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## Nostras nec ervbuit silvas habitare thalia. Firg.

Nor blufb'd the Doric mufe to dwell on Scottifs plains.

THE genius of the Scots has in nothing fhone more confpicuous than in Poetry and Mufic. Of the firt, the Poems of Ofian, compofed in an age of rude antiquity, are fufficient proof. The peevifh doubt entertained by fome of their authenticity, appears to be the utmoft refinement of fcepticifm. As genuine remains of Celtic Poetry, the Poems of Offian will continue to be admired as long as there fhall remain a tafte for the fublime and beautiful.

The Scottifh Mufic does no lefs honour to the genius of the country. The old Scottifh fongs have always been admired for the wild pathetic fweetnefs which diftinguifhes them from the mufic of every other country. I mean, in this effay, to try to fix the æra of our moft ancient melodies, and to trace the hiftory of our mufic down to modern times. In a path fo untrodden, where fcarce a track is to be feen to lead the way, the fureft guide I have to follow is the mufic itfelf, and a few authorities which our old hiftorians afford us. After all, the utmoft I aim at is probability : and, perhaps, by fome hints, I may lead others to a more direct road.

From their artlefs fimplicity, it is evident, that the Scottifh melodies are derived from very remote antiquity. The vulgar conjecture, that David Rizzio was either the compofer or reformer of the Scottifh fongs has of late been fo fully expofed, that I need fay very little to confute it. That the fcience of mufic was well underfood, and that we had great mafters, both theorifts and performers, above a century before Rizzio came to Scotland, I fhall immediately fhow. He is by no contemporary writer faid to have been a compofer. He is not even extolled as a great performer ; nor does tradition point him out as the author of any one particular fong; and, although we flould allow him to have had ability, the fhort time he was in Scotland, farce three years,
was too bufy with him to admit of fuch amufement. - Let us endeavour to trace back our mufic to its origin.

The fimplicity and wildnefs of feveral of our old Scottifh melodies, denote them to be the production of a pattoral age and country, and prior to the ufe of any mufical inftrument beyond that of a very limited fcale of a few natural notes, and prior to the knowledge of any rules of artificial mufic. This conjecture, if folid, muft carry them up to a high period of antiquity.

The moft ancient of the Scottifh fongs, ftill preferved, are extremely fimple, and void of all art. They confit of one meafure only, and have no fecond part, as the later or more modern airs have. 'They muft, therefore, have been compofed for a very fimple inftrument, fuch as the fhepherd's reed or pipe, of few notes, and of the plain diatonic fale, without ufing the femitones, or fharps and flats. The diftinguifhing ftrain of our old melodies is plaintive and melancholy; and what makes them foothing and affecting, to a great degree, is the conftant ufe of the concordant tones, the third and fifth of the fcale, often ending upon the fifth, and fome of them on the fixth of the fcale. By this artlefs ftandard fome of our old Scottifin melodies may be traced ; fuch as Gil Morice - There cam a ghoft to Marg'et's door - O laddie, I man loo tbee - Hap me wi' tby pettycoat - I mean the old fets of thefe airs, as the laft air, which I take to be one of our oldef fongs, is fo modernized as fcarce to have a trace of its ancient fimplicity. The fimple original air is fill fung by nurfes in the country, as a lullaby. It may be fiid, that the words of fome of thefe fongs denote them to be of no very ancient date : but it is well known, that many of our old fongs have changed their original names, by being adapted to more modern words. Some old tunes have a fecond part; but it is only a repetition of the firf part on the higher octave; and thefe additions are probably of more modern date than the tunes themfelves.

That the fcience of Mufic, and the rules of compofition, were known amongt us before the fifteenth century, is certain. King Fames the Firft of Scotland is celebrated by all the Scottifin hiftorians, not only as an excellent performer, but as a great theorift in Mufic, and a compofer of airs to his own verfes. "Hic etenim in mufica (fays Fordua) in artis perfectione, in tympano ef " choro, in pfalterio et organo, ad fummae perfectionis magifterium, natura creatrix, ultra hu"s manam aeftimationem, ipfum vivaciter decoravit"." Scotichron. vol. 2, lib. '16, cap. 28.Fordun has a whole chapter, the 2 gth of his hiftory, on King James's learning and knowledge in the ancient Greek, as well as in the more modern fcales of mufic, which, for its curiofity, is worthy to be read by the modern theorifts in mufic.

