law, as horses huse,

My word I mean to keep."

Syne with the first strake eir he strake,

He gard his body bleid.

NORSE ene like gray gofehawke staird wyld,
He sicht with shame and spyte;
"Disgrac'd is now my far-fam'd arm,
That left thee power to stryke:"
Then gaif his head a blaw sae fell,
It made him down to stoup,
As law as he to ladies usit
In courtly guife to lout.

Full foon he rais'd his bent body,
His bow he marvelld fair,
Sen blaws till then on him but darr'd
As touch of FAIRLY fair:

NORSE ferlit too as fair as he, To fe his flately luke; Sae fune as eir he flrake a fae, Sae fune his lyfe he tuke.

Quhair, like a fyre to hether fet,
Bauld THOMAS did advance,
A flurdy fae, with luke enrag'd,
Up towards him did prance;
He fpurd his fleid throw thickeft ranks,
The hardy zouth to quell,
Quha flude unmovit at his approach,
His furie to repell.

"That fchort brown fhaft fae meanly trim'd, Lukis lyke poor Scotlands gier; But driedfull feims the rufty point!" And loud he leuch in jeir. "Aft Britons blude has dim'd its fchyne;

This poynt cut fchort their vaunt:"
Syne piered the boifters bairded chiek,
Nae tyme he tuke to taunt.

Schort quhyle he in his faddill fwang,
His ftirrup was nae ftay,
Sae feible hang his unbent knee,
Sure taken he was fey:
Swith on the hardened clay he fell,
Richt far was heard the thud;
But Thomas lukit not as he lay
All waltering in his blude.

With cairles gesture, mind unmovit, On raid he north the plain; His feim in thrang of fiercest stryse, Quhen winter ay the same; Nor zit his heart dames dimplet chiek Could meise saft luve to bruik, Till vengesul Ann returnd his scorn, Then languid grew his luke.

Now darts flew wavering through flaw fpeid,
Scarce could they reach their aim;
Or reach'd, fearce blood the round point drew,
'Twas all but fhot in vain:
Right ftrengthly arms forfeebled grew,
Sair wreck'd wi' that day's toils;
En fierce-born minds now lang'd for peace,
And curs'd Wars cruch broils.

Yet flill Wars horns founded to charge,
Swords classed and harness rang;
But fastly fae ilk blaster blew
The hills and dales fracmang,
Nae echo heard in double dints,
Nor the lang winding-horn,
Nae moir she blew out brade as she
Did eir that summers morn.

In thrawis of death with wallowit cheik,
All panting on the plain,
The fainting corps of warriors lay,
Neir to aryfe again;
Neir to return to native land,
Nae mair with blythfom founds
To boift the glories of the day,
And fchaw thair fhyning wounds.

On Norways coast the widowit dame May wash the rocks with teirs, May lang luke owre the schiples seis Besoir hir mate appeirs.

Ceife, EMMA, ceife to hope in vain; Thy Lord lyis in the clay;

The valziant Scots nae revers thole
To carry lyfe away.

There on a lee, quhair flands a crofs
Set up for monument,

Thousands full fers that summers day Filld kene Waris black intent.

Let Scots, quhile Scots, praise HARDYKNUTE, Let Norse, the name ay dried:

Ay how he faucht, aft how he fpaird, Sal latest ages reid.

Loud and chill blew the westlin wind, Sair beat the heavy showir,

Mirk grew the nicht eir HARDYKNUTE Wan neir his stately towir.

His towir that ufd with torches bleife To flyne fae far at nicht,

Seemd now as black as mourning weid,
Nac maryel fair he field.

"Thairs nae licht in my ladys bowir, Thairs nae licht in my hall;

Nac blink fehynes round my Fair Lv fair, Nor ward flands on my wall.

Quhat bodes it? ROBERT----THOMAS, fay?"---Nac answer fits their dried.

"Stand back, my fons, I'll be zour gyde:"
But by they past with speid.

"As fast I haif sped owre Scotlands saes,"---Thair ceist his brag of weir,
Sair schamit to mynd ought but his dame,
And maiden FAIRLY fair.
Black feir he felt, but quhat to feir
He wist not zit with dried:
Sair schuke his body, sair his limbs,
And all the warriour fled.

DUNCAN.

S A W ye the thane o' meikle pride, Red anger in his ee? I faw him not, nor care, he cry'd, Red anger frights na me.

For I have stude whar honour bad, Though death trod on his heel; Mean is the crest that stoops to fear, Nae sic may Duncan seel.

Hark! hark! or was it but the wind, That through the ha' did fing; Hark! hark! agen, a warlike found, The black woods round do ring.

'Tis na for naught, bauld Duncan cry'd, Sic shoutings on the wind. Syne up he started frae his feat, A thrang of spears behind. Haste, haste, my valiant hearts, he faid,
Anes mair to follow me;
We'll meet you shouters by the burn,
I guess wha they may be.

But wha is he that fpeids fae fast,
Frae the slaw marching thrang?
Sae frae the mirk cloud shoots a beam,
The sky's blue face alang.

Some meffenger it is, mayhap,
Then not at peace I trow.

My mafter, Duncan bade me rin,
And fay these words to you:

Restore again that blooming rose, Your rude hand pluckt awa'; Restore again his MARV fair, Or you shall rue his fa'.

Three flrides the gallant Duncan tuik, He flruck his forward fpear: Gae tell thy mafter, beardlefs youth, We are not wont to fear.

He comes na on a waffail rout,
Of revel, fport, and play;
Our fwords gart Fame proclaim us men,
Lang ere this ruefu' day.

The rofe I pluckt o' right is mine, Our hearts together grew, Like twa fweet rofes on ae ftak, Frae hate to love fhe flew. Swift as a winged fhaft he fped;
Bald DUNCAN faid in jeer,
Gae tell thy mafter, beardlefs youth,
We are nae wont to fear.

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Of revels, fport, and play;
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He ftampt his foot upo' the ground, And thus in wrath did fay, God ftrike my faul, if frae this field, We baith in life fhall gae!

He wav'd his hand: the pipers play'd,
The targets clattered round;
And now between the meeting faes
Was little fpace of ground.

But wha is she that rins fae fast?
Her feet nae stap they find;
Sae swiftly rides the milky cloud,
Upo' the summers wind.

Her face a mantle fcreen'd afore,
She show'd of lilly hue;
Sae frae the grey mist breaks the fun,
To drink the morning dew.
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Alack! my friends, what fight is this?

O, flap your rage! flee cry'd,

Whar love with honey'd lips flould be,

Mak not a breach fo wide.

Can then my uncle draw his fword,
My hufband's breaft to bleed?
Or can my fweet Lord do to him
Sic foul and ruthlefs deed?

Bethink you, uncle, of the time,
My gray-hair'd father died,
Frae whar your fhrill horn fluck the wood,
He fent for you with fpeed.

My brother, guard my bairn, he faid, She'll hae nae father foon, Regard her, Donald, as your ain, I'll ask nae uther boon.

Would then my uncle force my love,
Whar love it coudna be?
Or wed me to the man I hate?
Was this his care of me?

Can these brave men, who but of late, Together chas'd the deer, Against their comrades bend their bows, In bluidy hunting here?

She fpake, while trickling ran the tear Her blufhing cheek alang; And filence, like a heavy cloud, O'er a' the warriors hang.

Syne flapt the red-hair'd MALCOLM furth, Three-fcore his years and three; Yet a' the strength of strongest youth, In sic an eild had he.

Nae pity was there in his breaft,
For war alane he loo'd;
His grey een fparkled at the fight
Of plunder, death, and bluid.

What! shall our hearts of steel, he said, Bend to a woman's sang? Or can her words our honour quit, For sic dishonest wrang?

For this did a' these warriors come, To hear an idle tale? And o'er our death-accustomed arms, Shall filly tears prevail?

They gied a flout, their bows they tuik,
They clash'd their steely swords;
Like the loud waves of Barra's shore,
There was nae room for words.

A cry the weeping MARY gied,
O uncle hear my prayer;
Heidna that man of bluidy look.--She had na time for mair.

For in the midst anon there came,

A blind unweeting dart,

That glanc'd frae aff her Duncan's targe,

And strack her to the heart.

Awhile she stagger'd, syne she fell, And Duncan see'd her fa'; Aftound he flood, for in his limbs There was nae power at a'.

The fpear he meant at face to fling, Stood fix'd within his hand; His lips half open, cou'dna fpeak, His life was at a fland.

Sae the black flump of fome auld aik, With arms in triumph dight, Seems to the traveller like a man,

KENNETH.

I WEIRD, I weird, hard-hearted lord,
Thy fa' shall foon be feen;
Proud was the lilly of the morn,
The cald frost nipt or een:

Thou leughst in fcorn when puir men weep'd,
And strack the lowly down;
Sae fall nae widow weep for thine,
When a' their joys are flown.

This night ye drink the fparkly wine;
I redd you drink your fill;
The morrow's fun thall drink your bluid,
Afore he reach the hill.

I fee the fnaw-maned horses ride,
Their glitt'ring swords they draw;
Their swords that shall nae glitter lang,
Till KENNETH'S pride shall sa.'

The black Dog youl'd; he faw the fight Nae man but I could fee:

* High on fair MARG'RET'S breast her sheet, And deadly fix'd her ee:

Sae fpake the feer; wild in his een
His frighted fpirit gaz'd:
Pale were his cheeks, and ftiff his hair
Like boary briftles rais'd.

Loud, loud in KENNETH's lighted ha',
The fang of joy was heard;
And mony a cup they fill'd again,
Afore the light appear'd.

"War my fon WILLIAM now but here, He wad na fail the pledge"-----Wi' that in at the door there ran A ghoufly-looking page.

" I faw them, Master, O! I faw, Beneath the thorney brae, Of black-mail'd warriors mony a rank; Revenge! he cried, and gae."

The youth that bare Lord KENNETH'S cup,
The faft fmile on his cheek,
Frae his white hand let fa' the drink,
Nor did the baldest speak.

* To perfons unacquainted with the fuperfittion of the highlands, this may not be eafily intelligible. There the feer is fuppos'd to behold the figure of the perfon about to die, clothed in their winding-sheet; and the higher it is on their bodies, the nearer their approaching dissolution.

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Sae have I feen the gray-wing'd fhaft
That flrak the nobleft deer;
Aftounded gaz'd the trembling herd,
Nor could they flee for fear.

- "Ride, ride, and bid Lord WILLIAM come; His fathers fair befet."-----
- "It was Lord WILLIAMs horse that neigh'd; I heard them bar the yate."
- "Welcome, my valiant fon," he faid; Or fhould I welcome fay, In fic an ill hour, when you come To meet thy father's fae?"
- "Curs'd be that thought," bald WILLIAM faid;
 "My father's face are mine;

Lang has my breaft frae Kenneth learn'd Sic baby fear to tine."

"O WILLIAM! had we kent yestreen."----"Father, we ken it now;

Let women tell what women wifh."----Syne three fhrill blafts he blew.

Fair MARG'RET lay on downy bed; Yet was na found her rest; She waken'd wi' Lord WILLIAM's horn, And down she came in haste.

"What mean you, KENNETH, by that blaft?
I wish my dreams bode guid;
Upon a bed of lillies fair

I thought there rain'd red bluid.

- My fon! my fon! may peace be there
 Whar noble WILLIAM stands."-----
- "We are the lillies," answer'd he, May their bluid weit our hands."
- "What means my WILLIAM by fic words? Whafe bluid would WILLIAM fpill?
- I thought that horn had blawn in peace, That wak'd the night fae still."
- She luik'd; but nane durst answer make, Till gallant WILLIAM said,
- " Aft has my mother bade us joy, When we to battail gade.
- Again thy hands may work the plaid For him that fought the best;
- Again may I hing up my targe Upon the pin to rest.
- But WILLIAM never liv'd to flee; Nor did his mother hear
- A warrior cry on WILLIAMS name, That was na found for fear.
- And if we fa', my gallant friends, We fhall na fa' alane:
- Some honest hand shall write our deeds Upon the tallest stane."----
- "Haste, KENNETH, haste; for in the field The fire-ey'd WALTER rides;
- His men, that come fae thrang wi' hafte, For flaw delay he chides."
- "By Mary, we will meet him there,"
 The angry WILLIAM cry'd;

Thy fon will try this Lion-fae, And you with MARGARET bide."

" No, on my faith, the fword of youth Thy father yet can wield; If that I shrink frae feircest faes. May babies mock my eild."

Then forth they rush'd, afore the vate The warriours fallied out:

Lord WILLIAM fmil'd upon their ranks; They answer'd wi' a shout.

"Gae rin, and fav to WALTER thus: What feek thae warriours here? Or why the din of fiery war Aftounds the peaceful ear?"

Swift ran the page. "Thus KENNETH fays, What feik thae warriours here? Or why the din of fiery war Aftounds the peaceful ear?"

" Gae tell thy mafter, frae this arm Mine answer will I gi'e; Remind him of his tyrant deeds, And bid him answer me.

Wha was't that flew my father dear? That bar'd my castle wa'? Wha was't that bade wild ruin bruid Whar pipes did glad the ha'?"

Nor half way had the meffage fped, When their tough bows they drew; But far attour the warriors heads The shafts for anger slew.

"Sae ever shute Lord KENNETH'S faes,"
The Valiant WILLIAM faid;
Wi' this I war nae wi' the wind."
And drew his glittering blade.

Below the arrows' arch they rufh'd Wi' mony a fhout, fae fast:
Beneath the rainbow the big clouds
Sae drives the roaring blast.

Bald WALTER fprang frae aff his fleid,
And drave him o'er the lee;
"Curs'd be the name of that base cow'rd
That could but think to flee."

Firmly he fet his manly foot,
And firm his targe he bare;
Never may WALTER greet his friends,
If KENNETH'S fee him mair.

Multa defunt.

Fair MARGARET wi' her maidens fat
Within the painted wa';
She flarted at ilk breath of wind
That whiftled through the ha'.

"Wha was't that gi'd yon cry below?----Say, page, does ill betide?"

Kenneth and William baith are flain;
Mak hafte, mak hafte and ride."

Her maidens fcriech'd: but any fpeech, Nor wail of wae, had fhe; She bow'd her head, and fair fhe figh'd, And cald Death clos'd her ee.

Frennet Hall. Part 1st.

WHEN Frennett caftle's ivied wall
Thro' yallow leaves were feen;
When birds forfook the faplefs boughs,
And bees the faded green;

Then Lady FRENNET, vengeful dame, Did wander frae the ha', To the wild forest's dewie gloom, Among the leaves that fa'.

Her page, the fwiftest of her train, Had clumb a lofty tree, Whase branches to the angry blast Were foughing mournfullie.

He turn'd his een towards the path

That near the castle lay,

Where good lord JOHN and ROTHEMAY

Were rideing down the brae.

Swift darts the eagle from the fky, When prey beneath is feen: As quickly he forgot his hold, And perch'd upon the green.

O hie thee, hie thee! lady gay, Frac this dark wood awa: Some vifitors of gallant mein Are hafting to the ha'.

Then round she rowed her silken plaid, Her feet she did na spare, Until she left the forest skirts A lang bow-shot and mair.

O where, O where, my good lord John, O tell me where you ride? Within my castle-wall this night I hope you mean to bide.

Kind nobles, will ye but alight, In yonder bower to flay; Saft ease shall teach you to forget The hardness of the way.

Forbear entreaty, gentle dame,
How can we here remain?
Full well you ken your hufband dear
Was by our father flain.

The thoughts of which with fell revenge Your angry bofom fwell: Enraged you've fworn that blood for blood

Enraged you've fworn that blood for blood Should this black passion quell.

O fear not, fear not, good lord John,
That I will you betray,
Or fue requittal for a debt
Which nature cannot pay.

Bear witness, a' ye powers on high, Ye lights that 'gin to shine, This night shall prove the sacred cord That knits your faith and mine.

The lady flee with honeyed words
Entic'd thir youths to flay:
But morning fun nere fhone upon
Lord John nor Rothemay.

Tune, Wally wally up the bank.

EARL DOUGLAS, than quham nevir knicht
Had valour more ne courtesse,
Zet he's now blamet by a' the land
For lightillying o' his gay Lady.

Go, little page, and tell your lord,
Gin he will cum and dyne wi' me,
I'll fet him on a feat of gold,
I'll ferve him wi' my bended knee.

The little page gaid up the ftair:

"Lord Douglas, dyne wi' zour lady;
She'll fet you on a feat of gold,
And ferve ze on her bended knee."

Quhen cockle-shells turn filler bells; Quhen muffells grow on ilka tree; Quhen frost and fina fall warm us a', Then fall I dyne wi' my lady.

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Now wae betide ze, black Faftnefs, Ay and an ill dead mai ze die: Ze was the first and foremost man Quha parted my true lord and me.

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To the tune of Leaderhaughs and Yarrow.

I DREAM'D a dreary dream last night;
God keep us a' frae forrow:
I dream'd I pu'd the birk sae green
Wi' my true luve on Yarrow.

I'll read your dream, my fifter dear, I'll tell you a' your forrow: You pu'd the birk wi' your true luve; He's kiil'd, he's kill'd on Yarrow.

O gentle wind, that bloweth fouth, To where my love repaireth, Convey a kifs from his dear mouth, And tell me how he fareth!

But o'er yon glen run armed men, Have wrought me dule and forrow: They've flain, they've flain the comlieft fwain, He bleeding lies on Yarrow.

LAMMIKIN.

To the Tune of Gil Morrice.

A BETTER mason than LAMMIKIN Never builded wi' the stane:

Quha builded Lord WEIRES castell,

Bot wages nevir gat nane.

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" Sen ze winnae gie me my guerdon, Lord, Sen ze winnae gie me my hyre, Yon proud caftle, fae stately built,

I fall gar rock wi' the fyre.

" Sen ze winnae gie me my wages, Lord, Ze fall hae caufe to rue."

And fyne he brewed a black revenge,
And fyne he vowed a vow.

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- "Now byde at hame, my luve, my life,

 I warde ze byde at hame:
- O gang nae to this day's hunting, To leave me a' my lane!
- " Zestreene, zestreene, I dreamt my bower, Of red, red blude was fu'.

Gin ye gang to this black hunting, I fall hae caufe to rue."

Quha looks to dreams, my winfome dame? Ze hae nae caufe to feare."

And fyne he's kift her comely cheek, And fyne the ftarting teare.

And fyne he's gane to the good greene wode, And she to her painted bowir;

And fhe's gard fleek doors, windows, yates, Of caftle, ha, and towir.

They fleeked doors, they fleeked yates, Clofe to the cheek and chin:

They steeked them a' but a little wicket, And LAMMIKIN crap in.

Now quhere's the Lady of this caftle, Nurse tell to LAMMIKIN? She's sewing up intill her bowir; The fals NOURICE she sung.

LAMMIKIN nipped the bonnie babe, Quhile loud fals Nourice fings:

LAMMIKIN nipped the bonnie babe, Quhile hich the red blude fprings.

O gentil Nourice! please my babe, O please him wi'the keys! It'll no be pleased, gay lady, Gin I'd sit on my knees.

Gude gentle NOURICE, pleafe my babe, O pleafe him wi' a knife! He winnae be pleafed, mistress myne, Gin I wad lay down my life.

Sweet Nourice, loud, loud cries my babe, O pleafe him wi' the bell! He winnae be pleafed, gay lady, Till ze cum down yourfell.

And quhen fhe faw the red, red blude,
A loud fcrich fchriched fhe.
O monster, monster! spare my child,

Quha nevir skaithed thee.

O fpare! gif in your bludy breaft Albergs not heart of ftane!

O fpare! and ye fall hae of goud Quhat ze can carrie hame. Dame, I want not your goud, he faid;
Dame, I want not your fee;
I hae been wranged by your Lord,
Ze fall black vengeance drie.

Here are nae fers to guard your halls,

Nae trusty speirmen here;

They found the horn in gude grene wode,

And chasse the doe and deer.

Tho' merry founds the gude grene wode, Wi' huntímen, hounds, and horn, Zour Lord fall rue, e'er fets yon fun, He has done me fkaith and fcorn.

S H E has call'd to her her bower-maidens,
She has call'd them one by one;
"There is a dead man in my bower,
I wish that he was gone."

They have booted him, and fpurred him, As he was wont to ride:

A hunting-horn around his waift, A fharp fword by his fide.

Then up and fpake a bonny bird, That fat upon the tree,

" Quhat hae ze done with Earl RICHARD, Ze was his gay lady?"

Cum down, cum down, my bonnie bird, Cum fit upon my hand; And ze fall hae a cage o' the goud, Quhere ze hae but the wand."

"Awa' awa', ze ill woman,
Nae ill woman for me;
Quhat ze hae done to Earl RICHARD,
Sae wad ye do to me."

"O there's a bird within your bower,
That fings fae fad and fweet;
O there's a bird intill your bower,
Kept me frae my night's fleep."

And the fware by the grafs fae green,
Sae did the by the corn,
That the had not feen Earl RICHARD
Syne yesterday at morn.

The Bonny Lass of Lochroyan.

Own HA will shoe thy bonny feet?
Or wha will glove thy hand?
Or wha will lace thy middle-jimp,
With a lang, lang London whang?

And wha will kame thy bonny head With a Tabean birben kame?

And wha will be my bairns father,

Till love GREGORY come hame?

Thy father'll fhoe his bonny feet;
Thy mother'll glove his hand;
Thy brither will lace his middle jimp
With a lang lang London whang.