The next authority is $\operatorname{Fobn}$ Major, who celebrates King James I. as a poet, a compofer, and admirable performer of mufic. Major affirms, that, in his time, the verfes and fongs of that Prince were efteemed anmongt the firt of the Scottifh melodies. I fhall gives the whole paffage :

[^0]"In vernacula lingua artificiofifimus compofitor; cujus codices plurini, et cantilenae, memoriter " adhuc apud Scotos inter primos babentur.-Arificiofam cantilenam (compofuit) Yas fen, \&c., et " jucundum artificiofumque illum cantum, at Beltayn, quem alii de Dalketb et Gargeil mutare "fuduerunt, quia in arce, aut camera, claufus fervabatur, in qua mulier cum matre habitabat \%."

It is to be regretted that neither the words nor the mufic of thefe celebrated ballads have come down to us. According to the hiftorian, the laft muft have been full of humour, and extremely, popular; his words may imply, that feveral parodies or imitations of the fubject had been made, which time has likewife deprived us of.

Amongft the number of our old Scottifh melodies, it is, I think, fcarce to be doubted, that many of King James's compofitions, which were efteemed amongtt the firft of the age, are ftill remaining, and make a part of our fineft old melodies; but as no tradition down to our time has afcertained them, they, in all probability, pafs undiftinguifhed under other names, and are adapted to modern words. There can be little doubt, however, that moft of James's compofitions have fhared the fame fate with many other old airs. Taffoni, the Italian poet, as afterwards mentioned, fays expreflly, that "King James compofed many facred pieces of vocal mufic," which are now loft. All our old heroic ballads were undoubtedly fung to cbants compofed for them, which are now loft. Among thofe fill preferved, are the epifodes of Offian, which are at this day fung in the Highlands. Gil Morice-The Flowers of the Foreft-Hero and Leander, \&c., are ftill fung to their original pathetic ftrains. Thefe, however, are but a few of many old ballads whofe airs are now unknown. In the MS. collection of Scottifh Poems, made by Banatyne before ${ }^{1} 568$, the donation of the Earl of Hyndford to the Advocate's Library at Edinburgh, the favourite poem, The Cberry and the Slae, and likewife a poem of Sir Richard Maitland of Lethington, father to the famous Secretary Maitland, are entitled, "To be fung to the tune of "the Banks of Helicon." This muft have been a well-known tune two hundred years ago, as it was fung to fuch popular words; but it is now loft. It cannot' exift under other words, as the metrical ftanza of the Cberry and the Slae is fo particular, that I know no air ar this day that could be adapted to it. We find alfo, in old books, many names of fongs; yet neither of the verfes or tunes do we know any thing at this day. Gavin Douglas, in his prologue to the twelfth Æneid, recites the beginning words of three well-known fongs in his time, 14 SO , thus :

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" The fchip failis over the falt fame,
"Will bring thir merchandis and my leman hame."
"I I will be blyith and licht,
My hert is lent upon fo gudly wicht."
———" I come hidder to wow."
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[^1]And, in the prologue to the thirteenth $\nsubseteq$ neid,

In the fame way a great many of King James I.'s poetical pieces are now loft, or, perhaps, as his poem of Cbrift's Kirk of the Green, may erroneoufly be afcribed to others.

It may be fufpected, from the above high-Atrained authorities, that his countrymen have rather allowed themfelves to be carried too far in difplaying the qualifications of their King. I fhall, however, produce the teftimony of a foreigner, a celebrated author, who does James ftill more honour than the writers of his own country ; and, fingular as the propofition may appear, I fhall endeavour to prove, that the Scottifh melodies, fo far from being either invented or improved by an Italian mafter, were made the models of imitation in the fineft vocal compofitions of one of the greateft mafters of compofition in Italy.