Myfell will kame his bonny head
With a Tabean birben kame;
And the Lord will be the bairns father
Till GREGORY come hame.

Then she's gart build a bonny ship, It's a' cover'd o'er with pearl: And at every needle-tack was in't There hang a siller-bell.

And she's awa-----To sail upon the sea:
She's gane to seek love GREGORY
In lands whare'er he be.

She had na fail'd a league but twa,
Or fcantly had she three,
Till she met with a rude rover
Was failing on the sea.

O whether art thou the queen herfell? Or ane o' her Maries three? Or art thou the Lass of Lochroyan Seeking love GREGORY?

O I am not the queen herfell, Nor ane of her Maries three; But I am the Lass of Lochroyan Seeking love GREGORY?

O fees na thou yon bonny bower, It's a' cover'd o'er with tin: When thou hast fail'd it round about, Love GREGORY is within.

When she had fail'd it round about, She tirled at the pin:

O open, open, love GREGORY, Open, and let me in!

For I am the Lass of Lochroyan, Banisht frae a' my kin.

[His mother speaks to her from the house, and she thinks it him.]

If thou be the Lafs of Lochroyan,
As I know na thou be,
Tell me fome of the true takens
That past between me and thee.

Hast thou na mind, love GREGORY, As we sat at the wine, We changed the rings aff ithers hands, And ay the best was mine?

For mine was o' the gude red gould,
But thine was o' the tin;
And mine was true and trufty baith,
But thine was faufe within.

And hast thou na mind, love GREGORY,
As we fat on you hill,
Thou twin'd me of my maidenhead
Right fair against my will?

Now open, open, love GREGORY,
Open, and let me in;
For the rain rains on my gude cleeding,
And the dew stands on my chin.

If thou be the Lafs of Lochroyan,
As I know na thou be,
Tell me fome mair o' the takens
Past between me and thee.

Then fhe has turn'd her round about,
Well fince it will be fae,
Let never woman who has born a fon
Hae a heart fae full of wae.

Take down, take down that mast of gould, Set up a mast of tree; For it disna become a forsaken lady To fail fae royallie.

[The Son fpeaks.]

I dreamt a dream this night, mother, I wish it may prove true, That the bonny Lass of Lochroyan Was at the yate just now.

Lie ftill, lie ftill, my only fon,
And found fleep mayst thou get;
For it's but an hour or little mair
Since she was at the yate.

Awa, awa, ye wicked woman,
And an ill dead may you die;
Ye might have either letten her in,
Or elfe have wakened me.

Gar faddle to me the black, he faid, Gar faddle to me the brown, Gar faddle to me the fwiftest steed That is in a' the town. Now the first town he came to, The bells were ringing there; And the neist town he came to, Her corpse was coming there.

Set down, fet down that comely corpfe, Set down, and let me fee, Gin that be the Lafs of Lochroyan, That died for love o' me.

And he took out his little penknife,
That hang down by his gare;
And he's ripp'd up her winding-sheet,
A lang claith-yard and mair.

And first he kist her cherry-cheek,
And syne he kist her chin,
And neist he kist her rosy lips;
There was nae breath within.

And he has ta'en his little penknife,
With a heart that was fou fair;
He has given himfelf a deadly wound,
And word fpoke never mair.

The Battle of Otterburn.

I T fell and about the Lammas time, When husband men do win their hay, Earl Douglas is to the English woods, And a' with him to setch a prey.

He has chosen the LINDSAYS light, With them the gallant GORDONS gay,

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And the Earl of FYFE withouten strife, And Sir HUGH MONTGOMERY upon a grey.

They hae taken Northumberland, And fae hae they the north-shire, And the Otter-dale they burnt it hale, And set it a' into a fire.

Out then fpack a bonny boy,

That ferv'd ane o' Earl Douglas' kin,

Methinks I fee an English host

A-coming branken us upon.

If this be true, my little boy,
An it be troth that thou tells me,
The brawest bower in Otterburn
This day shall be thy morning fee.

But if it be falfe, my little boy,
But and a lie that thou tells me,
On the highest tree that's in Otterburn
With my awin hands I'll hing thee hie.

The boy's taen out his little penknife,

That hanget low down by his gare,

And he gae Earl Douglas a deadly wound,

Alack! a deep wound and a fare.

Earl Douglas faid to Sir Hugh Montgomery, Tack thou the vanguard o' the three; And bury me at yon braken bush, That stands upon yon lilly lee.

Then PERCY and MONTGOMERY met, And weel a wat they war na fain; They swapped swords, and they twa swat, And ay the blood ran down between. O yield thee, yield thee, PERCY, he faid, Or elfe I vow I'll lay thee low. Whom to shall I yield? faid Earl PERCY; Now that I see it man be so.

O yield thee to yon braken bush, That grows upon yon lilly lie.

I winna yield to a braken bush,
Nor yet will I unto a brier;
But I wad yield to Earl Douglas,
Or Sir Hugh Montgomery, if he was here.

As foon as he knew it was MONTGOMERY,
He fluck his fword's point in the ground:
And Sir HUGH MONTGOMERY was a courteous knight,
And he quickly brought him by the hand.

This deed was done at Otterburn,
About the breaking o' the day.
Earl Douglas was buried at the braken bush,
And Percyled captive away.

The Jew's Daughter.

THE rain runs down thro' Mirry-land toune,
Sae dois it doune the Pa:
Sae dois the lads of Mirry-land toune,
Quhan they play at the ba.

Then outand cam the Jewis dochter, Said, Will ye cum in and dine! I winnae cum in, I winnae cum in, Without my play-feres nine.

Scho pow'd an apple reid and white
To intice the young thing in:
Scho pow'd an apple white and reid,
And that the fweit bairne did win

And fcho has taine out a little pen-knife,
And low down by her gair,
Scho has twin'd the zoung thing of his life!
A word he neir fpake mair.

And outand cam the thick thick bluid,
And outand cam the thin;
And outand cam the bonny herts bluid:
Thair was nae life left in.

Scho laid him on a dreffing borde, And dreft him like a fwine, And laughing faid, Gae now and pley With zour fweet play-feres nine.

Scho row'd him in a cake of lead, Bade him ly still and sleip. Scho cast him in a deip draw-well, Was sifty fathom deip.

Quhan bells wer rung, and maß was fung, And every lady went hame: Than ilk lady had her zoung fonne, But Lady Helen had nane.

Scho row'd hir mantil hir about, And fair fair gan she weip: And she ran into the Jewis castel, Quhan they wer all asseip. My bonny Sir H E w, my pretty Sir H E w, I pray thee to me fpeik:

" O lady rinn to the deip draw-well " Gin ze zour fonne wad feik."

Lady HELEN ran to the deip draw-well, And knelt upon her kne:

My bonny Sir H E w, an ze be here, I pray thee speik to me.

The lead is wondrous heavy, mither, The well is wondrous deip,

A keen pen-knife flicks in my hert, A word I downae fpeik.

Gae hame, gae hame, my mother deir, Fetch me my winding-sheet, And at the back o' Mirry-land toune, Its there we twa fall meet.

There Gowans are gay.

THERE gowans are gay, my joy,
There gowans are gay;
They gar me wake when I shou'd sleep,
The first morning of May.
About the fields as I did pass,

There gowans are gay;
I chanc'd to meet a proper lafs,
The first morning of May.
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Right bufy was that bonny maid,
There gowans are gay;

I halft her, fyne to her I faid, The first morning of May:

O mistress fair, what do you here? There gowans are gay;

Gathering the dew, what neid ye fpeir? The first morning of May.

The dew, quoth I, what can that mean?
There gowans are gay;
Quoth fhe, To wash my mistress clean,

Quoth flie, To wash my mistress clean, The first morning of May.

I asked farder at hir fyne,
There gowans are gay,
Gif to my will she wad incline?
The first morning of May.

She faid, her errand was not there, Where gowans are gay; Her maidenhood on me to ware, The first morning of May.

Then like an arrow frae a bow,
There gowans are gay;
She skift away out o'er the know,
The first morning of May.

And left me in the garth my lane, There gowans are gay; And in my heart a twang of pain, The first morning of May. The little birds they fang full fweet,
There gowans are gay;
Unto my comfort was right meet,
The first morning of May.

And thereabout I past my time,
There gowans are gay;
Until it was the hour of prime,
The first morning of May.

And then returned hame bedeen,
The gowans are gay;
Panfand what maiden that had been,
The first morning of May.

Kertonha': or, The Fairy Court.

SHE's prickt herfell and prin'd herfell,
By the ae light o' the moon,
And she's awa' to Kertonha',
As fast as she can gang.

"What gars ye pu' the rofe, JENNY?
What gars ye break the tree?
What gars you gang to Kertonha',
Without the leave of me?"

"Yes, I will pu' the rose, Thomas, And I will break the tree; For Kertonha' shou'd be my ain, Nor ask I leave of thee."

"Full pleafant is the fairy land, And happy there to dwell; I am a fairy lyth and limb; Fair maiden, view me well.

O pleafant is the fairy land! How happy there to dwell! But ay at every feven years end, We're a' dung down to hell.

The morn is good Hallow-e'en, And our court a' will ride; If ony maiden wins her man, Then she may be his bride.

But first ye'll let the black gae by, And then ye'll let the brown: Then I'll ride on a milk-white steed, You'll pu' me to the ground.

And first, I'll grow into your arms,
An esk, but and an edder;
Had me fast, let me not gang,
I'll be your bairn's father.

Next, I'll grow into your arms
A toad, but and an eel;
Had me fast, let me not gang,
If you do love me leel.

Last, I'll grow into your arms
A dove, but and a swan;
Then, maiden fair, you'll let me go,
I'll be a perfect man.

Clerk COLVILL: or, The Mermaid.

CLERK COLVILL and his lufty dame
Were walking in the garden green;
The belt around her stately waist
Cost Clerk Colvill of pounds fifteen.

O promife me now, Clerk Colvill, Or it will cost ye muckle strife; Ride never by the wells of Slane, If ye wad live and brook your life.

Now fpeak nae mair, my lufty dame, Now fpeak nae mair of that to me; Did I ne'er fee a fair woman, But I wad fin with her fair body?

He's ta'en leave o' his gay lady, Nought minding what his lady faid; And he's rode by the wells of Slane, Where washing was a bonny maid.

"Wash on, wash on, my bonny maid, That wash fae clean your fark of filk;"

" And weel fa' you, fair gentleman, Your body's whiter than the milk."

Then loud, loud cry'd the Clerk COLVILL,
O my head it pains me fair;

"Then take, then take," the maiden faid,
"And frae my fark you'll cut a gare."

Then she's gi'ed him a little bane-knife, And frae his fark he cut a share; She's ty'd it round his whey-white face, But ay his head it aked mair.

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Then louder cry'd the Clerk Colvill,

" O fairer, fairer akes my head;"

" And fairer, fairer ever will,"

The maiden crys, 'till you be dead."

Out then he drew his shining blade,
Thinking to stick her where she stood;
But she was vanish'd to a sish,
And swam far off a fair mermaid.

O mother, mother, braid my hair; My lufty lady, make my bed,

O brother, take my fword and fpear, For I have feen the false mermaid.

WILLIE and ANNET.

LIv'd ance twa luvers in you dale,
And they lov'd ither weel,
Frae ev'ning late to morning aire
Of luving luv'd their fill.

" Now, WILLIE, gif you luve me weel, As fae it feems to me, Gar build, gar build a bonny fchip, Gar build it speedilie.

And we will fail the fea fae green, Unto fome far countrie, Or we'll fail to fome bonie ifle Stands lanely midst the fea."

But lang or ere the fchip was built, Or deck'd, or rigged out, Came fick a pain in Annet's back, That down she cou'd na lout.

" Now, WILLIE, gif ye luve me weel, As fae it feems to me,

O haste, haste, bring me to my bow'r, And my bow'r maidens three."

He's taen her in his arms twa,
And kifs'd her cheik and chin;
He's brocht her to her ain fweet bow'r,
But nae bow'r-maid was in.

"Now, leave my bower, WILLIE, she said, Now leave me to my lane; Was nevir man in a lady's bower When she was travelling."

He's stepped three steps down the stair,
Upon the marble stane:

Sae loud's he heard his young fon's greet, But and his lady's mane!

"Now come, now come, WILLIE, she said, Tak your young fon frae me, And hie him to your mother's bower With speed and privacie."

He's taen his young fon in his arms, He's kifs'd him cheik and chin, He's hied him to his mother's bower By th' ae light of the moon.

And with him came the bold Barone, And he fpake up wi' pride,

" Gar feek, gar feek the bower-maidens, Gar busk, gar busk the bryde."

" My maidens, eafy with my back,
And eafy with my fide.

O fet my faddle faft, WILLIE, I am a tender bryde."

When she came to the burrow town,
They gied her a broach and ring,
And when she came to * * * *
They had a fair wedding.

O up then fpake the Norland Lord, And blinkit wi' his ee,

" I trow this lady's born a bairn;"
Then laucht loud lauchters three.

And up then fpake the brifk bridegroom, And he fpake up wi' pryde,

"Gin I should pawn my wedding-gloves, I will dance wi' the bryde."

" Now had your tongue, my Lord, she faid, Wi' dancing let me be, I am fae thin in slesh and blude,

I am fae thin in flesh and blude, Sma' dancing will ferve me."

But she's taen WILLIE be the hand, The tear blinded her ee,

"But I wad dance wi' my true luve--But burfts my heart in three."

She's taen her bracelet frae her arm, Her garter frae her knee,

"Gie that, gie that to my young fon. He'll ne'er his mother fee." "Gar deal, gar deal the bread, mother, Gar deal, gar deal the wyne; This day hath feen my true luve's death, This nicht shall witness myne."

The cruel Knight.

THE Knight stands in the stable-door,
As he was for to ryde,
When out then came his fair lady,
Desiring him to byde.

"How can I byde, how dare I byde, How can I byde with thee? Have I not kill'd thy ae brother? Thou hadst nae mair but he."

" If you have kill'd my ae brother,
Alas! and woe is me!
But if I fave your fair body,
The better you'll like me."

She's taen him to her fecret bower, Pinn'd with a filler-pin, And fhe's up to her highest tower, To watch that none come in.

She had na well gane up the flair,
And entered in her tower,
When four-and-twenty armed knights
Came riding to the door.

" Now, God you fave, my fair lady, I pray you tell to me, Saw you not a wounded knight Come riding by this way?

"Yes; bloody, bloody was his fword, And bloody were his hands; But if the fleed he rides be good, He's past fair Scotland's strands.

Light down, light down, then, Gentlemen, And take fome bread and wine; The better you will him purfue, When you shall lightly dine."

"We thank you for your bread, Lady,
We thank you for your wine.

I would gie thrice three thousand pounds Your fair body was mine."

Then she's gane to her fecret bower,
Her husband dear to meet;
But out he drew his bloody sword,
And wounded her very deep.

"What aileth thee now, good my Lord,
What aileth thee at me?

Have you not got my father's gold, But and my mother's fee?"

" Now live, now live, my fair lady,
O live but half an hour,
There's ne'er a leech in fair Scotland
But shall be at thy bower."

" How can I live, how shall I live, How can I live for thee? See you not where my red heart's blood Runs trickling down my knee!

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Wha will bake, etc.

WHA will bake my bridal bread, And brew my bridal ale? And wha will welcome my brifk bride That I bring o'er the dale?

I will bake your bridal bread, And brew your bridal ale, And I will welcome your brifk bride That you bring o'er the dale.

But she that welcomes my brisk bride Maun gang like maiden fair, She maun lace on her robe sae jimp, And braid her yellow hair.

But how can I gang maiden-like,
When maiden I am nane?
Have I not born feven fons to thee,
And am with child agen?

She's taen her young fon in her arms,
Another in her hand,
And fhe's up to the highest tower,
To see him come to land.

You're welcome to your house, Master, You're welcome to your land, You're welcome with your fair lady, That you lead by the hand.

And ay fhe ferv'd the lang tables
With white bread and with wine,
And ay fhe drank the wan water,
To had her colour fine.

Now he's taen down a filk napkin Hung on the filver-pin, And ay he wipes the tear trickling Adown her cheek and chin.

I'll wager, I'll wager, etc.

I'LL wager, I'll wager, I'll wager with you,
Five hundred merks and ten,
That a maid sha'nae go to yon bonny green wood,
And a maiden return agen.

I'll wager, I'll wager with you,
Five hundred merks and ten,
That a maid shall go to yon bonny green wood,
And a maiden return agen.

She's pu'd the blooms aff the broom-bush, And strew'd them on's white hafs-bane; This is a fign whereby you may know That a maiden was here, but she's gane.

O where was you, my good gray fleed, That I hae lo'ed fae dear? O why did you not waken me When my true love was here?

I flamped with my foot, Mafter, And gar'd my bridle ring, But you wadnae waken from your fleep, Till your love was paft and gane.

Now I may fing as dreary a fang, As the bird fung on the brier, For my true love is far remov'd, And I'll ne'er fee her mair.

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LOVESONGS.

An thou wert my ain Thing.

A N thou wert mine ain thing,
I would lue thee, I would lue thee;
An thou wert mine ain thing,
How dearly would I lue thee.

Of race divine thou needs must be, Since naething earthly equals thee; For Heaven's fake, oh! favour me, Who only live to lue thee.

An thou wert, etc.

The gods ae thing peculiar have,
To ruin nane wham they can fave;
O! for their fake support a flave,
Who only lives to lue thee.

An thou wert, etc.

To merit I nae claim can make, But that I lue; and, for thy fake, What man can name I'll undertake, So dearly do I lue thee. An thou wert, etc.

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

An thou wert, etc.

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Like bees that fuck the morning-dew Frae flours o' fweetest fcent and hue, Sae wad I dwell upo' thy mou, And gar the gods envy me.

An thou wert, etc.

Sae lang's I had the use o' light, I'd on thy beauties feast my sight, Syne in saft whispers thro' the night, I'd tell how much I loo'd thee.

An thou wert, etc.

How fair and ruddy is my JEAN!
She muves a goddess o'er the green!
Were I a king, thou shou'd be queen,
Nane but mysell aboon thee.

An thou wert, etc.

I'd grafp thee to this breast o' mine, Whilst thou, like ivy, or the vine, Around my stronger limbs shou'd twine, Form'd hardy to defend thee.

An thou weert, etc.

Time's on the wing, and will not flay, In fhining youth let's mak our hay; Since luve admits of nae delay, O let nae fcorn undo thee.

An thou wert, etc.

While Luve does at his altar fland, Hae there's my heart, gie me thy hand, And with ilk fmile thou fhalt command The will o' him wha lues thee.

An thou wert, etc.

Same Tune.

WERT thou but mine ain thing,
I would lue thee, I would lue thee;
Wert thou but mine ain thing,
How dearly would I lue thee!

As round the elm th' enamour'd vine
Delights wi' wanton arms to twine,
Sae I'd encircle thee in mine,
And show how much I lue thee.
Wert thou but, etc.

This earth my paradife fhou'd be; I'd grafp a heav'n of joys in thee, For thou art a' thy fex to me, So fondly do I lue thee.

Wert thou but, etc.

Shou'd thunder roar its loud alarms, Amang the clash of hostile arms, I'd fastly sink amang thy charms, And only live to lue thee.

West thou but, etc.

Let Fortune drive me far away,
Or make me fa' to foes a prey,
My flame for thee fhall ne'er decay,
And dying I would lue thee.

Wert thou but, etc.

Tho' I were number'd wi' the dead,
My faul should hover round thy head:
I may be turn'd a filent shade,
But never cease to lue thee.
Wert thou but, etc.

To the Tune of Apron, Deary.

MY sheep I neglected, I lost my sheep-hook,
And all the gay haunts of my youth I forfook,
Nae mair for Amynta fresh garlands I wove,
For ambition, I said, would soon cure me of love.

O what had my youth with ambition to do?

Why left I Amynta? why broke I my vow?

O gi' me my sheep, and my sheep-hook restore,

I'll wander frae love and Amynta no more.

Through regions remote in vain do I rove,
And bid the wild ocean fecure me from love!
O fool! to imagine that ought can fubdue
A love fo well founded, a paffion fo true.
O what had my youth, etc.

Alas! 'tis o'er late at thy fate to repine; Poor shepherd, AMYNTA nae mair can be thine: Thy tears are a' fruitless, thy wishes are vain, The moments neglected return nae again. O what had my youth with ambition to do?

Why left I AMYNTA? why broke I my vow?
O gi' me my sheep, and my sheep-hook restore,
I'll wander frae love and AMYNTA no more.

Alloa-Houfe.

THE fpring-time returns, and clothes the green plains,
And Alloa shines more chearful and gay;
The lark tunes his throat, and the neighbouring swains
Sing merrily round me where-ever I stray:
But Sandy nae mair returns to my view;
Nae spring-time me chears, nae music can charm;
He's grand and I fear me for every adject.

He's gane! and, I fear me, for ever: adieu!

Adieu every pleafure this bofom can warm!

O Alloa-house! how much art thou chang'd!
How filent, how dull to me is each grove!
Alane I here wander where ance we both rang'd,
Alas! where to please me my SANDY ance strove!
Here, SANDY, I heard the tales that you tauld,
Here list'ned too fond whenever you sung;

Am I grown less fair then, that you are turn'd cauld? Or foolish, believ'd a false, flattering tongue?

So fpoke the fair maid, when Sorrow's keen pain,
And Shame, her last fault'ring accents supprest;
For Fate, at that moment, brought back her dear swain,
Who heard, and, wi' rapture, his Nelly addrest:
My Nelly! my fair, I come; O my luve!
Nae power shall thee tear again from my arms,

And, NELLY, nae mair thy fond shepherd reprove, Who knows thy fair worth, and adores a' thy charms. She heard; and new joy shot thro' her fast frame,
And will you, my Luve! be true? she replied:
And live I to meet my fond shepherd the same?
Or dream I that SANDY will make me his bride?
ONELLY! I live to find thee still kind;
Still true to thy swain, and luvely as true:
Then adieu to a' forrow; what soul is so blind,
As not to live happy for ever with you?

Same Tune.

OH! how cou'd I venture to luve ane like thee,
And you not despise a poor conquest like me?
On lords, thy admirers, cou'd look wi' distain,
And knew I was naething, yet pity'd my pain?
You said, while they teaz'd you with nonsense and dress,
When real the passion, the vanity's less;
You saw thro' that silence which others despise,
And, while beaux were a-tauking, read luve in my eyes.

O! how shall I fauld thee, and kifs a' thy charms, Till fainting wi' pleasure, I die in your arms; Thro' a' the wild transports of ecstasy tost, Till finking together, together we're lost? Oh! where is the maid that, like thee, ne'er can cloy, Whose wit does enliven each dull pause of joy; And when the short raptures are all at an end, From beautiful mistress turns sensible friend?

In vain do I praise thee, or strive to reveal, Too nice for expression, which only we feel. In a' that you do, in each look and each mein, The graces in waiting adorn you unseen. When I fee you, I luve you; when hearing, adore; I wonder, and think you a woman no more; Till mad wi' admiring, I cannot contain, And kiffing your lips, you turn woman again.

With thee in my bosom, how can I despair?
I'll gaze on thy beauties, and look awa care:
I'll ask thy advice when with troubles opprest,
Which never displeases, but always is best.
In all that I write I'll thy judgement enquire;
Thy wit shall correct what thy love did inspire:
I'll kiss thee, and press thee, till youth is all o'er,
And then live in friendship, when passion's no more.

Auld Lang Syne.

SHOU'D auld acquaintance be forgot,
Tho' they return with fcars?
These are the noble hero's lot,
Obtain'd in glorious wars:
Welcome, my VARO, to my breast,
Thy arms about me twine,
And mak me ance again as blest,
As I was lang syne.

Methinks around us on each bough
A thoufand Cupids play,
Whilft through the groves I wauk with you,
Each object maks me gay:
Since your return, the fun and moon
With brighter beams do fhine,
Streams murmur foft notes while they run,
As they did lang fyne.

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Despise the court and din o' state;
Let that to their share sa',
Who can esteem such slav'ry great,
While bounded like a ba':
But sunk in luve, upo' my arms
Let your brave head recline;
We'll please oursels wi' mutual charms,
As we did lang syne.

O'er moor and dale wi' your gay friend
You may purfue the chace,
And, after a blyth bottle, end
A' cares in my embrace:
And in a vacant rainy day,
You shall be wholly mine;
We'll mak the hours run smooth away,
And laugh at lang syne.

The hero, pleas'd wi' the fweet air,
The figns of gen'rous love,
Which had been utter'd by the fair,
Bow'd to the pow'rs above;
Next day, wi' glad confent and hafte,
Th' approach'd the facred fhrine;
Where the good prieft the couple bleft,
And put them out o' pine.

Same Tune.

WHEN floury meadows deck the year,
And fporting lambkins play,
When fpangled fields renew'd appear,
And music wak'd the day;

Then did my Chloe leave her bow'r, To hear my am'rous lay, Warm'd by my love, she vow'd no power Shou'd lead her heart astray.

The warbling quires from ev'ry bough Surround our couch in thrangs,
And a' their tunefu' art beflow,
To gi' us change o' fangs:
Scenes o' delight my foul poffes'd,
I blefs'd, then hugg'd my maid;
I robb'd the kiffes frae her breaft,
Sweet as a noon-day's shade.

But joy transporting never fails
To flee awa' as air;
Another swain wi' her prevails
To be as fause as fair.
What can my fatal passion cure?
I'll never woo again;
A' her disdain I maun endure,
Adoring her in vain.

What pity 'tis to hear the boy
Thus fighing wi' his pain!
But time and fcorn may gi'e him joy,
To hear her figh again.
Ah! fickle Chloe, be advis'd,
Do not thyfel' beguile;
A faithfu' lover should be priz'd,
Then cure him wi' a fmile.

Allan Water.

What verse be sound to praise my Annie?
What verse be sound 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 youthfu' 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.
A' day the am'rous youths conveen,
Joyous they sport and play before her;
A' night, when she nae mair is seen,
In blissful dreams they still adore her.

Amang the crowd AMYNTOR came,
He look'd, he luv'd, he bow'd to ANNIE,
His rifing fighs express his flame,
His words were few, his wishes many.
Wi' smiles the luvely maid reply'd,
Kind Shepherd, Why shou'd I deceive ye?
Alas! your love maun be deny'd,
This destin'd breast can ne'er relieve ye.

Young DAMON came, with CUPID's art, His wiles, his fmiles, his charms beguiling. He ftaw awa' my virgin heart; Ceafe, poor AMINTOR. ceafe bewailing. Some brighter beauty you may find,
On yonder plain the nymphs are many;
Then chuse some heart that's unconfin'd,
And leave to DAMON his own ANNIE.

Broom of Cowdenknows.

HOW blythe, ilk morn, was I to fee
My fwain come o'er the hill!
He skipt the burn, and flew to me;
I met him wi' good will.
O the broom, the bonny, bonny broom,
The broom o' Cowdenknows;
I wish I were wi' my dear fwain,

Wi' his pipe and my ewes.

I neither wanted ew nor lamb,
While his flock near me lay;
He gather'd in my fheep at night,

And chear'd me a' the day. *O the broom*, &c.

He tun'd his pipe and reed fae fweet,
The birds flood lift'ning by;
Ev'n the dull cattle flood and gaz'd,
Charm'd wi' his melody.

O the broom, &c.

While thus we fpent our time, by turns
Betwixt our flocks and play,
I envy'd not the fairest dame,
Tho' ne'er fo rich and gay.
O the broom, &c.

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Hard fate! that I fhou'd banish'd be, Gang heavily and mourn, Because I lov'd the kindest swain That ever yet was born! O the broom, &c.

He did oblige me ev'ry hour; Cou'd I but faithfu' be? He flaw my heart; cou'd I refuse Whate'er he ask'd of me? O the broom, &c.

My doggie, and my little kit,

That held my wee foup whey,

My plaidy, broach, and crooked flick,

May now ly ufelefs by.

O the broom, &c.

Adieu, ye Cowdenknows, adieu,
Farewel a' pleafures there;
Ye gods, reftore me to my fwain,
Is a' I crave, or care.

O the broom, the bonny, bonny broom, The broom of Cowdenknows; I wish I were with my dear swain, With his pipe and my ewes.

Same Tune.

WHEN fummer comes, the fwains on Tweed Sing their fuccefsful loves,

Around the ewes and lambkins feed,

And mufic fills the groves.

But my lov'd fong is then the broom So fair on Cowdenknows; For fure fo fweet, fo foft a bloom Elfewhere there never grows.

There Colin tun'd his oaken reed, And won my yielding heart; No shepherd e'er that dwelt on Tweed Cou'd play with half such art.

He fung of Tay, of Forth, and Clyde,
The hills and dales all round,
Of Leaderhaughs and Leaderfide,
Oh! how I blefs'd the found.

Yet more delightful is the broom So fair on Cowdenknows; For fure fo fresh, so bright a bloom Elsewhere there never grows.

Not Tiviot braes fo green and gay May with this broom compare, Nor Yarrow banks in flow'ry May, Nor the bush aboon Traquair.

More pleafing far are Cowdenknows, My peaceful happy home, Where I was wont to milk my ewes At ev'n among the broom.

Ye powers that haunt the woods and plains
Where Tweed with Tiviot flows,
Convey me to the best of swains,
And my lov'd Cowdenknows.

Bonny JEAN.

LOVE's goddefs, in a myrtle grove,
Said, CUPID, bend thy bow with fpeed,
Nor let thy fhaft at random rove,
For JENNY's haughty heart maun bleed.
The fmiling boy, with art divine,
From Paphos fhot an arrow keen,
Which flew, unerring, to the heart,
And kill'd the pride of bonny JEAN.

Nae mair the nymph, wi' haughty air, Refufes WILLY's kind addrefs; Her yielding blufhes fhew nae care, But too much fondnefs to fupprefs. Nae mair the youth is fullen now, But looks the gayest on the green, Whilst ev'ry day he spies some new Surprising charms in bonny JEAN.

A thousand transports crowd his breast,
He moves as light as fleeting wind;
His former forrows feem a jest,
Now when his Jenny is turn'd kind;
Riches he looks on wi' disdain,
The glorious fields of war look mean;
The chearful hound and horn give pain,
If absent from his bonny Jean.

The day he fpends in amorous gaze,
Which ev'n in fummer fhorten'd feems;
When funk in downs, wi' glad amaze,
He wonders at her in his dreams.

A' charms difclos'd, fhe looks more bright Than Troy's fair prize, the Spartan queen, Wi' breaking day he lifts his fight, And pants to be wi' bonny JEAN.

Same Tune.

N O W Spring begins her fmiling round,
And lavish paints th' enamell'd ground;
The birds now lift their chearful voice,
And gay on every bough rejoice:
The lovely Graces, hand in hand,
Knit fast in Love's eternal band,
With early step, at morning dawn,
Tread lightly o'er the dewy lawn.

Where-e'er the youthful fifters move,
They fire the foul to genial love:
Now, by the river's painted fide,
The fwain delights his country bride;
While pleas'd fhe hears his artlefs vows,
Each bird his feather'd confort wooes:
Soon will the ripen'd Summer yield
Her various gifts to ev'ry field.

The fertile trees, a lovely show!
With ruby-tinctur'd birth shall glow;
Sweet smells from beds of lilies borne,
Persume the breezes of the morn:
The smiling day and dewy night,
To rural scenes my fair invite;
With summer-sweets to feast her eye,
Yet soon, soon will the summer fly.

Attend, my lovely maid, and know
To profit by th' inftructive fhow.
Now young and blooming thou appears,
All in the flourish of thy years;
The lovely bud shall foon disclose
To ev'ry eye the blushing rose;
Now, now, the tender stalk is seen,
With beauty fresh, and ever green:

But when the funny hours are past,
Think not the coz'ning scene will last;
Let not the flatterer, Hope, persuade,
Ah! must I say that it will sade?
For see the summer slies away,
Sad emblem of our own decay!
Now winter from the frozen north,
Drives swift his iron chariot forth.

His grifly hands in icy chains
Fair Tweda's filver ftream conftrains:
Caft up thy eyes, how bleak and bare
He wanders on the tops of Yare!
Behold his footfteps dire are feen
Confest o'er ev'ry with'ring green.
Griev'd at the fight, when thou shalt fee
A snowy wreath to cloath each tree;

Frequenting now the stream no more, Thou fleest, displeas'd, the frozen shore. When thou shalt miss the slow'rs 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! wilt thou fay, Be like to this fome other day?

But when in fnow and dreary frost The pleasure of the field is lost, To blazing hearths at home we run, And fires supply the distant sun; In gay delights our hours employ, And do not lose, but change our joy: Happy! abandon ev'ry care, To lead the dance, to court the fair.

To turn the page of facred bards,
To drain the bowl, and deal the cards.
In cities thus, with witty friends,
In fmiles the hoary feafon ends.
But when the lovely white and red
From the pale afhy cheek is fled,
Then wrinkles dire and age fevere,
Make beauty fly we know not where.

The fair, whom Fates unkind difarm,
Ah! must they ever cease to charm?
Or is there left some pleasing art,
To keep secure a captive heart?
Unhappy love! may lovers say,
Beauty, thy food does swift decay;
When once that short-liv'd stock is spent,
What is't thy samine can prevent?

Lay in good fense with timeous care, That Love may live on Wisdom's fare; Tho' Ecstacy with Beauty slies, Esteem is born when Beauty dies. Happy the man whom Fates decree Their richest gift in giving thee: Thy beauty shall his youth engage, Thy wisdom shall delight his age.

Banks of Forth.

A WAKE, my love, with genial ray
The fun returning glads the day;
Awake, the balmy zephyr blows,
The hawthorn blooms, the daifie glows,
The trees regain their verdant pride,
The turtle wooes his tender bride,
To love each warbler tunes the fong,
And Forth in dimples glides along.
O more than blooming daifies fair!
More fragrant than the vernal air!
More gentle than the turtle-dove,
Or ftreams that murmur through the grove!
Bethink thee all is on the wing,
Thefe pleafures wait on wafting fpring;
Then come, the transient blifs enjoy;
Nor fear what fleets fo fast will cloy.

Same Tune.

Y E fylvan pow'rs that rule the plain,
Where fweetly-winding Fortha glides,
Conduct me to these banks again,
Since there my charming Molly bides.
These banks that breathe their vernal sweets,
Where ev'ry smiling beauty meets;

Where Molly's charms adorn the plain, And chear the heart of ev'ry fwain.

Thrice happy were the golden days,
When I, amidst the rural throng,
On Fortha's meadows breath'd my lays,
And Molly's charms were all my fong.
While she was present all were gay,
No forrow did our mirth allay;
We fung of pleasure, sung of love,
And music breath'd in ev'ry grove.

O then was I the happiest fwain!
No adverse fortune marr'd my joy;
The shepherd sigh'd for her in vain,
On me she smil'd, to them was coy.
O'er Fortha's mazy banks we stray'd:
I woo'd, I lov'd the beauteous maid;
The beauteous maid my love return'd,
And both with equal ardour burn'd.

Once on the graffy bank reclin'd,

Where Forth ran by in murmurs deep,
It was my happy chance to find

The charming Molly lull'd afleep:
My heart then leap'd with inward blifs,
I foftly floop'd, and flole a kifs;
She wak'd, fhe blush'd, and faintly blam'd,
Why, Damon, are you not asham'd?

Oft in the thick embow'ring groves,
Where birds their mufic chirp'd aloud,
Alternately we fung our loves,
And Fortha's fair meanders view'd.

The meadows wore a gen'ral fmile, Love was our banquet all the while; The lovely profpect charm'd the eye, To where the ocean met the fky.

Ye fylvan powers, ye rural gods,

To whom we fwains our cares impart,
Reftore me to thefe blefs'd abodes,
And eafe, oh eafe! my love-fick heart;
Thefe happy days again reftore,
When Molland I shall part no more;
When she shall fill thefe longing arms,
And crown my blifs with all her charms.

Bush aboon Traquair.

HEAR me, ye nymphs, and ev'ry fwain,
I'll tell how PEGGY grieves me;
Though thus I languish, thus complain,
Alas! she ne'er believes me.
My vows and fighs, like filent air,
Unheeded never move her.
At the bonny bush aboon Traquair,
'Twas there I first did love her.

That day fhe fmil'd, and made me glad,
No maid feem'd ever kinder;
I thought myfelf the luckieft lad,
So fweetly there to find her.
I try'd to foothe my am'rous flame.
In words that I thought tender;
If more there pass'd I'm not to blame.
I meant not to offend her.

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

Ye rural pow'rs, who hear my ftrains,
Why thus fhould Peggy grieve me?
Oh! mak her partner in my pains,
Then let her fmiles relieve me.
If not, my love will turn defpair,
My paffion nae mair tender;
I'll leave the bush aboon Traquair,
To lonely wilds I'll wander.

Birks of Invermay.

THE fmiling morn, the breathing fpring, Invite the tunefu' birds to fing; And while they warble from each fpray, Love melts the univerfal lay; Let us, Amanda, timely wife, Like them improve the hour that flies, And in faft raptures waste the day Amang the birks of Invermay.

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

The lav'rocks now and lintwhites fing,
The rocks around wi' echoes ring,
The mavis and the blackbird vye
In tunefu' ftrains to glad the day;
The woods now wear their fummer-fuits,
To mirth a' nature now invites;
Let us be blythfome then, and gay,
Amang the birks of Invermay.

Behold, the hills and vales around With lowing herds and flocks abound; The wanton kids and frifking lambs Gambol and dance about their dams; The bufy bees with humming noife, And a' the reptile kind rejoice; Let us, like them, then fing and play About the birks of Invermay.

Hark how the waters, as they fa', Loudly my love to gladnefs ca'; The wanton waves fport in the beams, And fifhes play throughout the ftreams; The circling fun does now advance, And all the planets round him dance; Let us as jovial be as they Amang the birks of Invermay. Braes of Ballenden.

By Mr Blacklock.

BENEATH a green fhade, a lovely young fwain Ae ev'ning reclin'd to difcover his pain; So fad, yet fo fweetly he warbled his woe, The wind ceas'd to breathe, and the fountains to flow; Rude winds, wi' compafion, cou'd hear him complain, Yet Chloe, lefs gentle, was deaf to his strain.

How happy, he cry'd, my moments once flew, E'er Chloe's bright charms first flash'd in my view; Those eyes then, wi' pleasure, the dawn cou'd survey, Nor smil'd the fair morning mair chearfu' than they; Now scenes of distress please only my sight, I'm tortur'd in pleasure, and languish in light.

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

But fee the pale moon, all clouded, retires,
The breezes grow cool, not STREPHON'S defires:
I fly from the dangers of tempest and wind,
Yet nourish the madness that preys on my mind;
Ah, wretch! how can life be worthy thy care?
To lengthen its moments, but lengthens despair.

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Braes of Yarrow.

BUSK ye, busk ye, my bonny bride,
Busk ye, busk ye, my winfome marrow,
Busk ye, busk ye, my bonny bride,
Busk and go to the braes of Yarrow.
There will we sport and gather dew,
Dancing while lav'rocks sing the morning:
There learn frae turtles to prove true;
OBELL, ne'er vex me with thy scorning.

To weftlin breezes FLORA yields,
And when the beams are kindly warming,
Blythnefs appears o'er all the fields,

And nature looks mair fresh and charming. Learn frae the burns that trace the mead, Tho' on their banks the roses blossom, Yet hastily they flow to Tweed, And pour their sweetness in his bosom.

Hafte ye, hafte ye, my bonny Bell,
Hafte to my arms, and there I'll guard thee,
Wi' free confent my fears repel,
I'll wi' my love and care reward thee.
Thus fang I faftly to my fair,
Who rais'd my hopes with kind relenting;
O queen of fmiles, I afk nae mair,
Since now my bonny Bell's confenting.

Bonny Boatman.

YE gales that gently wave the fea, And pleafe the canny boatman, Bear me frae hence, or bring to me
My brave, my bonny Scot---man:
In haly bands
We join'd our hands,
Yet may not this difcover,
While parents rate
A large eftate,

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

Before a faithfu' lover.

Wae worth the man
Wha first began
The base ungen'rous fashion,
Frae greedy views
Love's arts to use,
While stranger to its passion.

Frae foreign fields, my lovely youth,
Hafte to thy longing laffie,
Who pants to prefs thy bawmy youth,
And in her bofom haufe thee.
Love gi'es the word,
Then hafte on board,
Fair winds and tenty boatman,
Waft o'er, waft o'er
Frae yonder fhore,
My blyth, my bonny Scot---man.

Blink over the Burn, fweet BETTY.

Leave kindred and friends, fweet BETTY,
Leave kindred and friends for me:

Affur'd thy fervant is fleddy
To love, to honour, and thee.
The gifts of nature and fortune
May flee by chance as they came;
They're grounds the definies fport on,
But virtue is ever the fame.

Altho' my fancy were roving,

Thy charms fo heav'nly appear,
That other beauties difproving,

I'd worship thine only, my dear.
And shou'd life's forrows embitter

The pleasure we promis'd our loves,
To share them together is fitter,

Than moan asunder like doves.

Oh! were I but ance fo bleffed,
To grafp my love in my arms!
By thee to be grafp'd, and kiffed!
And live on thy heaven of charms!
I'd laugh at Fortune's caprices,
Shou'd Fortune capricious pruve;
Though death fhould tear me to pieces,
I'd die a martyr to luve.

BESSY'S Haggies.

BESSY's beauties shine sae bright, Were her mony virtues sewer, She wad ever gie delight,
And in transport mak me view her.
Bonny Bessy, thee alane
Love I, naething else about thee;
With thy comeliness I'm tane,
And langer cannae live without thee.

BESSY'S bosom's fast and warm,
Milk-white fingers still employ'd,
He who taks her to his arm,
Of her sweets can ne'er be cloy'd.
My dear BESSY, when the roses
Leave thy cheek, as thou grows aulder,
Virtue, which thy mind discloses,
Will keep love from growing caulder.

BESSY'S tocher is but fcanty,
Yet her face and foul difcovers
Those enchanting sweets in plenty
Maun entice a thousand lovers.
It's not money, but a woman
Of a temper kind and easy,
That gives happiness uncommon,
Petted things can nought but teaze ye.

Bonniest Lass in a' the Warld.

LOOK where my dear HAMILLA fmiles,
HAMILLA! heavenly charmer;
See how wi' a' their arts and wiles
The Loves and Graces arm her.

A blush dwells glowing on her cheeks, Fair feats of youthful pleasures, There love in smiling language speaks, There spreads his rosy treasures.