The celebrateả Carlo Gefualdo, Prince of Venofa, formerly Venufium, famous as the place of birth of Horace, flourifhed about the middle, or towards the end, of the fixteenth century, and died in 1614. Blancanus, in his Cbronologia-Matbematicorum, thus diftinguifhes him: "The moft ** noble Carolus Gefualdus, Prince of Venufum, was the prince of muficians of our age; he *s having recalled the Rytbme into mufic, introcuced fuch a ftile of modulation, that other mufi"c cians yielded the preference to him; and all fingers and players on ftringed inftruments, laying " afide that of others, every where eagerly embraced his mufic." - He is alfo celebrated by Merfennus, Kircher, and almoft all the writers of that age, as one of the moft learned and greateft compofers of vecal mufic in his time.

To apply this account of the Prince of Venofe to the prefent fubject. - Aleffandro Tiafoni, in his Penfieri Diverfi, lib. ıo, thus expreffes himfelf: "We may reckon among us moderns femes King of Scotland, who not only compofed many facred pieces of vocal mufic, but alfo, of him"felf, invented a nere kind of mufic, plaintive and melancholy, different from all other, in which he " has been imitated by Carlo Gefualdo, Prince of Venofa, who, in our age, has improved mufic "s with new and admirable inventions *."

[^2][^3]How perfectly characteriftic, this, of the pathetic ftrains of the old Scottifh fongs! What an illuftrious teftimony to their excellency !

Some of the Dilettanti, in the Italian mufic of the prefent times, may, perhaps, fneer at being told, that the Italians, the reftorers of mufic, owe the improvement of their mufic to the early introduction of Scottifh melody into it : yet nothing is more certain, not only from the candid acknowledgment of Taffoni, but from the teftimony of the Italian mufic iffelf before the Prince of Venofa's time, as I fhall attempt to illuftrate.

It is at this day no longer a queftion, that the art of compofition in parts, or what is called barmony, is the invention of the moderns; but by whom invented, or at what particular æra, is not fo clear. As the cultivation of modern mufic was chiefly among the ecclefiaftics, on account of the church fervices daily in ufe to be fung by them, the rules of harmony undoubtedly took their rife, and were improved among them. Guido d'Arezzo, a Benedictine monk, about the beginning of the eleventh century, is, by many authors, faid to have reformed the fcale, by introducing the lines and the notation on them by points, inftead of the letters of the alphabet, formerly in ufe; from which the name of counterpoint, for the art of compofition in parts, is derived. From that period, it was by degrees improved, until it was brought to perfection in the golden age of the reftoration of other polite arts and fciences in Italy, the Pontificate of Leo X. At this time flourifhed the venerable Paleffina, ftiled the father of barmony; and in the fame century, though later, the Prince of Venofa, mentioned above. As the productions of a harmonift and thorough mafter of the art of counterpoint, the compofitions of Palefrina, even at this day, ftrike us with admiration by their artful fugues, and the full and fublime harmony of their parts. Nothing in the church fuile, except the grandeur and loftinefs of the chorufes of Handel, can exceed them : yet, in one great point, the mufic of Paleftrina is deficient. We may be entertained with the artful contrivance and learning of a well-wrought fugue, or elevated by the harmony of a full choir of voices, yet ftill melody or air is wanting in the mufic of the venerable Paleftrina. To any perfon verfant in the compofitions of the great mafters of harmony in Paleftrina's time, there will appear the fame file, artful contrivance, and learning, running through every fpecies of their compofitions; their mafa's, motetti, madrigals, and canons. The harmony is full, but they are deficient in melody *.