O fairest maid! I own thy power,
I gaze, I figh, and languish,
Yet ever, ever will adore,
And triumph in my anguish.
But ease, O charmer! ease my care,
And let my torments move thee;
As thou art fairest of the fair,
So I the dearest love thee.

Bonny CHRISTY.

HOW fweetly fmells the fimmer green!
Sweet tafte the peach and cherry;
Painting and order please our e'en,
And claret maks us merry:
But finest colours, fruits, and flours,
And wine, though I be thirsty,
Lose a' their charms and weaker powers,
Compar'd with those of Christy.

When wand'ring o'er the floury park,
Nae nat'ral beauty wanting,
How lightfome is't to hear the lark,
And birds in confort chanting?
But if my CHRISTY tunes her voice,
I'm wrapt in admiration;
My thoughts with extances rejoice,
And drap the hale creation.

Whene'er she smiles a kindly glance,
I tak the happy omen,
And aften mint to make advance,
Hoping she'll prove a woman:
But, dubious of my ain defert,
My sentiments I smother;
With secret sighs I vex my heart,
For sear she loves another.

Thus fang blate EDIE by a burn,
His CHRISTY did o'er-hear him;
She doughtna let her lover mourn,
But e'er he wift drew near him.
She fpake her favour with a look,
Which left nae room to doubt her;
He wifely this white minute took,
And flang his arms about her.

My CHRISTY!---witnefs, bonny stream,
Sic joys frae tears arising,
I wish this may na be a dream;
O love the maist surprising!
Time was too precious now for tauk;
This point of a' his wishes
He wadna with fet speeches bauk,
But war'd it a' on kisses.

BESSY BELL and MARY GRAY.

BESSY BELL and MARY GRAY,
They war twa bonny laffes,
They biggi'd a bower on yon burn brae
And thecked it o'er wi' rafnes.

Fair BESSY BELL I loo'd yestreen, And thought I ne'er could alter: But MARY GRAY'S twa pawky een, They gar my fancy falter.

Now BESSY'S hair's like a lint-tap;
She fmiles like a May morning,
When PHOEBUS flarts frae THETIS' lap,
The hills with rays adorning:
White is her neck, faft is her hand,
Her waift and feet's fu genty;
With ilka grace fhe can command;
Her lips, O wow! they're dainty.

And MARY'S locks are like a craw,
Her e'en like diamonds glances;
She's ay fae clean, redd up and braw,
She kills whene'er fhe dances;
Blyth as a kid, with wit at will,
She blooming, tight and tall is;
And guides her airs fae gracefu' ftill,
O JOVE, she's like thy PALLAS.

Dear Bessy Bell and Mary Gray,
Ye unco fair oppress us;
Our fancies jee between you tway,
Ze are sic bonny lasses:
Waes me! for baith I canna get,
To ane by law we're stented;
Then I'll draw cuts, and tack my fate,
And be with ane contented.

Bonny Lass of Branksome.

As I came in by Tiviot-fide,
And by the braes of Brankfome,
There first I saw my bonny bride,
Young, smiling, sweet, and handsome;
Her skin was faster than the down,
And white as alabaster;
Her hair a shining wavy brown;
In straightness nane surpast her.

Life glow'd upon her lip and cheek,
Her clear een were furprifing,
And beautifully turn'd her neck,
Her little breafts just rifing.
Nae filken hofe wi' gooshets fine,
Or shoon wi' glancing laces,
On her bare leg forbade to shine,
Well-shapen native graces.

Ae little coat, and bodice white,
Was fum of a' her claithing;
Ev'n these o'er meikle;----mair delyte
She'd given cled wi' naething.
She lean'd upon a flowry brae,
By which a burnie trotted;
On her I glowr'd my faul away,
While on her sweets I doated.

A thoufand beauties of defert Before had fcarce alarm'd me, Till this dear artlefs ftruck my heart, And, butt defigning, charm'd me. Hurry'd by love, close to my breast I grafp'd this fund of bliffes; Wha fmil'd, and faid, Without a prieft, Sir, hope for nought but kiffes.

I had nae heart to do her harm, And yet I cou'dna want her; What she demanded, ilka charm Of hers pled, I shou'd grant her. Since Heav'n had dealt to me a routh. Straight to the kirk I led her; There plighted her my faith and trowth, And a young lady made her.

Charms of Lovely PEGGY.

NCE more I'll tune the vocal shell, To hills and dales my passion tell; A flame which time can never quell, That burns for thee, my PEGGY. Yet greater bards the lyre should hit; For pray what fubject is more fit, Than to record the facred wit, And bloom of lovely PEGGY?

The fun just rising in the morn, That paints the new-befpangled thorn, Does not fo much the day adorn

As does my lovely PEGGY. And when in THETIS' lap to rest, He streaks with gold the ruddy west, He's not fo beauteous as, undrest,

Appears my lovely PEGGY.

Were she array'd in rustic weed, With her the bleating slocks I'd feed, And pipe upon my oaken reed,

To please my lovely PEGGV.
With her a cottage would delight,
All pleases while she's in my fight;
But when she's gone 'tis endless night,
All's dark without my PEGGV.

When Zephyr on the violet blows, Or breathes upon the damask rose, They do not half the sweets disclose,

As does my lovely PEGGY.

I stole a kiss the other day,
And, trust me, nought but truth I say,
The fragrant breath of blooming May
Was not so sweet as PEGGY.

While bees from flow'r to flow'r do rove,
And linnets warble thro' the grove,
Or flately fwans the waters love,
So lang fhall I love my PEGGY.
And when Death, with his pointed dart,
Shall flrike the blow that wounds my heart,
My words fhall be, when I depart,
Adieu, my lovely PEGGY.

Cold Frosty Morning.

WHEN innocent pastime our pleasures did crown, Upon a green meadow, or under a tree, Ere Annie became a fine lady in town, How lovely, and loving, and bonny was she?

Rouse up thy reason my beautiful Annie, Let ne'er a new whim ding thy fancy a jee: O! as thou art bonny, be faithful and canny, And savour thy Jamie wha dotes upon thee.

Does the death of a lintwhite give ANNIE the fpleen? Can tyning of trifles be uneafy to thee? Can lapdogs or monkies draw tears from those een, That look with indiff'rence on poor dying me? Rouse up thy reason, my beautiful ANNIE, And dinna prefer a paroquet to me:

O! as thou art bonny, be prudent and canny, And think upon JAMIE wha doats upon thee.

Ah! should a new mantua or Flanders lace head, Or yet a wee coatie, though never so fine, Gar thee grow forgetful, or let his heart bleed, That anes had some hope of purchasing thine? Rouse up thy reason, my beautiful Annie, And dinna prefer ye'r sleegaries to me: O! as thou art bonny, be solid and canny, And tent a true lover that doats upon thee.

Shall a Paris edition of new-fangled SANY,
Tho' gilt o'er wi' laces and fringes he be,
By adoring himfelf, be admir'd by fair ANNIE,
And aim at those benisons promis'd to me?
Rouse up thy reason, my beautiful ANNIE,
And never preser a light dancer to me:
O! as thou art bonny, be constant and canny,
Love only thy JAMIE wha dotes upon thee.

O think, my dear charmer! on ilka fweet hour, That flade away faftly between thee and me, Ere fquirrels, or beaus, or fopp'ry had pow'r
To rival my love, or impofe upon thee.
Roufe up thy reafon, my beautiful Annie,
And let thy defires be a' center'd in me:
O! as thou art bonny, be faithful and canny,
And love him wa's langing to center in thee.

Cumbernauld House.

FROM anxious zeal and factious ftrife, From all th' uneafy cares of life, From beauty ftill to merit blind, And ftill to fools and coxcombs kind; To where the woods, in brighteft green, Like rifing theatres are feen, Where gently murm'ring runs the rill, And draws fresh streams from ev'ry hill:

Where Philomel, in mournful strains, Like me, of hopeless love complains, Retir'd I pass the livelong day, And idly trifle life away:
My lyre to tender accents strung, I tell each slight, each scorn and wrong, Then reason to my aid I call, Review past scenes, and scorn them all.

Superior thoughts my mind engage, Allur'd by Newton's tempting page, Through new-found worlds I wing my flight, And trace the glorious fource of light: But should Clarin da there appear, With all her charms of shape and air,

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How frail my fixt refolves would prove, Again I'd yield, again I'd love!

Corn Riggs are bonny.

MYPATIE is a lover gay,
His mind is never muddy,
His breath is fweeter than new hay,
His face is fair and ruddy.

His fhape is handfome, middle fize, He's flately in his wawking; The fhining of his een furprife; 'Tis heav'n to hear him tawking.

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

He kifs'd, and vow'd he wad be mine, And loo'd me best of ony; That gars me like to fing sinsyne, O corn rigs are bonny.

Let maidens of a filly mind
Refuse what maist they're wanting,
Since we for yielding are design'd,
We chastely should be granting:

Then I'll comply and marry PATE,
And fyne my cockernony
He's free to touzle air or late
Where corn rigs are bonny.

Collier's Bonny Lassie.

THE collier has a daughter,
And O fhe's wonder bonny,
A laird he was that fought her,
Rich baith in lands and money:
The tutors watch'd the motion,
Of this young honeft lover;
But love is like the ocean;
Wha can its depth difcover!

He had the art to please ye,
And was by a' respected;
His airs fat round him easy,
Genteel, but unaffected.
The collier's bonnie lasse,
Fair as the new-blown lillie,
Ay sweet, and never saucy,
Secur'd the heart of WILLIE.

He lov'd beyond expression

The charms that were about her,
And panted for possession,
His life was dull without her,
After mature resolving,
Close to his breast he held her,
In fastest flames dissolving,
He tenderly thus tell'd her:

My bonny collier's daughter, Let naething difcompose ye, 'Tis no your scanty tocher Shall ever gar me lose ye: For I have gear in plenty,
And love fays, 'tis my duty
To ware what Heaven has lent me,
Upon your wit and beauty.

Down the Burn, DAVIE.

WHEN trees did bud, and fields were green,
And broom bloom'd fair to fee;
When MARY was complete fifteen,
And love laugh'd in her eye;
Blyth DAVIE'S blinks her heart did move,
To fpeak her mind thus free,
Gang down the burn, DAVIE, love,
And I shall follow thee.

Now DAVIE did each lad furpafs,
That dwelt on this burn fide,
And MARY was the bonniest lass,
Just meet to be a bride:
Her cheeks were rosse, red, and white,
Her een were bonny blue:
Her looks were like AURORA bright,
Her lips like dropping dew.

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

What pafs'd, I guefs, was harmlefs play,
And naething fure unmeet;
For ganging hame, I heard them fay,
They lik'd a wawk fae fweet;
And that they aften shou'd return
Sick pleafure to renew.
Quoth MARY, Love, I like the burn,
And ay shall follow you.

Dumbarton Drums.

DUMBARTON'S drums beat bonny---O,
When they mind me of my dear JONNY---O.
How happy am I,
When my foldier is by,
While he kiffes and bleffes his ANNIE---O!
'Tis a foldier alone can delight me---O,
For his graceful looks do invite me---O:
While guarded in his arms,
I'll fear no war's alarms,
Neither danger nor death shall e'er fright me---O.

My love is a handfome laddie---O,
Genteel, but ne'er foppish nor gaudy-----O;
Tho' commissions are dear,
Yet I'll buy him one this year;
For he shall ferve no longer a cadie---O.
A foldier has honour and bravery---O,
Unacquainted with rogues and their knavery---O:

He minds no other thing
But the ladies or the king:
For every other care is but flavery---O.

Then I'll be the captain's lady---O: Farewell all my friends and my daddy---O;

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I'll wait no more at home,
But I'll follow with the drum,
And whene'er that beats I'll be ready---O.
Dumbarton's drums found bonny---O,
They are fprightly like my dear Jonny---O:
How happy shall I be,
When on my foldier's knee,
And he kiffes and bleffes his Annie---O!

Dunt, dunt, pittie, pattie.

O N Whitfunday morning
I went to the fair,
My yellow-hair'd laddie
Was felling his ware;
He gied me fick a blyth blink
With his bonny black eye,
And a dear blink, and a fair blink
It was unto me.

I wist not what ail'd me
When my laddie came in.
The little wee starnies
Flew ay frae my een;
And the sweat it dropt down
Frae my very eye-brie,
And my heart play'd ay
Dunt, dunt, dunt, pittie, pattie.

I wift not what ail'd me, When I went to my bed, I toffed and tumbled,
And fleep frae me fled.

Now, its fleeping and waking
He's ay in my eye,
And my heart play'd ay
Dunt, dunt, dunt, pittie, pattie.

The Deceiver.

W I T H tuneful pipe and hearty glee, Young W A T Y wan my heart; A blyther lad ye coudna fee,

All beauty without art.

His winning tale

Did foon prevail

To gain my fond belief;

But foon the fwain

Gangs o'er the plain,

And leaves me full, and leaves me full, And leaves me full of grief.

Though COLIN courts with tuneful fang, Yet few regard his mane;

The laffes a' round WATY thrang,

While COLIN's left alane:

In Aberdeen

Was never feen

A lad that gave fic pain;

He daily wooes,

And still pursues,

Till he does all, till he does all, Till he does all obtain. But foon as he has gain'd the blifs,
Away then does he run,
And hardly will afford a kifs
To filly me undone:
Bonny KATY,
MAGGY, BEATY,
Avoid the roving fwain;
His wyly tongue
Be fure to fhun,
Or you like me, or you like me,
Like me will be undone.

Ettrick Banks.

O N Ettrick banks, in a fummer's night,
At glowming when the fheep drave hame,
I met my laffie braw and tight,
Come wading barefoot a' her lane:
My heart grew light, I ran, I flang
My arms about her lily neck,
And kifs'd and clapt her there fou lang,
My words they were na mony feck.
I faid, My laffie, will ye go
To the Highland hills, the Erfe to learn?

I faid, My laffie, will ye go
To the Highland hills, the Erfe to learn?
I'll baith gie thee a cow and ew,
When ye come to the brigg of Earn.
At Leith auld meal comes in, ne'er fafh,
And herrings at the Broomy Law;
Chear up your heart, my bonny lafs,
There's gear to win we never faw

All day when we have wrought enough,
When winter, frofts, and fnaw begin,
Soon as the fun gaes west the loch,
At night when ye fit down to spin,
I'll fcrew my pipes, and play a spring;
And thus the weary night we'll end,
Till the tender kid and lamb-time bring
Our pleasant simmer back again.

Syne when the trees are in their bloom,
And gowans glent o'er ilka field,
I'll meet my lass amang the broom,
And lead you to my summer sheild.
Then far frae a' their scornfu' din,
That make the kindly hearts their sport,
We'll laugh, and kis, and dance, and sing,
And gar the langest day seem short.

Ew-bughts MARION.

WILLye go to the ew-bughts, Marion,
And wear in the fheep wi' me;
The fun fhines fweet, my Marion,
But nae haff fae fweet as thee.
O Marion's a bonny lafs,
And the blyth blinks in her eye;
And fain wad I marry Marion,
Gin Marion wad marry me.

There's gowd in your garters, MARION, And filk on your white haufe-bane;

Fu' fain wad I kifs my MARION
At e'en when I come hame.

There's braw lads in Ernflaw, MARION,
Wha gape and glowr with their ee,
At kirk when they fee my MARION;
But nane of them lo'es like me.

I've nine milk-ews, my Marion,
A cow and a brawny quey,
I'll gie them a' to my Marion,
Just on her bridal-day:
And ye's get a green fey apron,
And waistcoat of the London brown.
And wow but ye will be vap'ring,
Whene'er ye gang to the town.

I'm young and flout, my MARION;
Nane dance like me on the green;
And gin ye forfake me, MARION,
I'll e'en draw up wi' JEAN:
Sae put on your pearlins, MARION,
And kyrtle of the cramafie;
As foon as my chin has nae hair on,
I shall come west and see ye.

Flowers of the Forest.

I'VE feen the fmiling
Of Fortune beguiling,
I've felt all its favours, and found its decay;
Sweet was its bleffing,
Kind its careffing,
But now 'tis fled,-----fled far away.

I've feen the forest
Adorn'd the foremost,
With flowers of the fairest, most pleasant and gay;
Sae bonny was their blooming,
Their fcent the air persuming;
But now they are wither'd and wedded away.

I've feen the morning,
With gold the hills adorning,
And loud tempest storming before the mid-day.
I've feen Tweed's filver streams
Shining in the funny beams,
Grow drumbly and dark as he row'd on his way.

O fickle Fortune!
Why this cruel fporting?
O why still perplex us, poor fons of a day?
Nae mair your fmiles can chear me,
Nae mair your frowns can fear me,
For the flowers of the forest are withered away.

Same Tune.

A DIEU, ye ftreams that fmoothly glide
Through mazy windings o'er the plain,
I'll in fome lonely cave refide,
And ever mourn my faithful fwain.
Flower of the forest was my love,
Soft as the sighing summer's gale,
Gentle and constant as the dove,
Blooming as roses in the vale.

Alas! by Tweed my love did ftray,
For me he fearch'd the banks around;

But, ah! the fad and fatal day,
My love, the pride of fwains, was drown'd.
Now droops the willow o'er the ftream,
Pale flalks his ghost in yonder grove,
Dire Fancy paints him in my dream,
Awake I mourn my hopeless love.

Flowers of Edinburgh.

M Y love was once a bonny lad,
He was the flower of all his kin.
The abfence of his bonny face
Has rent my tender heart in twain.
I day nor night find no delight,
In filent tears I flill complain;
And exclaim 'gainst those my rival foes,
That ha'e ta'en from me my darling fwain.

Defpair and anguish fills my breast,
Since I have lost my blooming rose;
I sigh and moan while others rest,
His absence yields me no repose.
To seek my love I'll range and rove,
Thro' every grove and distant plain;
Thus I'll ne'er cease, but spend my days.
To hear tidings from my darling swain,

There's naething firange in Nature's change, Since parents flew fuch cruelty; They caus'd my love from me to range, And knows not to what deftiny. The pretty kids and tender lambs

May cease to sport upon the plain;

But I'll mourn and lament in deep discontent

For the absence of my darling swain.

Kind NEPTUNE, let me thee entreat,
To fend a fair and pleafant gale;
Ye dolphins fweet, upon me wait,
And convey me on your tail;
Heavens blefs my voyage with fuccefs,
While croffing of the raging main,
And fend me fafe o'er to that diftant shore,
To meet my lovely darling fwain.

All joy and mirth at our return
Shall then abound from Tweed to Tay;
The bells shall ring and sweet birds fing,
To grace and crown our nuptial day.
Thus bless'd wi' charms in my love's arms,
My heart once more I will regain;
Then I'll range no more to a distant shore,
But in love will enjoy my darling swain.

Fourteenth of October.

E gods! was STREPHON's picture bleft
With the fair heaven of CHLOE's breaft?
Move fofter, thou fond flutt'ring heart,
Oh gently throb,---too fierce thou art.
Tell me, thou brighteft of thy kind,
For STREPHON was the blifs defign'd?
For STREPHON's fake, dear charming maid,
Didft thou prefer his wand'ring fhade?
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And thou, bleft fhade, that fweetly art Lodg'd fo near my C H L O E's heart, For me the tender hour improve, And foftly tell how dear I love.
Ungrateful thing! it fcorns to hear Its wretched mafter's ardent prayer, Ingroffing all that beauteous heaven, That C H L O E, lavifh maid, has given.

I cannot blame thee; were I lord Of all the wealth these breasts afford, I'd be a miser too, nor give An alms to keep a god alive. Oh! smile not thus, my lovely fair, On these cold looks that lifeless are; Prize him whose bosom glows with sire, With eager love and soft desire.

'Tis true, thy charms, O pow'rful maid, To life can bring the filent fhade:
Thou canst furpass the painter's art,
And real warmth and flames impart,
But, oh! it ne'er can love like me,
I ever lov'd, and lov'd but thee:
Then, charmer, grant my fond request,
Say, thou canst love, and make me blest.

Fairest of her Days.

W HOE'ER beholds my HELEN'S face, And fays not that good hap has she: Who hears her fpeak, and tents her grace, Sall think nane ever fpake but she.

The short way to refound her praise,
She is the fairest of her days.

Who knows her wit, and not admires, He maun be deem'd devoid of skill; Her virtues kindle strong desires
In them that think upon her still.

The short way, etc.

Her red is like unto the rofe
Whafe buds are opining to the fun.
Her comely colours do difclofe
The first degree of ripeness won.
The short way, etc.

And with the red is mixt the white,
Like to the fun and fair moonshine,
That does upon clear waters light,
And makes the colour feem divine.
The short way to refound her praise,
She is the fairest of her days.

GILDEROY.

A H! CHLORIS, could I now but sit
As unconcern'd as when
Your infant-beauty could beget
No happiness nor pain.

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When I this dawning did admire, And prais'd the coming day, I little thought that rifing fire Would take my rest away.

Your charms in harmlefs childhood lay, As metals in a mine.

Age from no face takes more away, Than youth conceal'd in thine. But as your charms infenfibly To their perfection prest: So love as unperceiv'd did fly, And center'd in my breaft.

My paffion with your beauty grew, While CUPID at my heart, Still as his mother favour'd vou, Threw a new-flaming dart. Each gloried in their wanton part: To make a lover, he Employ'd the utmost of his art; To make a beauty, she.

Gallowshiels.

AH the shepherd's mournful sate! When doom'd to love, and doom'd to languish, To bear the fcornful fair one's hate. Nor dare disclose his anguish! Yet eager looks, and dying fighs, My fecret foul difcover, While rapture trembling through mine eyes, Reveals how much I love her:

The tender glance, the red'ning cheek,
O'erfpread with rifing blufhes,
A thoufand various ways they fpeak
A thoufand various wifhes.
For oh! that form fo heavenly fair,
Those languid eyes so sweetly smiling,
That artless blufh, and modest air,
So fatally beguiling.

Thy every look, and every grace,
So charm whene'er I view thee;
Till death o'ertake me in the chace,
Still will my hopes purfue thee.
Then when my tedious hours are paft,
Be this last bleffing given,
Low at thy feet to breath my last,
And die in fight of heaven.

Green Sleeves.

Y E watchful guardians of the fair,
Who skiff on wings of ambient air,
Of my dear D E L I A take a care,
And represent her lover
With all the gaiety of youth,
With honour, justice, love, and truth;
Till I return, her passions soothe,
For me in whispers move her.

Be careful no bafe fordid flave, With foul funk in golden grave, Who knows no virtue but to fave,
With glaring gold bewitch her.
Tell her, for me fhe was defign'd,
For me who know how to be kind,
And have mair plenty in my mind,
Than ane who's ten times richer.

Let all the warld turn upfide down, And fools run an eternal round, In quest of what can ne'er be found,

To please their vain ambition; Let little minds great charms espy, In shadows which at distance ly, Whose hop'd-for pleasure when come nigh,

Proves nothing in fruition:

But cast into a mold divine, Fair DELIA does with lustre shine, Her virtuous soul's an ample mine,

Which yields a conftant treasure.

Let poets in sublimest lays,

Employ their skill her same to raise;

Let sons of music pass whole days,

With well-tun'd reeds to please her.

Highland Laddie.

THE lawland lads think they are fine;
But O, they're vain and idly gawdy!
How much unlike that gracefu' mein,
And manly looks of my highland laddie!
O my bonny, bonny highland laddie,
My handfome, charming highland laddie;

May heaven still guard, and love reward Our lawland lass, and her highland laddie.

If I were free at will to chufe,

To be the wealthiest lawland lady,
I'd take young Donald without trews,
With bonnet blew, and belted plaidy.

O my bonny, &c.

The brawest beau in burrow's-town,
In a' his airs, with art made ready,
Compar'd to him he's but a clown;
He's finer far in's tartan plaidy.

O my bonny, &c.

O'er benty hill with him I'll run,
And leave my lawland kin and dady,
Frae winter's cauld, and fummer's fun,
He'll fcreen me with his highland plaidy.
O my bonny, &c.

A painted room, and filken bed,
May pleafe a lawland laird and lady;
But I can kifs and be as glad,
Behind a bufh in's 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 plaidie.
O my bonny, &c.

Nae greater joy I'll e'er pretend,
Than that his love prove true and fleady,

Like mine to him, which ne'er shall end,
While Heaven preserves my highland laddie.

O my bonny, &c.

Same Tune.

THE lawland maids gang trig and fine,
But aft they're four and unco fawcy;
Sae proud, they never can be kind
Like my good-humour'd highland laffie.
O my bonny, bonny highland laffie,
My hearty fmiling highland laffie,
May never care make thee lefs fair,
But bloom of youth still bless my laffie.

Than ony lass in burrows-town,

Wha mak their cheeks with patches mottie,
I'd take my Katy butt a gown,

Bare-footed in her little coatie.

O my bonny, &c.

Beneath the brier or brecken bush,
Whene'er I kiss and court my dawtie;
Happy and blyth as ane wad wish,
My slighteren heart gangs pittie pattie.
O my bonny, &c.

O'er highest hethery hills I'll sten, With cockit gun and ratches tenty, To drive the deer out of their den, To feast my lass on dishes dainty.

O my bonny, &c.

There's nane shall dare by deed or word, 'Gainst her to wag a tongue or finger,

While I can wield my trufty fword, Or frae my fide whifk out a whinger. O my bonny, &c.

The mountains clad with purple bloom, And berries ripe, invite my treasure To range with me; let great fowk gloom, While wealth and pride confound their pleafure.

> O my bonny, bonny highland laffie, My lovely fmiling highland laffie, May never care make thee lefs fair, But bloom of youth still blefs my lassie.

Had awa frae me, DONALD.

COME awa', come awa', Come awa' wi' me, JENNY; Sick frowns I canna bear frae ane Whafe finiles ance ravish'd me, IENNY; If you'll be kind, you'll never find That ought fall alter me, JENNY; For you're the miftress of my mind, Whate'er you think of me, IENNY.

First when your fweets enflav'd my heart, You feem'd to favour me, IENNY; But now, alas! you act a part That fpeaks unconftancy, JENNY: Unconstancy is fic a vice, 'Tis not befitting thee, IENNY; It fuits not wi' your virtue nice To carry fae to me, JENNY.

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Her answer.

O HAD awa', had awa',
Had awa' frae me, Donald;
Your heart is made o'er large for anc
It is not meet for me, Donald.
Some fickle mistrefs you may find,
Will jilt as fast as thee, Donald;
To ilka swain she will prove kind,
And nae less kind to thee, Donald.

But I've a heart that's naething fuch,
'Tis fill'd with honefty, Donald;
I'll ne'er love money, I'll love much,
I hate all levity, Donald.
Therefore nae mair, with art, pretend
Your heart is chain'd to mine, Donald?
For words of falfehood ill defend
A roving love like thine, Donald.

First when you courted, I must own I frankly favour'd you, Donald; Apparent worth and fair renown, Made me believe you true, Donald. Ilk virtue then feem'd to adorn The man esteem'd by me, Donald; But now, the mask fall'n ass, I scorn To ware a thought on thee, Donald.

And now, for ever, had awa',

Had awa' frac me, Donald;

Gae feek a heart that's like your ain,

And come nae mair to me, Donald;

For I'll referve myfell for ane,
For ane that's liker me, DONALD;
If fick a ane I canna find,
I'll ne'er loe man, nor thee, DONALD.

DONALD.

Then I'm thy man, and false report

Has only tald a lie, JENNY;

To try thy truth, and make us sport,

The tale was rais'd by me, JENNY.

JENNY.

When this ye prove, and still can love,
Then come awa' to me, Donald;
I'm weel content, ne'er to repent
That I hae smil'd on thee, Donald.

HAY'S bonny Lassie.

BY fmooth-winding Tay a fwain was reclining,
Aft cry'd he, Oh hey! maun I ftill live pining
Myfell thus awa, and darna difcover
To my bonny HAV that I am her lover?

Nae mair it will hide, the flame waxes stronger;
If she's not my bride, my days are nae langer;
Then I'll take a heart, and try at a venture,
May be, ere we part, my vows may content her.

She's fresh as the spring, and sweet as AURORA,
When birds mount and sing, bidding Daya good morrow;

The fwaird of the mead, enamell'd with daifies, Looks wither'd and dead when twin'd of her graces.

But if fhe appear where verdure invites her, The fountains run clear, and flowers fmell the fweeter; 'Tis heaven to be by when her wit is a-flowing, Her fmiles and bright eye fet my fpirits a-glowing.

The mair that I gaze, the deeper I'm wounded, Struck dumb with amaze, my mind is confounded, I'm all in a fire, dear maid, to carefs ye, For a' my defire is H A Y's bonny laffie.

Hap me wi' thy Petticoat.

O Bell, thy looks ha'e kill'd my heart, I pass the day in pain;
When night returns I feel the smart,
And wish for thee in vain.
I'm starving cold, while thou art warm;
Have pity and incline,
And grant me for a hap that charming petticoat of thine.

My ravifh'd fancy in amaze
Still wanders o'er thy charms,
Delufive dreams ten thoufand ways
Prefent thee to my arms.
But waking think what I endure,
While cruel you decline
Those pleasures, which alone can cure
This panting breast of mine.

I faint, I fail, and wildly rove, Because you still deny The just reward that's due to love, And let true passion die. Oh! turn, and let compassion seize That lovely breast of thine; Thy petticoat could give me eafe, If thou and it were mine.

Sure Heaven has fitted for delight That beauteous form of thine, And thou'rt too good its law to flight, By hind'ring the defign. May all the powers of love agree, At length to make thee mine; Or loofe my chains, and fet me free From ev'ry charm of thine.

Happy Clown.

OW happy is the rural clown, Who, far remov'd from noife of town, Contemns the glory of a crown, And in his fafe retreat, Is pleafed with his low degree, Is rich in decent poverty, From strife, from care, and bus'ness free, At once baith good and great? Nae drums diffurb his morning fleep, He fears nae danger of the deep,

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Nor noify law, nor courts ne'er heap
Vexation on his mind;
No trumpets rouze him to the war,
No hopes can bribe, no threats can dare;
From state intrigues he holds afar,
And liveth unconfin'd.

Like those in golden ages born,
He labours gently to adorn
His small paternal fields of corn,
And on their product feeds;
Each season of the wheeling year,
Industrious he improves with care,
And still some ripen'd fruits appear,
So well his toil succeeds.

Now by a filver ftream he lyes,
And angles with his baits and flies,
And next the fylvan fcene he tries,
His fpirits to regal;
Now from the rock or height he views
His fleecy flock, or teeming cows;
Then tunes his reed, or tries his mufe,
That waits his honest call.

Amidst his harmless easy joys,
No care his peace of mind destroys,
Nor does he pass his time in toys
Beneath his just regard:
He's fond to feel the zephyr's breeze,
To plant and fned his tender trees;
And for attending well his bees,
Enjoys their sweet reward.

The flow'ry meads and filent coves,
The fcenes of faithful rural loves,
And warbling birds on blooming groves,
Afford a wish'd delight;
But O how pleasant is this life!
Blest with a chaste and virtuous wise,
And children prattling, void of strife,
Around his fire at night!

Hallow Even.

W H Y hangs that cloud upon thy brow,
That beauteous heaven erewhile ferene?
Whence do those storms and tempests flow?
Or what this gust of passion mean?
And must then mankind lose that light,
Which in thine eyes was wont to shine.
And ly obscur'd in endless night,
For each poor silly speech of mine?
Dear child, how can I wrong thy name,

Dear child, how can I wrong thy name,
Since its acknowledg'd at all hands,
That could ill tongues abuse thy same,
Thy beauty could make large amends?
Or if I durst profanely try
Thy beauty's pow'rful charms t' upbraid,
Thy virtue well might give the lye,
Nor call thy beauty to its aid.

For Venus, ev'ry heart t' enfnare, With all her charms has deck'd thy face; And Pallas, with unufual care, Bids Wifdom heighten ev'ry grace. Who can the double pain endure?

Or who must not resign the field

To thee, celestial maid, secure

With CUPID's bow, and PALLAS' shield?

If then to thee fuch pow'r is given,
Let not a wretch in torment live,
But fmile, and learn to copy Heaven,
Since we must fin ere it forgive.
But pitying Heaven not only does
Forgive th' offender and th' offence,
But even itself, appeas'd bestows,
As the reward of penitence.

I'll never leave thee.

Јонич.

THO' for feven years and mair honour fhou'd reave me,
To fields where cannons rair, thou need na grieve thee;
For deep in my fpirits thy fweets are indented,
And love shall preferve ay what love has imprinted.
Leave thee, leave thee, I'll never leave thee,
Gang the warld as it will, dearest, believe me.

NELLY.

O J OHNY! I'm jealous whene'er ye discover My fentiments yielding, ye'll turn a loose rover; And nought i' the warld wad vex my heart fairer If you prove unconstant, and fancy ane fairer. Grieve me, grieve me, oh it wad grieve me! A' the lang night and day, if you deceive me.

JOHNY.

My Nellly, let never fick fancies oppress ye, For while my blood's warm I'll kindly cares ye: Your blooming saft beauties first beeted Love's fire, Your virtue and wit make it ay flame the higher. Leave thee, leave thee, I'll never leave thee, Gang the warld as it will, dearest, believe me.

NELLY.

Then, JOHNY, I frankly this minute allow ye To think me your mistress, for love gars me trow ye; And gin you prove fa'se, to ye'rsell be it said then; Ye'll win but sma' honour to wrang a kind maiden. Reave me, reave me, Heav'ns! it wad reave me Of my rest night and day, if ye deceive me.

Јонич.

Bid iceshogles hammer red gads on the studdy, And fair simmer mornings nae mair appear ruddy; Bid Britons think ae gait, and when they obey ye, But never till that time believe I'll betray ye. Leave thee, leave thee, I'll never leave thee; The starns shall gang withershins e'er I deceive thee.

Same Tune.

NE day I heard MARY fay, How shall I leave thee? Stay, dearest ADONIS, stay, Why wilt thou grieve me? Alas! my fond heart will break,
If thou shou'd leave me:
I'll live and die for thy sake,
Yet never leave thee.

Say, lovely ADONIS, fay,
Has MARY deceiv'd thee?
Did e'er her young heart betray
New love, that's griev'd thee?
My conflant mind ne'er shall stray,
Thou mayst believe me,
I love thee, lad, night and day,
And never leave thee.

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

But leave thee, leave thee, lad,
How shall I leave thee?
O! that thought makes me fad,
I'll never leave thee.
Where would my A DONIS fly?
Why does he grieve me?
Alas! my poor heart will die,
If I should leave thee.

I wish my Love were in a Myre.

BLEST as th' immortal gods is he, The youth who fondly fits by thee, And hears and fees thee all the while Softly fpeak and fweetly fmile!

'Twas this bereav'd my foul of rest, And rais'd such tumults in my breast; For while I gaz'd in transport tost, My breath was gone, my voice was lost:

My bofom glow'd; the fubtile flame Ran quick through all my vital frame; O'er my dim eyes a darkness hung, My ears with hollow murmurs rung:

In dewy damps my limbs were chill'd, My blood with gentle horrors thrill'd, My feeble pulfe forgot to play, I fainted, funk, and dy'd away.

JOCKY blyth and gay.

 $B^{\,\mathrm{L}\,\mathrm{Y}\,\mathrm{T}\,\mathrm{H}\,\,\mathrm{J}\,\mathrm{o}\,\mathrm{c}\,\kappa\,\mathrm{y}}$ young and gay, is all my heart's delight;

He's all my talk by day, and all my dream by night. If from the lad I be, it's winter then with me; But when he tarries here, it's fummer all the year.

When I and JOCKY met first on the slowery dale, Right sweetly he me tret, and love was a' his tale. You are the lass, said he, that staw my heart frae me, O ease me of my pain, and never shaw disdain. Well can my Jocky kyth his love and courtefie, He made my heart fu' blyth when he first spake to me. His fuit I ill deny'd, he kis'd, and I comply'd: Sae Jocky promis'd me, that he wad saithful be.

I'm glad when JOCKY comes, fad when he gangs away;
'Tis night when JOCKY glooms, but when he fmiles 'tis day.
When our eyes meet I pant, I colour, figh, and faint;
What lass that wad be kind can better tell her mind?

I'll ne'er love thee more.

By the great Marquis of MONTROSE.

Part First.

MY dear and only love, I pray,
That little world of thee,
Be govern'd by no other fway,
But purest monarchy:
For if confusion have a part,
Which virtuous souls abhor,
I'll call a synod in my heart,
And never love thee more.

As ALEXANDER I will reign,
And I will reign alone,
My thoughts did evermore difdain
A rival on my throne.
He either fears his fate too much,
Or his deferts are fmall,
Who dares not put it to the touch,
To gain or lofe it all.

But I will reign and govern fill,
And always give the law;
And have each fubject at my will,
And all to fland in awe;
But 'gainft my batt'ries if I find
Thou florm or vex me fore,
And if thou fet me as a blind,
I'll never love thee more.

And in the empire of thy heart,
Where I should folely be,
If others do pretend a part,
Or dare to share with me;
Or committees if thou erect,
Or go on such a score,
I'll, smiling, mock at thy neglect,
And never love thee more.

But if no faithless action stain

Thy love and constant word,

I'll make thee famous by my pen,

And glorious by my fword.

I'll ferve thee in such noble ways,

As ne'er was known before;

I'll deck and crown thy head with bays,

And love thee more and more.

Second Part.

M Y dear and only love, take heed, Left thou thyfelf expofe; And let all longing lovers feed Upon fuch looks as those.

A marble wall then build about. Befet without a door: But if thou let thy heart fly out, I'll never love thee more.

Let not their oaths, like vollies shot, Make any breach at all, Nor fmoothness of their language plot, Which way to fcale the wall; Nor balls of wild-fire love confume The thrine which Ladore: For if fuch fmoak about thee fume. I'll never love thee more.

I think thy virtues be too ftrong To fuffer by furprife; Which victual'd by my love fo long, The fiege at length must rise; And leave thee ruled in that health And flate thou was before: But if thou turn a common-wealth, I'll never love thee more.

But if by fraud, or by confent, Thy heart to ruin come. I'll found no trumpet, as I wont, Nor march by tuck of drum; But hold my arms, like enfigns up, Thy falfehood to deplore, And bitterly will figh and weep, And never love thee more.

I'll do with thee as NERO did. When Rome was fet on fire:

Not only all relief forbid,
But to a hill retire;
And fcorn to fhed a tear to fee,
Thy fpirit grow fo poor;
But, fmiling, fing until I die,
I'll never love thee more.

Yet for the love I bore thee once,
Left that thy name fhould die,
A monument of marble-stone
The truth shall testifie;
That every pilgrim passing by,
May pity and deplore
My case, and read the reason why
I can love thee no more.

The golden laws of love shall be
Upon this pillar hung,
"A simple heart, a single eye,
A true and constant tongue.
Let no man for more love pretend
Than he has hearts in store:
True love begun shall never end;
Love one and love no more."

Then shall thy heart be set by mine,
But in far different case;
For mine was true, so was not thine,
But lookt like Janus' face.
For as the waves with every wind,
So sails thou every shore,
And leaves my constant heart behind;
How can I love thee more?

My heart shall with the fun be fixt,

For constancy most strange,
And thine shall with the moon be mixt,
Delighting ay in change.
Thy beauty shin'd at first most bright,
And woe is me therefor,
That e'er I found thy love so light,
I could love thee no more.

The mifty mountains, fmoaking lakes,
The rocks refounding echo;
The whiftling wind that murmur makes,
Shall all with me fing hey ho.
The toffing feas, the tumbling boats,
Tears dropping from each fhore,
Shall tune with me their turtle notes,
I'll never love thee more.

As doth the turtle chafte and true
Her fellow's death regrete,
And daily mourns for his adieu,
And ne'er renews her mate;
So, though thy faith was never faft,
Which grieves me wond'rous fore,
Yet I shall live in love so chafte,
That I shall love no more.

And when all gallants ride about
These monuments to view,
Whereon is written in and out,
"Thou trait'rous and untrue;"
Then in a passion they shall pause,
And thus fay, sighing fore,

Alas! he had too just a cause Never to love thee more.

And when that tracing goddefs F A M E
From east to west shall flee,
She shall record it to thy shame,
How thou hast loved me;
And how in odds our love was such
As few has been before;
Thou lov'd too many, I too much,
That I can love no more.

I fixt my Fancy on her.

BRIGHT CYNTHIA's power divinely great,
What heart is not obeying?
A thousand CUPIDS on her wait,
And in her eyes are playing.
She seems the queen of love to reign;
For she alone dispenses
Such sweets as best can entertain
The gust of all the senses.

Her face a charming profpect brings,
Her breath gives balmy bliffes;
I hear an angel when fhe fings,
And tafte of heav'n in kiffes.
Four fenfes thus fhe feafts with joy,
From Nature's richeft treafure;
Let me the other fenfe employ,
And I fhall die with pleafure.
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I'll gar ye be fain to follow me.

HE.

ADIEU, for a while, my native green plains, My nearest relations, my neighbouring swains, Dear Nelly, frae those I'd start easily free, Were minutes not ages, while absent frae thee.

SHE.

Then tell me the reason, thou dost not obey The pleadings of love, but thus hurry away? Alake! thou deceiver, o'er plainly I fee, A lover sae roving will never mind me.

HE.

The reafon unhappy is owing to fate, That gave me a being without en eftate, Which lays a necessity now upon me, To purchase a fortune for pleasure to thee.

SHE.

Small fortune may ferve where love has the fway, Then Jonny be counfel'd na langer to ftray: For while thou proves conflant in kindness to me, Contented I'll ay find a treasure in thee.

HE.

O ceafe, my dear charmer, elfe foon I'll betray A weaknefs unmanly, and quickly give way To fondnefs, which may prove a ruin to thee. A pain to us baith, and difhonour to me. Bear witnefs, ye ftreams, and witnefs, ye flowers, Bear witnefs, ye watchful invifible powers, If ever my heart be unfaithful to thee, May naething propitious e'er fmile upon me.

JOHN ANDERSON my Jo.

T IS not your beauty nor your wit,
That can my heart obtain;
For they could never conquer yet
Either my breaft or brain;
For if you'll not prove kind to me,
And true as heretofore,
Henceforth your flave I'll fcorn to be,
Nor doat upon you more.

Think not my fancy to o'ercome,
By proving thus unkind;
No fmoothed figh, nor fmiling frown,
Can fatisfy my mind.
Pray let Platonics play such pranks,
Such follies I deride;

For love at least I will have thanks,
And fomething else beside.