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[^4]I do not remember to have feen any cantata, or fong for a fingle voice, of the age of Paieftrina. The Italian mufic for private entertainment, at that time, feems to have been the madrigal, ufually compofed for fome favourite ftanza or love verfes of Petrarcha, Ariofto, or Taff, commonly in the fugue ftile, and of three or four parts. The madrigal, when fung by proper voices, is foothing and pleafant; but, wanting air, foon becomes languid and dull : a certain proof this, that the mufic of Italy, at the above time, was altogether artificial and harmonic; and that melody, the foul of mufic, was not then regarded or cultivated. Harmony, and the art of compofition in parts, it muft be confeffed, is one of the nobleft of the modern inventions : that a fondnefs, however, for that only, to almoft the total neglect or exclufion of air and melody in mufic, fhould have univerfally prevailed at this time in Italy, is a remarkable fact*. We fhall farther illuftrate this from another hiftorical fact in the annals of mufic.

The Opera, that noble and elegant fpecies of the mufical drama, now fo much improved and eftablifhed in moft of the theatres in Europe, and which chiefly confifts in airs for a fingle voice, with inftrumental accompaniments, was not known in Paleftrina's or the Prince of Venofa's time. It was firf introduced in the beginning of the feventeenth century. The dramatic poem of Eu ridice, made by Ottavio Rinuncini, a Florentine poet, was fet to mufic by Facopo Peri, who, on that occafion, invented the recitativo, or mufical difcourfe. The opera of Euridice was firf reprefented on the theatre at Florence in the year 1600 , on occafion of the marriage of Mary of Medicis with King Henry IV. of France. What appears moft remarkable, fo much was harmonic compofition univerfally eftablifhed, that, in the above opera, there is not one air or fong for a fingle voice. The whole opera confifts of duetti, terzetti, cori, and recitativo.

In the above ftate of mufic in Italy, we may fuppofe the Scottih melodies of King James I. had found their way into that country. Is it then to be wondered at, that fuch a genius as the Prince of Venofa fhould be ftruck with the genuine fimplicity of ftrains which fpoke directly to the heart, and that he fhould imitate and adopt fuch new and affecting melodies, which he found wanting in the mufic of his own country ? The fweet, natural, and plaintive ftrains of the old fong, Waly zwaly up the bank - Will ye go to the erve-bughts, Marion? - Be conflant ay-and many

[^5][^6]other of our old fongs about that age, muft touch the heart of every genius, of whatèver country, and might enrich the compofition of the greateft foreign mafter.

Purpureus late qui fplendeat unus et alter
Adfuitur pannus. Hor:

I hope we fhall no longer hear the abfurd tale, that the Scottifh mufic was either invented or improved by an Italian, when we fee it proved, by fo great an authority as Tafloni, that the Scottilh melodies, above two centuries ago, and in bis time, had been adopted into the fineft vocal compofitions of one of the greateft mafters and reformers of Italian mufic, the Prince of Venofa.

It cannot be doubted, that, under fuch a genius in poetry and mufic as King James I. the national mufic muft have greatly improved. One great ftep to the improvement of the fcience of mufic, was the introduction of organs, by that Prince, into the cathedrals and abbies of Scotland, and, of courfe, the eftablifhment of a choral fervice of church mufic. We have feen, that he had compofed feveral anthems, or vocal pieces of facred muffo which fhews, that his 1 kill in the fcientific parts of mufic muft have been very high; and he eftablifhed a full choir of fingers in the church fervice, which was brought by him to fuch a degree of perfection, as to fall little fhort of the Englifh $\gamma$, who, at that time, were thought to excel all other nations in church mufic.

King James is faid to have been a fine performer on the lute and harp, with which he accompanied his own fongs + . Playing on thefe inftruments muft, by the Prince's example, have become fafhionable; and, of courfe, a more regular and refined modulation in the Scottifh fongs muft have been introduced. The fimple fcale of the pipe, by the introduction of the ftringed inftruments, became, in confequence, much enlarged, not only by a greater extent of notes, but by the divifion of them into femitones.

The great ara of poetry, as of mufic, in Scotland, I imagine to have been from the beginning of the reign of King James I. down to the end of King James V.'s $\|$. The old cathedrals and abbeys, thofe venerable monuments of Gothic grandeur, with the chorifters belonging to thems

* Che cofe facre compofe in canto. Tafoni。
$\dagger$ Boeth. Hif. lib. I 7 .
$\ddagger$ In fono vocis, et in tactu Citharae (natura) dulciter et dilectabiliter illum praedotavit. Fordun, vol. 2, c. 28.
\|| Within this æra flourifhed Gavin Douglas, Bifhop of Dunkeld, whofe excellent tranflation of Virgil's Æneis inay compare with Chaucer, the firt poet of that age; Bellenden, arch-deacon of Murray; Dunbar, Henryfon, Scott, Monto gomery, Sir D. Lindfay, and many others, whofe fine poems have been preferved in Banatyne's excellent collection, of which feveral have been publifhed by Allan Ramfay in his Evergreen.
according to the fplendour of their ritual church fervice, were fo many fchools or feminaries for the cultivation of mufic. It muft be owned, however, that, altho' the fcience of harmonic mufic was cultivated by the church comporers, yet as the merit of the church muif, at that time, confifted in its harmony only, the fine flights and pathetic expreffion of our fongs could borrow nothing from thence.

This was likewife the æra of chivalry : the feudal fyftem was then in its full vigour.
The Scottifh nobility, poffeffed of great eftates, hereditary jurifdictions, and a numerous vaffalage, maintained, in their remote caftles, a ftate and fplendour little inferior to the court of therr kings. Upon folemn occafions, tilts and tournaments were proclaimed, and fefivals held with all the Gothic grandeur and magnificence of chivalry, which drew numbers of knights and dames to thefe folemnities.

> Illumining the vaulted roof,
> A thoufand torches flam'd aloof,
> From mafly cups, with golden gleam, Sparkled the red Metheglin's ftream : To grace the gorgeous feftival, Along the lofty windowed hall The foried tapeftry was hung, With minftrelfy the rafters rung; Of barps, that, with reflected light, From the proud gallery glittered bright. To crown the banquet's folemn clofe, Themes of Briti/b glory rofe; And, to the frings of various chime, Attempered the beroic rhime.

Warton's Ode on the Grave of King Artbur.

James IV. and V. were both of them magnificent Princes: they kept fplendid courts, and were great promoters of thofe heroic entertainments *. In the family of every chief, or head of a clan, the Bard was a very confiderable perfon : his office, upon folemn feafts, was to fing or rehearfe the fplendid actions of the heroes, anceftors of the family, which he accompanied with the harp. At this time, too, there were itinerant or Arolling minfrels, performers on the harp, who went about the country, from houfe to houfe, upon folemn occafions, reciting beroic ballads, and other popular epifodes.

Thefe wandering barpers are mentioned thus by Major: 'In Citbara, Hibernenfes et filveftres

[^7][^8]for many fine old fongs, which are more varied in their melody, and more regular in their compofition, as they approach nearer to modern times, though fill retaining ' their wood-notes wild *.'

To the wandering harpers we are certainly indebted for that fpecies of mufic, which is now fcarcely known; I mean the Port. Almoft every great family had a Port that went by the name of the family. Of the few that are ftill preferved are, Port Lennox, Port Gordon, Port Seton, and Port Atbole, which are all of them excellent in their kind. The Port is not of the martial ftrain of the march, as fome have conjectured; thofe above named being all in the plaintive ftrain, and modulated for the harp.

The Pibrach, the march or battle-tune of the Higbland Clans, with the different ftrains introduced of the coronich, \&xc. is fitted for the bagpipe only: Its meafure, in the pas grave of the Higbland piper, equipped with his flag and military enfigns, when marching up to battle, is ftately and animating, rifing often to a degree of fury.

To clafs the old Scottifh fongs, according to the feveral æras in which we may fuppofe them to have been made, is an attempt which can arife from conjecture only, except as to fuch of them as carry more certain marks, to be afterwards taken notice of.