Then open-hearted be with me,
As I shall be with you,
And let your actions be as free
As virtue will allow.
If you'll prove loving, I'll prove kind.
If true, I'll constant be:

If Fortune chance to change your mind, I'll turn as foon as ye.

Since our affections well ye know
In equal terms do fland,
'Tis in your pow'r to love or no,
Mine's likewife in my hand.
Difpenfe with your aufterity,
Inconflancy abhor,
Or, by great Cupid's deity,
I'll never love you more.

JOCKY and JENNY.

Јоску.

W HEN JOCKY was blefs'd with your love and your truth,

Not on Tweed's pleafant banks dwelt fo blythfome a youth; With JENNY I fported it all the day long, And her name was the burden and joy of my fong.

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JENNY.

Ere J ο C κ v had ceas'd all his kindness to me, There liv'd in a vale not so happy a she: Such pleasures with J ο C κ v his J E N N v had known, That she scorn'd in a cote the fine solks of the town.

Јоску.

Ah! JOCKY, what fear now possessible thy mind,
That JENNY so constant, to WILLLY's been kind!

When dancing fo gay with the nymphs on the plain, She yielded her hand and her heart to the fwain.

JENNY.

You falfely 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.

Јоску.

Believe not, fweet $J \in N \times Y$, my heart ftray'd from thee, For Lucy the wanton's a maid ftill for me: From a lafs that's fo true your fond $J \circ C \times Y$ ne'er rov'd, Nor once could forfake the kind $J \in N \times Y$ he lov'd.

JENNY.

My heart for young WILLY ne'er panted nor figh'd; For you of that heart was the joy and the pride. While Tweed's waters glide, shall your JENNY be true, Nor love, my dear JOCKY, a shepherd like you.

Јоску.

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

KATHARINE OGIE.

A^S walking forth to view the plain, Upon a morning early,

While May's fweet fcent did chear my brain,
From flow'rs which grew fo rarely:
I chanc'd to meet a pretty maid,
She fhin'd though it was foggy:
I afk'd her name: Sweet Sir, the faid,
My name is KATHARINE OGIE.

I flood a while, and did admire,
To fee a nymph fo flately;
So brifk an air there did appear,
In a country-maid fo neatly:
Such natural fweetnefs fhe difplay'd,
Like a lillie in a bogie;
DIANA'S felf was ne'er array'd
Like this fame KATHARINE OGIE.

Thou flow'r of females, Beauty's queen,
Who fees thee fure must prize thee;
Though thou art drest in robes but mean,
Yet these cannot disguise thee;
Thy handsome air and graceful look,
Far excells any clownish rogie;
Thou'rt match for laird, or lord, or duke,
My charming KATHARINE OGIE.

O were I but a fhepherd fwain!
To feed my flock befide thee,
At boughting time to leave the plain,
In milking to abide thee;
I'd think myfelf a happier man,
With KATE, my club, and dogie,
Than he that hugs his thoufands 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 conqu'ring nations:
Might I cares and still posses
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 fo fine a creature,
Whose beauty rare makes her exceed
All other works in nature.
Clouds of despair surround my love,
That are both dark and soggy:
Pity my case, ye powers above,
Else I die for Katharine Ogie.

Kind ROBIN lo's me.

ROBIN.

WHILST I alone your foul poffeft,
And none more lov'd your bofom preft,
Ye gods, what king like me was bleft,
When kind Jenny lo'ed me!
Hey ho, Jenny, quoth he,
Kind Robin lo'es thee.

JEANY.

Whilft 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!
Hey ho, ROBIN, &c.

ROBIN.

KATY now commands my heart, KATE who fings with fo much art, Whose life to fave with mine I'd part; For kind KATY lo'es me. Hey ho, JENNY, &c.

JEANY.

PATIE now delights mine eyes, He with equal ardour dies, Whose life to fave I'd perish twice; For kind PATIE lo'es me. Hey ho, ROBIN, &c.

ROBIN.

What if I KATE for thee difdain,
And former love return again,
To link us in the ftrongest chain;
For kind ROBIN lo'es thee.
Hey ho, JENNY, &c.

JENNY.

Though PATIE'S kind, as kind can be, And thou more flormy than the fea, I'd chufe to live and die with thee,

If kind ROBIN & me.

Hey ho, ROBIN, &c.

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 fost 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 fhade we lay,
Gazing and chaftely fporting;
We kifs'd and promis'd time away,
Till Night fpread her black curtain.
I pitied all beneath the fkies,
Ev'n kings, when fhe was nigh me;
In raptures I beheld her eyes,
Which cou'd but ill deny me.

Shou'd I be call'd where cannons roar,
Where mortal fteel may wound me,
Or cast upon some foreign shore,
Where dangers may surround me:
Yet hopes again to see my love,
To feast on glowing kiss,
Shall make my care at distance move,
In prospect of such blisses.

In all my foul there's not one place
To let a rival enter;
Since fhe excels in ev'ry grace,
In her my love fhall center.

Sooner the feas fhall ceafe to flow, Their waves the Alps fhall cover, On Greenland-ice fhall rofes grow, Before I ceafe 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,
Tho' I left her behind me:
Then Hymen's facred bonds shall chain
My heart to her fair bosom;
There, while my being does remain,
My love more fresh shall blossom.

Logan Water.

FOR ever, Fortune, wilt thou prove, An unrelenting foe to love; And when we meet a mutual heart, Come in between, and bid us part;

Bid us figh on from day to day, And wish, and wish the foul away, Till youth and genial years are flown, And all the life of life is gone?

But bufy, bufy still art thou, To bind the loveless, joyless vow, The heart from pleasure to delude, And join the gentle to the rude.

For once, O Fortune, hear my pray'r, And I absolve thy future care; All other wishes I refign, Make but the dear AMANDA mine.

Same Tune.

TELL me, HAMILLA, tell me why
Thou doft from him that loves thee run?
Why from his foft embraces fly,
And all his kind endearments fhun?
So flies the fawn, with fear oppreft,
Seeking its mother every where,
It flarts at ev'ry empty blaft,
And trembles when no danger's near.

And yet I keep thee but in view,
To gaze the glories of thy face;
Nor with a hateful flep purfue,
As age, to rifle every grace.
Ceafe then, dear Wildnefs, ceafe to toy,
But hafte all rivals to outfhine,
And, grown mature and ripe for joy,
Leave Mamma's arms, and come to mine.

Leader Haughs.

WHEN PHOEBUS bright the azure skies With golden rays enlight'neth,
He makes all Nature's beauties rife,
Herbs, trees, and flow'rs he quick'neth:
Amongst all those he makes his choice,
And with delight goes thorough,
With radiant beams and filver streams
O'er Leader-haughs and Yarrow.

When ARIES the day and night In equal length divideth, And frofty SATURN takes his flight,
Nae langer he abideth;
Then FLORA Queen, with mantle green,
Casts aff her former forrow,
And vows to dwell with CERES' fell,
In Leader-haughs and Yarrow.

PAN playing on his aiten reed,
And shepherds him attending,
Do here refort their flocks to feed,
The hills and haughs commending;
With cur and kent upon the bent,
Sing to the fun good-morrow,
And swear nae fields mair pleasures yield
Than Leader-haughs and Yarrow.

An house there stands on Leader-side,
Surmounting my descriving,
With rooms fae rare, and windows fair,
Like Dedalus' contriving;
Men passing by, do aften cry,
In sooth it hath no marrow;
It stands as sweet on Leader-side,
As Newark does on Yarrow.

A mile below wha lifts to ride,
They'll hear the mavis finging;
Into St Leonard's banks fhe'll bide,
Sweet birks her head o'erhinging;
The lintwhite loud and Progne proud,
With tuneful throats and narrow,
Into St Leonard's banks they fing
As fweetly as in Yarrow.

The lapwing lilteth o'er the lee,
With nimble wings fhe fporteth;
But vows fhe'll flee far from the tree
Where Philomel reforteth:
By break of day the lark can fay,
I'll bid you a good-morrow,
I'll ftretch my wing, and mounting, fing
O'er Leader-haughs and Yarrow.

Park, Wantonwaws, and Woodencleugh,
The Eaft and Weftern Mainfes,
The wood of Lauder's fair enough,
The corns are good in Blainfhes;
Where aits are fine, and fold by kind,
That if ye fearch all thorough,
Mearns, Buchan, Mar, nane better are
Than Leader-haughs and Yarrow.

In Burnmill Bog, and Whiteflade Shaws,
The fearful hare fhe haunteth;
Brighaugh and Braidwoodfhiel fhe knaws,
And Chapel-wood frequenteth;
Yet when fhe irks, to Kaidfly birks
She rins, and fighs for forrow,
That fhe fhould leave fweet Leader-haughs,
And cannot win to Yarrow.

What fweeter music wad ye hear,
Than hounds and beigles crying?
The started hare rins hard with fear,
Upon her speed relying:
But yet her strength it fails at length,
Nae bielding can she borrow
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In Sorrel's fields, Cleckman, or Hags, And fighs to be in Yarrow.

For Rockwood, Ringwood, Spotty, Shag, With fight, and fcent purfue her, Till, ah! her pith begins to flag, Nae cunning can refcue her:

O'er dub and dyke, o'er feugh and fyke She'll rin the fields all thorough,

Till fail'd, fhe fa's in Leader-haughs,
And bids farewell to Yarrow.

Sing Erflington and Cowdenknows,
Where Homes had anes commanding;
And Drygrange with the milk-white ews,
'Twixt Tweed and Leader flanding:
The birds that flee throw Redpath trees,
And Gledfwood banks ilk morrow,
May chant and fing fweet Leader-haughs,
And bonny howms of Yarrow.

But Minstrel-burn cannot affuage
His grief while life endureth,
To fee the changes of this age,
That fleeting time procureth:
For mony a place stands in hard case,
Where blyth sowk kend nae forrow,
With Homes that dwelt on Leader-side,
And Scots that dwelt on Yarrow.

Same Tune.

T HE morn was fair, faft was the air, All nature's fweets were fpringing;

The buds did bow with filver dew,
Ten thousand birds were finging;
When on the bent, with blyth content,
Young Jamie fang his marrow.
Ne'er bonnier lass e'er trod the grass
On Leader-haughs and Yarrow.

How fweet her face, where every grace
In heavenly beauty's planted;
Her fmiling een, and comely mein,
That nae perfection wanted!
I'll never fret, nor bane my fate,
But blefs my bonny marrow:
If her dear fmile my doubts beguile,
My mind fhall ken nae forrow.

Yet tho' fhe's fair, and has full fhare
Of every charm inchanting,
Each good turns ill, and foon will kill
Poor me, if love be wanting.
O bonny lass! have but the grace
To think e'er ye gae further,
Your joys maun flit, if you commit
The crying fin of murder.

My wand'ring ghaift will ne'er get reft,
And night and day affright ye;
But if ye're kind, with joyful mind
I'll fludy to delight ye;
Our years around with love thus crown'd,
From all things joy fhall borrow:
Thus none fhall be more bleft than we,
On Leader-haughs and Yarrow.

O fweeteft Sue! 'tis only you Can make life worth my wifhes, If equal love your mind can move To grant this best of blisses. Thou art my sun, and thy least frown Would blast me in the blossom; But if thou shine, and make me thine, I'll slourish in thy bosom.

Lochaber no more.

FAREWELL to Lochaber, and farewell, my JEAN, Where heartfome with thee I have mony day been; For Lochaber no more, Lochaber no more, We'll may be return to Lochaber no more.

Thefe tears that I flied they are a' for my dear, And no for the dangers attending on weir;
Tho' bore on rough feas to a far bloody fhore, May be to return to Lochaber no more.

Tho' hurricanes rife, and raife every wind,
They'll ne'er make a tempeft like that in my mind;
Tho' loudeft of thunder on louder waves roar,
That's naething like leaving my love on the fhore.
To leave thee behind me, my heart is fair pain'd;
By eafe that's inglorious no fame can be gain'd;
And beauty and love's the reward of the brave,
And I maun deferve it before I can crave.

Then glory, my JEANY, maun plead my excufe; Since honour commands me, how can I refuse?

Without it I ne'er can have merit for thee, And without thy favour I'd better not be. I gae then, my lafs, to win honour and fame, And if I should luck to come gloriously hame, I'll bring a heart to thee with love running o'er, And then I'll leave thee and Lochaber no more.

Love is the cause of my mourning.

By a murmuring stream a fair shepherdess lay, Be so kind, O ye nymphs, I off-times heard her say, Tell Strephon I die, if he passes this way,

And that love is the cause of my mourning.

False shepherds, that tell me of beauty and charms, You deceive me, for Strephon's cold heart never warms;

Yet bring me this STREPHON, let me die in his arms, Oh STREPHON! the caufe of my mourning.

But first, said she, let me go down to the shades below, Ere ye let STREPHON know that I have lov'd him so; Then on my pale cheek no blushes will show,

That love was the caufe of my mourning.

Her eyes were fcarce closed when STREPHON came by; He thought she'd been sleeping, and softly drew nigh: But finding her breathless, O heavens! did he cry,

Ah CHLORIS! the cause of my mourning.

Reftore me my Chloris, ye nymphs, ufe your art. They, fighing, reply'd, 'Twas your eyes fhot the dart. That wounded the tender young fhepherdefs' heart,

And kill'd the poor CHLORIS with mourning.

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Ah then is CHLORIS dead, wounded by me! he faid; I'll follow thee, chaste maid, down to the filent shade. Then on her cold fnowy breaft leaning his head, Expir'd the poor STREPHON with mourning.

Lack of Gold

FOR the lack of gold she's left me, And of all that's dear bereft me: She me forfook for a great duke, And to endless woes she's left me. A flar and garter have more art Than youth, a true and faithful heart; For empty titles we must part, And for glitt'ring fhow she's left me.

No cruel fair shall e'er more move My injur'd heart again to love; Thro' diftant climates I must rove. Since I EANY she has left me. Ye Powers above, I to your care Give up my charming lovely fair; Your choiceft bleffings be her fhare. Tho' fhe's for ever left me.

Lass of Livingston.

PAIN'D with her flighting JAMIE'S love, BELL dropt a tear---BELL dropt a tear, The gods defcended from above, Well pleas'd to hear---well pleas'd to hear:

They heard the praifes of the youth,

From her own tongue---from her own tongue,
Who now converted was to truth,

And thus fhe fung---and thus fhe fung:

Blefs'd days! when our ingenious fex,
More frank and kind---more frank and kind,
Did not their lov'd adorers vex,
But fpoke their mind---but fpoke their mind.
Repenting now, fhe promis'd fair,
Would he return---would he return,
She ne'er again would give him care,
Or caufe him mourn---or caufe him mourn.

Why lov'd I thee, deferving fwain,
Yet flill thought fhame---yet flill thought fhame,
When he my yielding heart did gain,
To own my flame---to own my flame?
Why took I pleafure to torment,
And feem too coy---and feem too coy?
Which makes me now, alas! lament
My flighted joy,---my flighted joy.

Ye fair, while beauty's in its fpring,
Own your defire---own your defire;
While Love's young power, with his foft wing,
Fans up the fire---fans up the fire.
Oh! do not with a filly pride,
Or low defign---or low defign,
Refufe to be a happy bride,
But answer plain---but answer plain.

Thus the fair mourner wail'd her crime, With flowing eyes---with flowing eyes; Glad J A M I E heard her all the time,
With fweet furprize---with fweet furprize.

Some god had led him to the grove,
His mind unchang'd---his mind unchang'd,
Flew to her arms, and cry'd, My love,
I am reveng'd---I am reveng'd.

MARY SCOTT.

HAPPY's the love which meets return, When in foft flames fouls equal burn; But words are wanting to difcover The torments of a hopelefs lover. Ye registers of Heav'n, relate, If looking o'er the rolls of Fate, Did you there see me mark'd to marrow MARYSCOT the flower of Yarrow.

Ah no! her form's too heav'nly fair, Her love the gods above must share; While mortals with despair explore her, And at distance due adore her. O lovely maid! my doubts beguile, Revive and bless me with a smile: Alas! if not, you'll soon debar a Sighing swain the banks of Yarrow.

Be hush, ye fears, I'll not despair My MARY's tender as she's fair; Then I'll go tell her all mine anguish, She is too good to let me languish; With fuccess crown'd, I'll not envy The folks who dwell above the sky; When MARYSCOT's become my marrow, We'll make a paradife in Yarrow.

Same Tune.

'T WAS fummer, and the day was fair, Refolv'd a while to fly from care, Beguiling thought, forgetting forrow, I wander o'er the braes of Yarrow; Till then defpifing beauty's power, I kept my heart, my own fecure; But CUPID's art did there deceive me, And MARY's charms do now enflave me.

Will cruel love no bribe receive?
No ranfom take for M ARY's flave?
Her frowns of reft and hope deprive me;
Her lovely fmiles like light revive me.
No bondage may with mine compare,
Since first I saw this charming fair:
This beauteous flower, this rose of Yarrow,
In Nature's garden has no marrow.

Had I of Heaven but one requeft, I'd ask to ly in MARY's breast;
There would I live or die with pleasure,
Nor spare this world one moment's leisure;
Despising kings and all that's great,
I'd smile at courts and courtier's fate;
My joy compleat on such a marrow,
I'd dwell with her, and live on Yarrow.

But tho' fuch blifs I ne'er should gain, Contented still I'll wear my chain, In hopes my faithful heart may move her; For leaving life I'll always love her. What doubts distract a lover's mind? That breast, all fostness, must prove kind; And she shall yet become my marrow, The lovely beauteous rose of Yarrow.

The Mill, Mill---O.

BENEATH a green shade I fand a fair maid, Was sleeping sound and still---O;
A' lowan wi' love, my fancy did rove
Around her wi' good will---O:
Her bosom I prest; but sunk in her rest,
She stir'dna my joy to spill---O;
While kindly she sleept, close to her I crept,
And kis's'd, and kis'd her my sill---O.

Oblig'd by command in Flanders to land,

T' employ my courage and skill---O,

Frae her quietly I staw, hoist fails and awa,

For the wind blew fair on the bill---O.

Twa years brought me hame, where loud-fraising fame

Tald me with a voice right shrill---O,

My lass, like a fool, had mounted the stool,

Nor kend wha had done her the ill---O.

Mair fond of her charms, with my fon in her arms, I ferlying fpeir'd how she fell---O.
Wi' the tear in her eye, quoth she, Let me die,
Sweet Sir, gin I can tell---O.

Love gave the command, I took her by the hand, And bade her a' fears expel---O, And nae mair look wan, for I was the man Wha had done her the deed myfel---O.

My bonny fweet lafs, on the gowany grafs,
Beneath the Shilling-hill---O,
If I did offence, I'fe make ye amends
Before I leave P E G G Y's mill---O.
O the mill, mill---O, and the kill, kill---O,
And the coggin of the wheel---O;
The fack and the fieve, a' that ye maun leave,
And round with a fodger reel---O.

My Deary an' thou die.

My fancy's fix'd on thee;

Nor ever maid my heart shall gain,
My PEGGV, if thou die.

Thy beauties did such pleasure give,
Thy love's fo true to me,
Without thee I shall never live,
My deary, if thou die.

If fate shall tear thee from my breast,
How shall I lonely stray?

In dreary dreams the night I'll waste,
In sighs the filent day.
I ne'er can so much virtue sind,
Nor such persection see:
Then I'll renounce all womankind,
My PEGGY, after thee.

OVE never more shall give me pain,

No new-blown beauty fires my heart
With Cupid's raving rage,
But thine which can fuch fweets impart,
Must all the world engage.
'Twas this that like the morning sun
Gave joy and life to me:
And when its destin'd day is done,
With Peggy let me die.

Ye powers that fmile on virtuous love,
And in fuch pleafure fhare;
You who its faithful flames approve,
With pity view the fair.
Reftore my P E G G Y's wonted charms,
Those charms so dear to me;
Oh! never rob me from those arms:
I'm lost if P E G G Y die.

N A N N Y --- O.

W HILE fome for pleasure pawn their health, 'Twixt Lais and the Bagnio,
I'll save mysell, and without stealth,
Kiss and cares my NANNY---O.

She bids more fair t' engage a Jove,

Than Leda did, or Danae--O:

Were I to paint the queen of Love,

None else should fit but Nanny---O.

How joyfully my fpirits rife,
When dancing the moves finely---O!
I guess what heaven is by her eyes,
Which fparkle so divinely---O.

Attend my vow, ye gods, while I
Breathe in the bleft Britannia,
None's happiness I shall envy,
As lang's ye grant me N A N N Y---O.

CHORUS.

My bonny, bonny N A N N Y---O, My lovely charming N A N N Y---O! I care not though the world know How dearly I love N A N N Y---O.

Omnia vincit amor.

AS I went forth to view the fpring,
Which FLORA had adorned
In raiment fair; now every thing
The rage of winter fcorned;
I cast mine eye, and did espy
A youth, who made great clamor;
And drawing nigh, I heard him cry,
Ah! omnia vincit amor.

Upon his breaft he lay along,
Hard by a murm'ring river,
And mournfully his doleful fong
With fighs he did deliver;
Ah! JEANY's face has comely grace,
Her locks that fhine like lammer,
With burning rays have cut my days;
For omnia vincit amor.
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Her glancy een like comets sheen,
The morning fun outshining,
Have caught my heart in Cupid's net,
And make me die with pining,
Durst I complain, Nature's to blame,
So curiously to frame her,
Whose beauties rare make me, with care,
Cry, omnia vincit amor.