* To frame an idea of the heaven-born genius of the ancient minftrel or wandering harper, in a rude age, fee Dr, Beattie's fine poem, the Minfrel.
> ——ong was his favourite, and firft purfuit, The wild harp rang to his adventurous hand, And languif'd to his breaft the plaintive flute;
> His infant mufe, though artlefs, was not mute.
> Meanwhile, whate'er of becutiful, or nerv, Sublime, or drcadful, in earth, fea, or fky, By chance or fearch, was offered to his view, He fcanned with curious and romantic eyc, Whate'er of lore tradition could fupply, From Gothic tale, or fong, or fable old, Rous'd him, ftill keen to liften, and to pry; At laft, though long by penury controll'd And folitude, his foul her graces 'gan unfold.

Minftrel, Part I.

The laft of thefe frolling harpers was Rory or Roderick Dall, who, about fifty years ago, was well known and muck careffed by the Highland gentry, whofe houfes he frequented. His chief refidence was about Blair in Athole and Dunkeid. He was eftecmed a good compofer, and a fine performer on the harp, to which he fung in a pathetic manncr. Many of his fongs are preferved in that country.

Of our moft ancient melodies, I have, in the beginning of this effay, given a few, fuch as Gil Morice, \&c., with what I imagine to be the fignatures of their antiquity. To what æra thefe can be referred, I do not pretend to fay: My conjecture, however, is, that, from their artlefs fimplicity, they belong to an age prior to James I. The inveftigation of other pieces of our oldeft mufic, by the fame ftandard, may be an agreeable amufement to the curious.

From the genius of King James, his profound fkill in the principles of mufic, and great performance on the harp, we may eiteem him the inventor and reformer of the Scottifh vocal mufic. Of his age (fome of them very probably of his compofition) may be reckoned the following fimple, plaintive, and antient melodies Fockey and Sandie - Waly waly up the bank - $A b$ waking Ob! - Be conftant ay-Will ye go to the erwe-bughts, Marion?

From thefe, by an infenfible gradation, we are led to what I conjecture may be called the fecond epoch of our fongs, that is, from the beginning of the reign of King fames IV. Fames V. and to the end of that of Queen Mary, within which period may be reckoned the following fongs, the old tragic ballads Bufk ye, bujk ye, my bonny bonny bride, and Hero and Leander-Willie's rair and Willlie's fuir-Cromlet's Lilt-The flowers of the Foreft-Gilderoy-Balow my boy-The Gaberlunye Man-The bonnie Earle of Murray-Leeder Haugbs in Yarrow-Abfence will never alter meTak' your auld cloak about ye-and the old melody lately revived, called Queen Mary's Lamentation, which, I am well affured, belongs to, and bears the fignatures of that age. In the preceding airs befides a more varied melody, there is likewife an artful degree of modulation, obfervable in feveral of them, in the introduction of the feventh of the key, as in Waly Waly-The Flowers of the Foref-Queen Mary's Lament-The bonny Earle of Murray. This ftrain is peculiarly characteriftic of the ancient Scottifh fongs, and has a fine pathetic effect, which muft give pleafure to the moft refined ear. As, in the foregoing obfervation, it is remarked by Taffoni, on the newinvented mufic of King James I., that it 'zoas plaintive and melancholy, and different from all other ' $m y / j c *$,' it may, with probability, be conjectured, from James's fkill and mafterly performance on the ftringed inftruments, that this peculiar mode of modulation into the feventh of the key, may have been firf invented and introduced into our old mufic by that Prince.

In the third æra, which comprehends the face of time from Queen Mary to the Reftoration, may be claffed the following fongs, Through the lang muir I followed my Willie—Pinky HoufeEtrick Banks-I'll never leave thee - The Broom of Cowdenknows - Down the burn Davie - Auld Rob Morris-IVhere Helen lies-Fie on the wars-Tbro' the wood, laddie-Fie let us a' to the wed-ding-Muirland Willie.

From thefe we are led to the laft æra, that is, from the Reforation, to the Union. Within this period, from their more regular meafure and more modern air, we may almoft, with cer-

[^9]tainty, pronounce the following fine fongs to have been made, An' thou wert mine ain thing - 0 dear minnie, wobat fal I do-The bufb aboon Traquair-The laft time I came o'er the moor-Mary Scot, the flower of Yarroze-The bonny boatman-Sae merry as we ba' been-My dearie an' thou die—Sbe rofe and let me in-My apron, dearie—Love is the caufe of my mourning-Allan watsrThere's my thumb I'll ne'er beguile thee—The Higbland laddie—Bonny Fean of Aberdeen—The lafs of Patie's mill-T'be yellow-bair'd laddie-Fobn Hay's bonny laffe - Tweed-fide—Lockaber.

We are not, however, to imagine, that, from this laft period, the genius of Scottifh mufic had taken flight : that is not the cafe. Indeed the number of Scottifh fongs has of late not much increafed ; it neverthelefs is true, that, fince that laft period, feveral fine fongs have been made, which will ftand the teft of time. Amongft thefe are, The birks of Invermay - The banks of Forth—Rofin Cafle - The braes of Ballendine. The two laft were compofed by Ofwald, whofe tafte in the performance of the Scottifh mufic, was natural and pathetic.

In thus claffing the fongs, as above, it is obvious, that no fixed or certain rules can be prefcribed. Some of thefe old fongs, it is true, afcertain of themfelves the precife æra to which they belong; fuch as, The flowers of the Foreft, compofed on the fatal battle of Flowden, where the gallant fames IV. and the flower of the Scottifh nobility and gentry fell;-The Souters of Selkirk, compofed * on the fame occafion;-Gilderoy, made on the death of a famous outlaw hanged by James V.;-Queen Mary's Lament;-The bonny Erle of Marray, flain by Huntlie in 1592. In general, however, in making thofe arrangements, befides the characters which I have mentioned, as I know of no other diftinguifhing marks for a fixed ftandard, the only rule I could follow was to felect a few of the moft undoubted ancient melodies, fuch as may be fuppofed to be the production of the fimpleft inftrument, of the moft limited fcale, as the fhepherd's reed; and thence to trace them gradually downward, to more varied, artful, and regular modulations, the compofitions of more polifhed manners and times, and fuitable to inftruments of a more extended fcale.

If, in following this plan, I have been fuccefsful, it will afford entertainment to a mufical genius, to trace the fimple ftrains of our rude anceltors through different ages, from King James I., who truly may be ftiled the Father of the Scottifh fongs, fo diftinguifhed from the mufic of every other country, progreffively downwards, to modern times. This, to a mufical genius, may afford the fame amufement it has given to me, in confidering the melodies thus felected

[^10]and arranged, trying them by the fignatures above pointed out, and adding others to the above number.

A fecond point I alfo had in view : It was, from the number of our Scottifh fongs, to felect a few of thofe which I imagine to be the fineft, and moft diftinguifhed, for originality of air, agreeable modulation, and expreffion of the fubject for which they have been compofed. Upon a review of thefe airs, thus far 1 may venture to fay, that, for genuine flight of fancy, pleafing variety, and originality, they will ftand the teft of comparifon with the mufic of any country, and afford entertainment to the moft refined tafte.

I have hinted that our Scottifh fongs owe nothing to the cburch-mufic of the cathedrals and abbeys before the Reformation ; for, although mufic made a confiderable part of the ritual church fervice, yet, from fome of their books, which have efcaped the rage of the Reformers, we find their mufic to have confifted entirely of harmonic compofitions, of four, five, often of fix, feven, and eight parts, all in ftrict counterpoint. Such were perfectly fuitable to the folemnity of religious worthip; and, when performed by a full choir of voices, accompanied by the organ, mut undoubtedly have had a folemn and awful effect upon a mind difpofed to devotion. The ftile of fuch compofition is to calm the mind, and infpire devotion, fuitable to the majefty of that Being to whom it is addreffed. Nothing, however, can be more oppofite than fuch harmonic compofitions to the genius of love-fongs, which confift in the fimple melody of one fingle part.