Ye cryftal ftreams that fwiftly glide,
Be partners of my mourning,
Ye fragrant fields and meadows wide,
Condemn her for her fcorning;
Let every tree a witnefs be,
How juftly I may blame her;
Ye chanting birds, note thefe my words,
Ah! omnia vincit amor.

Had she been kind as she was fair,
She long had been admired,
And been ador'd for virtues rare,
Wh' of life now makes me tired.
Thus faid, his breath began to fail,
He could not speak, but stammer;
He sigh'd full fore, and faid no more,
But omnia vincit amor.

When I observ'd him near to death,
I run in haste to fave him,
But quickly he resign'd his breath,
So deep the wound love gave him.
Now for her sake this vow I'll make,
My tongue shall ay defame her,
While on his herse I'll write this verse,
Ah! omnia vincit amor.

Straight I confider'd in my mind
Upon the matter rightly,
And found, though Cupid he be blind,
He proves in pith most mighty.
For warlike Mars, and thund'ring Jove,
And Vulcan with his hammer,
Did ever prove the slaves of love;
For omnia vincit amor.

Hence we may fee th' effects of love,
Which gods and men keep under,
That nothing can his bonds remove,
Or torments break afunder:
Nor wife nor fool need go to fchool
To learn this from his grammar;
His heart's the book where he's to look
For ownia vincit amor.

O'er Bogie.

I WILL awa' wi' my love,

I will awa' wi' her,

Tho' a' my kin had fworn and faid,

I'll o'er Bogie wi' her.

If I can get but her confent,

I dinna care a ftrae;

Though ilka ane be difcontent,

Awa' wi' her I'll gae.

I will awa', &c.

For now, fhe's miftrefs of my heart,
And wordy of my hand,
And well I wat we fhanna part
For filler or for land.
Let rakes delyte to fwear and drink,
And beaus admire fine lace,
But my chief pleafure is to blink
On BETTY's bonny face.
I will awa', &c.

There a' the beauties do combine,
Of colour, treats, and air,
The faul that fparkles in her een
Makes her a jewel rare;
Her flowing wit gives fhining life
To a' her other charms;
How blefs'd I'll be when fhe's my wife,
And lock'd up in my arms!

I will awa', &c.

There blythly will I rant and fing,
While o'er her fweets I range,
I'll cry, Your humble fervant, king,
Shame fa' them that wad change.
A kifs of BETTV and a fmile,
Abeit ye wad lay down
The right ye hae to Britain's ifle
And offer me your crown.
I will awa', &c.

Pinky House.

BY Pinky House oft let me walk,
While circled in my arms,
I hear my NELLY sweetly talk;
And gaze o'er all her charms;
O let me ever fond behold
Those graces void of art!
Those chearful smiles that sweetly hold
In willing chains my heart!

O come, my Love! and bring a-new That gentle turn of mind;
That gracefulnefs of air, in you,
By Nature's hand defign'd;
What beauty, like the blufhing rofe,
First lighted up this flame;
Which, like the fun, for ever glows
Within my breast the fame!

Ye light coquets! ye airy things!
How vain is all your art!
How feldom it a lover brings?
How rarely keeps a heart!
O gather from my Nellv's charms,
That fweet, that graceful eafe;
That blufhing modefly that warms;
That native art to pleafe!

Come then, my love! O come along!
And feed me with thy charms;
Come, fair infpirer of my fong!
O fill my longing arms!

A flame like mine can never die, While charms, fo bright as thine, So heav'nly fair, both pleafe the eye, And fill the foul divine!

Same Tune.

A S SYLVIA in a forest lay,
To vent her woe alone;
Her swain SYLVANDER came that way,
And heard her dying moan.
Ah! is my love, she faid, to you
So worthless and so vain?
Why is your wonted fondness now
Converted to difdain?

You vow'd the light fhou'd darknefs turn,
E'er you'd exchange your love;
In fhades now may creation mourn,
Since you unfaithful prove.
Was it for this I credit gave
To ev'ry oath you fwore?
But ah! it feems they most deceive,
Who most our charms adore.

'Tis plain your drift was all deceit,
The practice of mankind:
Alas! I fee it, but too late,
My love had made me blind.
For you delighted, I could die;
But oh! with grief I'm fill'd,
To think that credulous conftant I
Shou'd by yourfelf be kill'd.

This faid——all breathlefs, fick and pale, Her head upon her hand,

She found her vital fpirits fail,
And fenfes at a fland.

SYLVANDER then began to melt;
But e'er the word was given,

The heavy hand of death fhe felt,
And figh'd her foul to Heaven.

PEGGY, I must love thee.

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

So when by her whom long I lov'd,
I fcorn'd was, and deferted,
Low with defpair my fpirits mov'd,
To be for ever parted:
Thus droopt I, till diviner grace
I found in Peggy's mind and face;
Ingratitude appear'd then bafe,
But virtue more engaging.

Then now fince happily I've hit, I'll have no more delaying? Let beauty yield to manly wit, We lofe ourfelves in flaying: I'll haste dull courtship to a close, Since marriage can my fears oppose: Why should we happy minutes lose? Since, Peggv, I must love thee.

Men may be foolifh, if they pleafe,
And deemt a lover's duty,
To figh, and facrifice their eafe,
Doating on a proud beauty:
Such was my cafe for many a year,
Still hope fucceeding to my fear,
Falfe BETTY's charms now disappear
Since PEGGY's far outfhine them.

Same Tune.

BENEATH a beech's grateful shade Young Colin lay complaining; He sigh'd, and seem'd to love a maid, Without hopes of obtaining: For thus the swain indulg'd his grief, Tho' pity cannot move thee, Tho' thy hard heart gives no relief, Yet, Peggv, I must love thee.

Say, PEGGV, what has COLIN done,
That thus you cruelly use him?
If love's a fault, 'tis that alone
For which you should excuse him!
'Twas thy dear felf first rais'd this slame,
This fire by which I languish;
'Tis thou alone can quench the same,
And cool its scorching anguish.

For thee I leave the fportive plain,
Where ev'ry maid invites me;
For thee, fole cause of all my pain,
For thee that only slights me:
This love that fires my faithful heart
By all but thee's commended.
Oh! would thou act so good a part,
My grief might soon be ended.

That beauteous breast fo fost to feel,
Seem'd tenderness all over,
Yet it defends thy heart like steel,
'Gainst thy despairing lover.
Alas! tho' should it ne'er relent,
Nor Colin's care e'er move thee,
Yet till life's latest breath is spent,
My Peggy, I must love thee.

Polwart on the Green.

AT Polwart on the green,
If you'll meet me the morn,
Where laffes do convene
To dance about the thorn,
A kindly welcome you shall meet,
Frae her wha likes to view
A lover and a lad complete,
The lad and lover you.

Let dorty dames fay Na,
As lang as e'er they pleafe,
Seem caulder than the fna',
While inwardly they bleeze;

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But I will frankly flaw my mind, And yield my heart to thee; Be ever to the captive kind, That langs na to be free.

At Polwart on the green,
Amang the new-mawn hay,
With fangs and dancing keen,
We'll pass the heartsome day.
At night, if beds be o'er thrang laid,
And thou be twin'd of thine,
Thou shalt be welcome, my dear lad,
To tak a part of mine.

Same Tune.

T HO' beauty, like the rofe, That fmiles on Polwart green, In various colours flows, As 'tis by fancy feen: Yet all its diff'rent glories ly United in thy face, And virtue, like the fun on high, Gives rays to every grace. So charming is her air, So fmooth, fo calm her mind, That to fome angel's care Each motion feems affign'd: But yet fo chearful, fprightly, gay, The joyful moments fly, As if for wings they ftole the ray She darteth from her eye.

Kind, am'rous CUPIDS, while
With tuneful voice fhe fings,
Perfume her breath and fmile,
And wave their balmy wings:
But as the tender blufhes rife,
Soft innocence doth warm,
The foul in blifsful extafies
Diffolyeth in the charm.

PEATV'S Mill.

THE lass of PEATY'S mill,
So bonny, blyth, and gay,
In spite of all my skill,
Hath stole my heart away.
When tedding of the hay
Barc-headed on the green,
Love 'midst her locks did play,
And wanton'd in her een.

Her arms, white, round, and fmooth,
Breafts rifing in their dawn,
To age it would give youth,
To prefs 'em with his hand:
Through all my fpirits ran
An extafy of blifs,
When I fuch fweetnefs fand
Wrapt in a balmy kifs.

Without the help of art,
Like flowers which grace the wild,
She did her fweets impart,
Whene'er fhe fpoke or fmil'd.

Her looks they were fo mild, Free from affected pride, She me to love beguil'd, I wish'd her for my bride.

O had I all that wealth

HOPTOUN'S high mountains fill,
Infur'd long life and health,

And pleafures at my will;
I'd promife and fulfil,

That none but bonny fhe,
The lafs of PEATY'S mill

Shou'd fhare the fame with me.

Pier of Leith.

YOUNG PHILANDER woo'd me lang,
But I was peevifh and forbad him,
I wadna tent his loving fang,
But now I wifh, I wifh I had him:
Ilk morning when I view my glafs,
Then I perceive my beauty going;
And when the wrinkles feize the face,
Then we may bid adieu to wooing.
My beauty, anes fo much admir'd,
I find it fading faft, and flying;

I find it fading faft, and flying;

My cheeks, which coral-like appear'd,

Grow pale, the broken blood decaying:

Ah! we may fee ourfelves to be,

Like fummer-fruit that is unshaken;

When ripe, they foon fall down and die,

And by corruption quickly taken.

Use then your time, ye virgins fair, Employ your day before 'tis evil; Fifteen is a season rare, But five and twenty is the devil. Just when ripe, consent unto't, Hug nae mair your lanely pillow;

Women are like other fruit,

They lofe their relish when too mellow.

If opportunity be loft,
 You'll find it hard to be regained;
Which now I may tell to my coft,
 Tho' but myfell nane can be blamed;
If then your fortune you refpect,
 Take the occasion when it offers;
Nor a true lover's fuit neglect,
 Left you be fcoff'd for being fcoffers.

I, by his fond expressions thought,
That in his love he'd ne'er prove changing;
But now, alas! 'tis turn'd to nought,
And, past my hope, he's gane a ranging.
Dear maidens, then, take my advice,
And let na coyness prove your ruin;
For if ye be o'er foolish nice,
Your suitors will give over wooing.

Then maidens auld you nam'd will be,
And in that fretfu' rank be number'd,
As lang as life; and when ye die,
With leading apes be ever cumber'd:
A punishment, and hated brand,
With which nane of us are contented;
Then be not wife behind the hand,
That the mistake may be prevented.
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PATIE and PEGGY.

PATIE.

BY the delicious warmness of thy mouth,
And rowing eye, which smiling tells the truth,
I guess, my lasse, that as well as 1,
You're made for love, and why should ye deny?

PEGGY.

But ken ye, lad, gin we confefs o'er foon, Ye think us cheap, and fyne the wooing's done: The maiden that o'er quickly tines her power, Like unripe fruit will tafte but hard and fowr.

PATIE.

But when they hing o'er lang upon the tree, Their fweetness they may tine, and sae may ye: Red-cheeked you completely ripe appear, And I have thol'd and woo'd a lang ha'f year.

PEGGV.

Then dinna pu' me; gently thus I fa' Into my PATY's arms for good and a'; But flint your wifnes to this frank embrace, And mint nae farther till we've got the grace.

PATIE.

O charming armsfu'! hence, ye cares, away, I'll kifs my treafure a' the live-lang day;

A' night I'll dream my kiffes o'er again, Till that day come that ye'll be a' my ain.

CHORUS.

Sun, gallop down the westlin skies, Gang soon to bed, and quickly rife: O lash your sleeds, post time away, And haste about our bridal day: And if ye're wearied, honest light, Sleep, gin ye like, a week that night.

Queen of the May.

JENNY.

S TERN Winter has left us, the trees are in bloom, And cowflips and vi'lets the meadows perfume; While kids are difporting, and birds fill the fpray, I wait for my Jock v to hail the new May.

Јоску.

Among the young lilies, my JENNY, I've ftray'd. Pinks, daifies, and woodbines I bring to my maid; Here's thyme fweetly fmelling, and lavender gay, A pofy to form for my Queen of the May.

JENNY.

Ah! JOCKY, I fear you intend to beguile, When feated with MOLLY last night on a stile.

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You fwore that you'd love her for ever and ay, Forgetting poor JENNY, your Queen of the May.

Јоску.

Young WILLY is handfome in fhepherds' green dreft, He gave you these ribbons that hang at your breast, Besides three sweet kisses upon the new hay; Was that done like JENNV, the Queen of the May?

JENNY.

This garland of rofes no longer I prize, Since J o c k v, falfe-hearted, his paffion denies: Ye flowers fo blooming, this inflant decay, For J E N N v's no longer the Queen of the May.

Јоску.

Believe me, dear maiden, your lover you wrong. Your name is for ever the theme of my fong; From the dews of pale eve' to the dawning of day, I fing but of J E N N V, my Queen of the May.

JENNY.

Again, balmy comfort with transport I view, My fears are all vanish'd fince J o c k y is true; Then to our blyth shepherds the news I'll convey, That J e n v alone you've crown'd Queen of the May.

Јоску.

Come all ye young lovers, I pray you draw near, Avoid all fufpicion, whate'er may appear;

Believe not your eyes, left your peace they betray. Then come, my dear JENNY, and hail the new May. Come all ye young lovers, &c.

Queen MARY.

Y O U meaner beutyes of the night,
Which poorely fatisfy our eyes,
More by your number than your light,
Like common people of the fkyes;
What are yee, when the moon doth rife?

Yee violets, that first appeare,
By your purple mantles known,
Like proud virgins of the yeare,
As if the spring were all your own;
What are ye when the rose is blown?

Ye wand'ring chaunters of the wood,

That fill the ayre with nature's layes,

Thinking your paffions underflood

By weak accents; What is your praife

When Philomether her voyce fhall raife?

You glancing jewels of the east,

IVhose estimation fancies raise,

Pearls, rubies, sapphires, and the rest

Of glittering gems: what is your praise,

IVhen the bright diamond shews his rays?

But, ah! poor light, gem, voice and fmell,

IVhat are ye if my MARY shine?

Moon, diamond, showers, and PHILOMEL,

Light, lustre, scent, and musick tine,

And yield to merit more divine.

So when my mistrifs shall be seen
In sweetnesse of her looks, and minde;
By vertue sirst, then choyce a queen;
Tell me if she was not designde
The eclipse and glory of her kind?

There rofe and lilly, the hale fpring,
Unto her breath for fweetnefs fpeed;
The diamond darkens in the ring:
When she appeares, the moon looks dead,
As when Sol lifts his radiant head.

Highland Queen.

N O more my fong shall be, ye swains, Of purling streams, or slow'ry plains; More pleasing beauties me inspire, And Phoebustes tunes the warbling lyre; Divinely aided, thus I mean To celebrate my Highland Queen.

In her, fweet innocence you'll find, With freedom, truth, and beauty join'd; From pride and affectation free, Alike fhe fmiles on you and me. The brightest nymph that trips the green, I do pronounce my Highland Queen.

No fordid wish, or trifling joy. Her fettled calm of mind destroy; Strict honour fills her spotless foul. And adds a lustre to the whole; A matchless shape, a graceful mein, All center in my Highland Queen.

How bleft that youth, whom gentle Fate Has deftin'd for fo fair a mate! Has all these wond'rous gifts in store, And each returning day brings more; No youth so happy can be seen, Possessing thee, my Highland Queen.

Roflin Caftle.

TWAS in that feafon of the year, When all things gay and fweet appear, That Collin, with the morning ray, Arofe and fung his rural lay;
Of NANNY'S charms the fhepherd fung, The hills and dales with NANNY rung, While Roslin castle heard the swain, And echo'd back the chearful strain.

Awake, fweet mufe, the breathing fpring With rapture warms, awake and fing; Awake, and join the vocal throng, And hail the morning with a fong; To Nany raife the chearful lay, O bid her hafte and come away; In fweetest smiles herself adorn, And add new graces to the morn.

O hark, my love, on every fpray Each feather'd warbler tunes his lay; 'Tis beauty fires the ravish'd throng, And love inspires the melting tong; Then let my ravish'd notes arise, For beauty darts from N A N N Y's eyes, And love my rising bosom warms, And fills my soul with sweet alarms.

O come, my love, thy COLIN'S lay, With rapture calls, O come away; Come, while the muse this wreath shall twine Around that modest brow of thine: O hither haste, and with thee bring That beauty, blooming like the spring, Those graces that divinely shine, And charm this ravish'd heart of mine.

Same Tune.

ROM Roslin castle's echoing walls, Resounds my shepherd's ardent calls, My Colin bids me come away, And love demands I should obey. His melting strain, and tuneful lay, So much the charms of love display, I yield—nor longer can restain To own my love, and bless my swain.

No longer can my heart conceal The painful pleafing flame I feel, My foul retorts the am'rous flrain, And echoes back in love again. Where lurks my fongfler? from what grove Does Colin pour his notes of love? O bring me to the happy bower, Where mutual love may blefs fecure.

Ye vocal hills that catch the fong, Repeating as it flies along,
To Colin's ear my ftrain convey,
And fay, I hafte to come away.
Ye zephyrs foft that fan the gale,
Waft to my love the foothing tale;
In whifpers all my foul express,
And tell, I hafte his arms to bless.

Ranting, roaring WILLIE.

O M A R Y! thy graces and glances,
Thy fmiles fo enchantingly gay,
And thoughts fo divinely harmonious,
Clear wit and good humour display.
But fay not thou'lt imitate angels
Ought fairer, though fcarcely, ah, me!
Can be found equalizing thy merit,
A match among mortals for thee.

Thy many fair beauties shed fires,
May warm up ten thousand to love,
Who despairing, may sly to some other,
While I may despair, but ne'er rove.
What a mixture of sighing and joys
This distant adoring of thee,
Gives to a fond heart too aspiring,
Who loves in sad silence like me!

Thus looks the poor beggar on treasure,
The shipwreck'd on landscapes on shore;
Be still more divine, and have pity;
I die soon as hope is no more.
For, MARY, my soul is thy captive,
Nor loves nor expects to be free;
Thy beauties are fetters delightful,
Thy slavery's a pleasure to me.

Sae merry as we hae been.

A LASS that was laden'd with care
Sat heavily under yon thorn;
I liften'd a while for to hear,
When thus fhe began for to mourn:
Whene'er my dear shepherd was there,
The birds did melodiously sing,
And cold nipping winter did wear
A face that resembled the spring.
Sac merry as we two hac been,
Sac merry as we two hac been,
My heart it is like for to break,
When I think on the days we have seen.

Our flocks feeding close by his fide,
He gently preffing 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 fay,
What makes you hard-hearted to me?

Oh! why do you thus turn away
From him who is dying for thee?

Sae merry, &c.

But now he is far from my fight,
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
Were merrily feated to spin,
I fet myself under an oak,
And heavily sighed for him.
Sae merry, &c.

Same Tune.

NOWPHOEBUS advances on high,
Nae footsteps of Winter are feen;
The birds carrol fweet in the sky,
And lambkins dance reels on the green.
Through plantings, and burnies fae clear,
We wander for pleasure or health,
Where buddings and blossoms appear,
Giving prospects of joy and of wealth.

View ilka gay fcene all around,

That are, and that promife to be;
Yet in them a' naething is found
Sae perfect, ELIZA, as thee.
Thy een the clear fountains excel,
Thy locks they outrival the grove;
When zephyrs thus pleafingly fwell,
Ilk wave makes a captive to love.

The rofes and lillies combin'd,
And flowers of maift delicate hue,
By thy cheeks and dear breafts are outfhin'd,
Their tinctures are naething fae true.
What can we compare to thy voice:
And what with thy humour fae fweet?
Nae mufic can blefs with fick joys;
Sure angels are just fae compleat.

Fair bloffom of ilka delight,
Whose beauties ten thousand outshine;
Thy sweets shall be lasting and bright,
Being mixt wi' sae many divine.
Ye powers, who have given sick charms
To Eliza, your image below,
O save her frae all human harms,
And make her hours happily flow!

Saw ye nae my PEGGY.

S A W ye nae my PEGGY,
Saw ye nae my PEGGY,
Saw ye nae my PEGGY,
Coming o'er the lee?
Sure a finer creature
Ne'er was form'd by Nature,
So complete each feature,
So divine is fhe.

O! how PEGGY charms me; Every look still warms me; Every thought alarms me,
Left fhe love nae me.
PEGGV doth difcover
Nought but charms all over;
Nature bids me love her,
That's a law to me.

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

When I hope to gain her,
Fate feems to detain her,
Cou'd I but obtain her,
Happy wou'd I be!
I'll ly down before her,
Blefs, figh, and adore her,
With faint looks implore her,
'Till fhe pity me.

She rose and loot me in.

THE filent Night her fables wore, And gloomy were the fixes; Of glitt'ring ftars appear'd no more Than those in Nelly's eyes; Vol. I. (19) Bb When at her father's yate I knock'd, Where I had often been, She, fhrouded only with her fmock, Arofe and loot me in.

Faft lock'd within her clofe embrace,
She trembling flood afham'd;
Her fwelling breaft, and glowing face,
And every touch enflam'd.
My eager paffion I obey'd,
Refolv'd the fort to win;
And her fond heart was foon betray'd
To yield and let me in.

Then, then, beyond expressing,
Transporting was the joy;
I knew no greater blessing,
So blest a man was I;
And she, all ravish'd with delight,
Bid me oft come again;
And kindly vow'd that every night
She'd rife and let me in.

But ah! at last she prov'd wi' bairn,
And sighing fat, and dull,
And I that was as much concern'd,
Look'd e'en just like a fool.
Her lovely eyes with tears ran o'er,
Repenting her rash sin;
She sigh'd, and curst the satal hour
That e'er she loot me in.

But who could cruelly deceive, Or from fuch beauty part! I lov'd her fo, I could not leave
The charmer of my heart;
But wedded, and conceal'd our crime;
Thus all was well again,
And now she thanks the happy time
She rose and loot me in.

Slighted love fair to bide.

I HAD a heart, but now I heartlefs gae;
I had a mind, but daily was oppreft;
I had a friend that's now become my fae;
I had a will that now has freedom loft;
What have I now? naithing I trow,
But grief where I had joy:
What am I than? a heartlefs man;
Could love me thus deftroy?
I love, I ferve ane whom I much regard,
Yet for my love difdain is my reward.

Where shall I gang to hide my weary face?
Where shall I find a place for my defence?
Where my true love remains, the fittest place,
Of all the earth that is my confidence.
She has my heart 'till I depart:
Let her do what she list,
I cannot mend, but still depend,
And daily to insist,
To purchase love, if love my love deserve;
If not for love, let love my body starve.

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O lady fair! whom I do honour moft,
Your name and fame within my breaft I have;
Let not my love and labour thus be loft,
But still in mind I pray thee to engrave,
That I am true, and fall not rue
Ane word that I have faid:
I am your man, do what you can,
When all these plays are play'd.
Then save your ship unbroken on the sand,
Since man and goods are all at your command.

Soger Laddie.

M Y foger laddie is over the fea,
And he will bring gold and money to me;
And when he comes hame, he'll make me a lady,
My bleffing gang wi' my foger laddie.

My doughty laddie is handfome and brave,
And can as a foger and lover behave;
True to his country, to love he is fleddy,
There's few to compare with my foger laddie.

Shield him, ye angels, frae death in alarms, Return him with laurels to my langing arms. Syne frae all my care ye'll pleafantly free me, When back to my wishes my foger ye gie me.

O foon may his honours bloom fair on his brow, As quickly they must, if he get his due: For in noble actions his courage is ready, Which makes me delight in my foger laddie.

Tweed-Side.

WHAT beauties does FLORA disclose?
How sweet are her smiles upon Tweed!
Yet MARY's still sweeter than those;
Both nature and fancy exceed.
Nor daify, nor sweet blushing rose,
Nor all the gay slowers of the field,
Nor Tweed gliding gently through those,
Such beauty and pleasure does yield.

The warblers are heard in the grove,
The linnet, the lark, and the thrush,
The blackbird, and sweet cooing dove,
With music enchant every bush.
Come, let us go forth to the mead,
Let us see how the primroses spring;
We'll lodge in some village on Tweed,
And love while the seather'd solks sing.

How does my love pass the long day?

Does Marv not tend a few sheep?

Do they never carelestly stray,

While happily she lyes asleep?

Tweed's murmurs should lull her to rest;

Kind Nature indulging my bliss,

To relieve the soft pains of my breast,

I'd steal an ambrosial kiss.

"Tis fhe does the virgins excel,

No beauty with her may compare;

Love's graces around her do dwell;

She's faireft, where thousands are fair.

Say, charmer, where do thy flocks flray?
Oh! tell me at noon where they feed;
Shall I feek them on fweet winding Tay,
Or the pleafanter banks of the Tweed?

Throw the Wood, Laddie.

O SANDY, why leaves thou thy NELLY to mourn?
Thy prefence cou'd eafe me,
When naething can please me:
Now dowie I sigh on the bank of the burn,

Now dowie I figh on the bank of the burn, Or throw the wood, laddie, until thou return.

Tho' woods now are bonny, and mornings are clear,
While lav'rocks are finging,
And primrofes fpringing;
Yet nane of them pleafes my eye or my ear,
When throw the wood, laddie, ye dinna appear.

That I am forfaken, fome fpare not to tell:
I'm fash'd wi' their fcorning,
Baith evening and morning:
Their jeering gaes aft to my heart wi' a knell,

When throw the wood, laddie, I wander myfell.

Then flay, my dear Sandy, nae langer away,
But quick as an arrow,
Hafte here to thy marrow,
Wha's living in langour till that happy day,
When throw the wood, laddie, we'll dance, fing and play.

To danton me.

A LAS! when charming SYLVIA's gone, I figh and think myfelf undone; But when the lovely nymph is here, I'm pleas'd, yet grieve; and hope, yet fear. Thoughtless of all but her I rove. Ah! tell me, is not this call'd love?

Ah me! what pow'r can move me fo? I die with grief when she must go, But I revive at her return; I smile, I freeze, I pant, I burn: Transports so strong, so sweet, so new, Say, can they be to friendship due?

Ah no! 'tis love, 'tis now too plain, I feel, I feel the pleafing pain:
For who e'er faw bright S V L V I A's eyes,
But wish'd, and long'd, and was her prize?
Gods, if the truest must be bless'd,
O let her be by me posses.

Woe's my heart that we should funder.

WITH broken words, and downcast eyes,
Poor Colin spoke his passion tender;
And, parting with his Grisy, cries,
Ah! woe's my heart that we should funder.

To others I am cold as fnow, But kindle with thine eyes like tinder: From thee with pain I'm forc'd to go;
It breaks my heart that we should funder.

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

The image of thy graceful air,
And beauties which invite our wonder,
Thy lively wit and prudence rare,
Shall still be prefent though we funder.

Dear nymph, believe thy fwain in this, You'll ne'er engage a heart that's kinder; Then feal a promife with a kifs, Always to love me though we funder.

Ye Gods! take care of my dear lafs,
That as I leave her I may find her;
When that bleft time fhall come to pafs,
We'll meet again and never funder.

Same Tune.

S PEAK on—fpeak thus, and ftill my grief,
Hold up a heart that's finking under
Thefe fears that foon will want relief,
When PATE must from his PEGGY funder.
A gentler face, and filk attire,
A lady rich, in beauty's bloffom,
Alack, poor me! will now conspire
To steal thee from thy PEGGY's bosom.

Nae mair the shepherd wha excell'd

The rest, whase wit made them to wonder,

Shall now his Peggy's praifes tell;
Ah! I can die, but never funder.
Ye meadows where we aften ftray'd,
Ye banks where we were wont to wander,
Sweet-scented rucks, round which we play'd,
You'll lose your sweets when we're afunder.

Again, ah! shall I never creep,
Around the know with filent duty,
Kindly to watch thee, while asleep,
And wonder at thy manly beauty?
Hear, Heaven, while folemnly I vow,
Tho' thou shouldst prove a wand'ring lover,
Thro' life to thee I shall prove true,
Nor be a wife to any other.

The wauking of the Faulds.

MY PEGGY is a young thing,
Just enter'd in her teens,
Fair as the day, and sweet as May,
Fair as the day, and always gay.
My PEGGY is a young thing,
And I'm not very auld,
Yet well I like to meet her at
The wauking of the fauld.

My PEGGY fpeaks fae fweetly, Whene'er we meet alane, I wish nae mair to lay my care, I wish nae mair of a' that's rare, My PEGGY fpeaks fae fweetly, To a' the lave I'm cauld; But fhe gars a' my fpirits glow, At wauking of the fauld.

My PEGGY fmiles fae kindly,
Whene'er I whifper love,
That I look down on a' the town,
That I look down upon a crown,
My PEGGY fmiles fae kindly,
It makes me blyth and bauld,
And naething gi'es me fick delight,
As wauking of the fauld.

My Peggy fings fae faftly,
When on my pipe I play,
By a' the reft it is confest,
By a' the reft, that she sings best.
My Peggy sings fae faftly,
And in her sangs are tald,
With innocence the wale of sense,
At wauking of the fauld.

To the tune of The Yellow-hair'd laddic.

I N April when primrofes paint the fweet plain, And fummer approaching rejoiceth the fwain; The yellow-hair'd laddie would oftentimes go To wilds and deep glens where the hawthorn trees grow.

There under the fhade of an old facred thorn, With freedom he fung his loves evining and morn;

He fang with fo faft and enchanting a found, That fylvans and fairies unfeen danc'd around.

The shepherd thus fung, Tho' young Mava be fair, Her beauty is dash'd with a scornfu' proud air; But Susie was handsome, and sweetly cou'd sing; Her breath like the breezes persum'd in the spring.

That MADIE in all the gay bloom of her youth, Like the moon was unconftant, and never fpoke truth; But SUSIE was faithful, good-humour'd, and free, And fair as the goddess which sprung from the sea.

That mamma's fine daughter, with all her great dow'r, Was aukwardly airy, and frequently fowr; Then, fighing, he wish'd, wou'd parents agree, The witty sweet Susie his mistress might be.

Same Tune.

PEGGY.

WHEN first my dear laddie gade to the green hill, And I at ewe-milking first sey'd my young skill, To bear the milk bowie nae pain was to me, When I at the bughting forgather'd with thee.

PATIE.

When corn-rigs wav'd yellow, and blue hether-bells Bloom'd bonny on moorland and fweet rifing fells, Nae birns, briers, or brechens ga'e trouble to me, If I found the berries right ripen'd for thee.

PEGGY.

When thou ran, or wreftled, or putted the flane, And came aff the victor, my heart was ay fain: Thy ilka fport manly ga'e pleafure to me; For nane can putt, wreftle, or run fwift as thee.

PATIE.

Our Jenny fings faftly the Cowden-broom knows, And Rosie lilts fweetly the milking the ewes; There's few Jenny Nettles like Nansy can fing, At throw the wood, laddie, Bessgars our lugs ring; But when my dear Peggy fings, with better skill, The boatman, Tweedfide, or the lass of the mill, 'Tis mony times sweeter and pleasant to me; For tho' they fing nicely, they cannot like thee.

PEGGY.

How eafy can laffes trow what they defire! And praifes fae kindly increases Love's fire: Give me still this pleasure, my study shall be, To make myself better and sweeter for thee.

To the tune of Nancy's to the green wood gane.

I YIELD, dear laffic, ye have won,
And there is nae denying,
That fure as light flows frae the fun,
Frae love proceeds complying:

For a' that we can do or fay
'Gainst love, nae thinker heeds us,
They ken our bosoms lodge the fae
That by the heartstrings leads us.

To the tune of Leith Wynd.

JENNY.

W E R E I affur'd you'll conftant prove,
Ye fhou'd nae mair complain;
The eafy maid, befet with love,
Few words will quickly gain;
For I must own, now fince you're free,
This too fond heart of mine
Has lang, a black-fole true to thee,
Wish'd to be pair'd with thine.

ROGER.

I'm happy now, oh! let my head
Upon thy breast recline;
The pleasure strikes me near hand dead;
Is Jenny then sae kind!
O let me brist thee to my heart,
And round my arms entwine;
Delytsu' thought; we'll never part,
Come press thy mouth to mine.

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To the tune of O'er Bogie.

W EEL, I agree, ye're fure of me; Next to my father gae; Make him content to give confent, He'll hardly fay you nay:

For you have what he wad be at,
And will commend you weel,
Since parents auld think love grows cauld,
Where bairns want milk and meal.

Shou'd he deny, I care na by, He'd contradict in vain, Tho' a' my kin had faid and fworn, But thee I will have nane.

Then never range nor learn to change,
Like these in high degree:
And if ye prove faithful in love,
You'll find nae faut in me.

To the tune of Wat ye wha I met yestreen.

N O W from rufticity and love,
Whose flames but over lowly burn,
My gentle shepherd must be drove,
His foul must take another turn:
As the rough diamond from the mine,
In breakings only shews his light,
Till polishing has made it shine;
Thus learning makes the genius bright.

To the tune of Kirk wad let me be,

DUTY and part of reason,
Plead strong on the parent's side,
Which love superior calls treason;
The strongest must be obey'd;
For now tho' I'm one o' the gentry,
My constancy salsehood repels,
For change in my heart is no entry,
Still there my dear PEGGY excells.

To the tune of Tweedside.

WHEN hope was quite funk in defpair,
My heart it was going to break;
My life appear'd worthlefs my care,
But now I will fave't for thy fake.
Where-e'er my love travels by day,
Where-ever he lodges by night,
With me his dear image fhall flay,
And my foul keep him ever in fight.

With patience I'll wait the long year,
And fludy the gentleft charms;
Hope time away till thou appear,
To lock thee for ay in those arms.
Whilst thou was a shepherd, I priz'd
No higher degree in this life;
But now I'll endeavour to rife
To a height is becoming thy wife.

For beauty that's only skin-deep, Must fade like the gowans of MAY, But inwardly rooted will keep For ever, without a decay. Nor age, nor the changes of life, Can quench the fair fire of love, If virtue's ingrain'd in the wife, And the hufband have fenfe to approve.

· To the tune of The bush aboon Traquair.

A^T fetting day, and rifing morn,
With foul that still shall love thee, I'll ask of Heaven thy safe return, With all that can improve thee. I'll vifit oft the birken bush, Where first thou kindly told me Sweet tales of love, and hid my blush, Whilst round thou didst enfold me.

To all our haunts I will repair, By green-wood flaw, or fountain, Or where the fummer day I'd share With thee, upon you mountain. There will I tell the trees, and flowers, From thoughts unfeign'd and tender, By vows you're mine, by love is yours A heart which cannot wander.

Bonny grey-eyed morn.

THE bony grey-ey'd morn begins to peep, And darkness flies before the rising ray, The hearty hynd flarts from his lazy fleep, To follow healthful labours of the day: Without a guilty fling to wrinkle his brow, The lark and the linnet tend his levee. And he joins their concert, driving his plow, From toil of grimace and pageantry free. While flufter'd with wine, or madden'd with lofs Of half an estate, the prey of a main, The drunkard and gamester tumble and tofs, Wishing for calmness and flumber in vain; Be my portion health, and quietness of mind, Plac'd at due distance from parties and state. Where neither ambition, nor avarice blind, Reach him who has happiness link'd to his fate.

Sweet ANNIE frae the fea beach came.

SWEET ANNIE frae the fea-beach came,
Where JOCKY fpeel'd the veffel's side;
Ah! wha can keep their heart at hame,
When JOCKY's toft aboon the tyde:
Far aff to diftant realms he gangs,
Yet I'll be true as he has been;
And when ilk lafs about him thrangs,
He'll think on ANNIE, his faithful ain.
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I met our wealthy laird yestreen,
Wi' gou'd in hand he tempted me,
He prais'd my brow, my rolling een,
And made a brag of what he'd gie:
What though my Jocky's far awa',
Tost up and down the awsome main,
I'll keep my heart another day,
Since Jocky may return again.

Nae mair, false JAMIE, sing nae mair,
And fairly cast your pipe away;
My JOCKY wad be troubled fair,
To see his friend his love betray:
For a' your songs and verse are vain,
While JOCKY'S notes do faithful flow,
My heart to him shall true remain,
I'll keep it for my constant jo.

Blaw faft, ye gales, round Jock v's head,
And gar your waves be calm and still;
His hameward fail with breezes speed,
And dinna a' my pleasure spill:
What though my Jock v's far away,
Yet he will braw in siller shine;
I'll keep my heart anither day,
Since Jock v may again be mine.

Deil tak the wars.

DEIL tak the wars that hurried BILLY from me, Who to love me just had fworn;
They made him captain fure to undo me:
Woe's me, he'll ne'er return.

A thousand loons abroad will fight him, He from thousands ne'er will run; Day and night I did invite him, To stay at home from sword and gun.

I us'd alluring graces,
With muckle kind embraces,
Now fighing, then crying, tears dropping fall;
And had he my foft arms,
Preferr'd to war's alarms,
By love grown mad, without the man of God,
I fear in my fit I had granted all.

I wash'd and patch'd, to make me look provoking;
Snares that they told me would catch the men,
And on my head a huge commode fat poking,
Which made me shew as tall again;
For a new gown too I paid muckle money,
Which with golden flow'rs did shine;
My love weil might think me gay and bonny,
No Scots lass was e'er so fine.

My petticoat I fpotted,
Fringe too with thread I knotted,
Lace shoes, and filk hofe, garter full over knee;
But oh! the fatal thought,
To BILLy thefe are nought;
Who rode to towns, and rifled with dragoons,
When he, filly loon, might have plunder'd me.

ELORE 10!

IN a garden fo green in a May morning,
Heard I my lady pleen of paramours,
Said she, my love so sweet, come you not yet, not yet,
Hight you not me to meet amongst the flowers,
ELORE! ELORE! ELORE!
I love my lusty love, ELORE lo!

The light up-fpringeth, the dew down dingeth, The fweet lark fingeth her hours of prime; Phæbus up fpenteth, joy to rest wenteth, So lost is mine intents, and gone's the time. ELORE! ELORE! ELORE! ELORE! I love my lusty love, ELORE lo!

Danger my dead is, false fortune my feed is, And langour my lead is, but hope I despair, Disdain my desire is, so strangeness my fear is, Deceit out of all ware: adieu, I fare.

ELORE! ELORE! ELORE!

I love my lusty love, ELORE lo!

Then to my Lady blyth, did I my prefence kyth: Saying, my bird, be glad; am I not yours? So in my arms too, did I the lufty jo, And kiffed her times mo, than night hath hours, ELORE! ELORE! ELORE! I love my lufty love, ELORE lo!

Live in hope, lady fair, and repel all defpair, Trust not that your true love shall you betray, When deceit and languor, is banisht from your bower, I'll be your paramour, and shall you please, ELORE! ELORE! ELORE! ELORE! I love my lusty love, ELORE lo!

Favour and duty, unto your bright beauty, Confirmed hath lawtie obliged to truth; So that your foverance, heartilie but variance, Mark in your memorance, mercy and ruth, ELORE! ELORE! ELORE! ELORE! I love my lufty love, ELORE lo!

Yet for your courtefie, banish all jealousie,
Love for love lustily, do me restore;
Then with us lovers young, true love shall rest and reign,
Solace shall sweetly sing for ever more,
ELORE! ELORE! ELORE!
I love my lusty love, ELORE lo!

Wo worth the time, &c.

W O worth the time and eke the place,
That fhe was to me known;

For fince I did behold her face,
My heart was never mine own, mine own jo, mine
own,

My heart was never mine own.

Sometimes I lived at libertie,

But now I do not fo;

She hath my heart fo faithfullie,

That I can love no mo, no mo jo, no mo,

That I can love no mo.

To be refus'd of love, alas! All earthly things adieu. My mistress she is merciless, And will not on me rue, me rue jo, me rue, And will not on me rue.

Now am I left all comfortlefs. And no remeid can crave, My pains they are remeadiless. And all the wyte you have, you have jo, you have, And all the wyte you have.

The flower of Yarrow.

I N ancient times, as fongs rehearfe, One charming nymph employed each verfe, She reign'd alone without a marrow, MARY SCOT the flower of Yarrow.

Our fathers with fuch beauty fir'd, This matchless fair in crouds admir'd. Though matchless then, yet here's her marrow, MARY SCOT'S the flower of Yarrow.

Whose beauty unadorn'd by art, With virtue join'd attracts each heart; Her negligence itself would charm you, She fcarcely knows her power to warm you.

For ever cease Italian noise; Let every firing and every voice, Sing MARY SCOT without a marrow, MARY SCOT the flower of Yarrow.

Original of Tweedfide.

WHEN MEGGV and me were acquaint,
I carried my noddle fu hie,
Nac lintwhite on all the gay plain,
Nor goudfpink fae bonny as she.

I whiftled, I pip'd, and I fang,
I woo'd, but I came nae great fpeed,
Therefore I maun wander abroad,
And lay my banes over the Tweed.

To MEGGV my love I did tell, Saut tears did my passion express, Alas! for I loo'd her o'er well, And the women loo' sic a man less.

Her heart it was frozen and cauld,
Her pride had my ruin decreed,
Therefore I will wander abroad,
And lay my banes far frae the Tweed.

Kind ROBIN looes me.

ROBIN is my only joe,
Robin has the art to loo',
So to his fuit I mean to bow
Becaufe I ken he looes me.
Happy happy was the show'r,
That led me to his birken bow'r,
Whare first of love I fand the pow'r,
And ken'd that Robin loo'd me.

They fpeak of napkins, fpeak of rings, Speak of gloves and kiffing ftrings,

And name a thousand bonny things, And ca' them figns he loes me. But I'd prefer a fmack of ROB. Sporting on the velvet fog, To gifts as lang's a plaiden wobb, Becaufe I ken he looes me.

He's tall and fonfy, frank and free, Loo'd by a' and dear to me, Wi' him I'd live, wi' him I'd die, Because my Robin loes me. My titty MARY faid to me, Our courtship but a joke wad be. And I, or lang, be made to fee, That ROBIN did na love me.

But little kens she what has been, Me and my honest Rob between, And in his wooing, O fo keen, Kind ROBIN is that looes me. Then fly ye lazy hours away, And hasten on the happy day, When join'd our hands Mess JOHN shall fay, And mak him mine that looes me.

'Till then let every chance unite, To weigh our love and fix delight, And I'll look down on fuch wi' fpite, Wha doubt that Robin looes me. O hey ROBIN quo' she, O hey ROBIN quo' she, O hey ROBIN quo she, Kind ROBIN looes me.

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