It is a common tradition, that, in ridicule of the cathedral-fervice, feveral of their hymns were, by the wits among the Reformed, burlefqued, and fung as profane ballads. Of this there is fome remaining evidence. The well-known tunes of Fobn, come kifs me now-Kind Robin lo'es me


At the eftablifhment of the Reformation, one of the firft pious works of the Reformed clergy was, to tranflate, into Scottifh metre, the Pfalms of David, and to introduce them into the kirks, to be fung to the old church-tunes. John Knox's book of pfalms, called The Common Tunes, is fill extant, and fung in the churches, and confifts of four parts; a treble, tenor, counter-ait, and bars. The harmony of thefe tunes is learned and full, and proves them to be the work of very able mafters in the counterpoint.

In order, however, to enlarge the pfalmody, the clergy foon after were at pains to tranflate, into Scottifh metre, feveral parts of fcripture, and fome old Latin hymns, and other pieces. At the fame time, as they had no objections to the old mufic, they made an effort to reclaim fome of thofe tunes from the profane ballads into which they had been burlefqued, and fung by the vulgar.

A collection of thefe pieces was printed at Edinburgh about the year 1590, by Andro Hart, in old Saxon, or black letter, under the title of $A$ compendious book of godly and Spiritual fongs, collectit
collectit out of fundry parts of the foripture, with fundrie of other ballats changed out of propbaine fanges, for avoiding of finne and harlotrie, \&c.

Among thefe ballads, fobn come kifs me now makes bis appearance; ftripped, indeed, of bis prophane drefs, which had promoted finne and barlotrie; but, in exchange, fo ftrangely equipped in bis penitential babit, as to make a more ridiculous figure than bis brother Jack, in the Tale of a Tub. As a curiofity, I fhall give two or three of the fanzas of this new-converted godly ballad.

> John come kifs me now,
> John come kifs me now, John come kifs me by and by,
> And mak na mair adow.
> The Lord thy God I am, That (John) does thee call; John reprefents man By grace celeftial.
> My prophets call, my preachers cry, John come kifs me now; John come kifs me by and by, And mak na mair adow.
> \& Fo laugh avere reant of godlinefs and grace,
> \& And to bee grave exceeds all porver of face:

If the other tunes, preferved of the old church-mufic, were in the fame ftile of $\mathfrak{F o b n}$ come kifs me nore, our fine old melodies, I think, could borrow nothing from them.

I fhall conclude this effay with a few general obfervations on the Scottifh fongs.
The Scottifh melodies contain itrong expreffion of the paffions; particularly of the melancholy kind; in which the air often finely correfponds to the fubject of the fong. In this, I conjecture, the excellency of the ancient Greek mufic confifted, of which we are told fuch wonderful effects. The Greek muficians were alfo poets, who accompanied their own verfes on the harp. Such, likewife, was the Saxon Alfred; and in the fame light we may fee our James I. who both of them accompanied their own poems on the lute or harp. Terpander is faid to have compofed mufic for the Iliad of Homer ; Timotheus played and fung his own lyrical poems; and the poet Simonides his own elegies:

> ' Quid moeftius lacrymis Simonidis!'
exclaims Catullus; and, infpired with the genius of mufic, in this fine apoftrophe, cries out our great poct!

And, O fad Virgin, could thy power
But raife Mufeus from his bower!
Or bid the foul of Orpheus fing,
Such notes as warbled on the fring,
Drew iron tears down Pluto's cheek,
And make bell grant what love did feek.
Let us acknowledge the excellency of the Greek mufic; yet as the principles of harmony, or compofition in parts, feem not to have been known to them, at leaft as far as has yet been difcovered, this excellency of their mufic muft have refulted from the natural melody of their airs, expreffive of the words to which they were adapted. In this light, therefore, we may run a parallel between the ancient Greek mufic and our Scottifh melodies; and, in fpite of the prejudiced fondnefs which we are apt to conceive in favour of the ancients, it is probable that we do the beft of their mufic no hurt in claffing it with our own.

- What perfon of tafte can be infenfible to the fine airs of, I'll never leave thee-Allan WaterAn' thou wer't mine ain tbing-The Braes of Ballendine, \&c. when fung with tafte and feeling!

Love, in its various fituations of bope, fuccefs, difoppointment, and defpair, is finely expreffed in the natural melody of the old Scottifh fongs. How naturally does the air correfpend with the following defcription of the reftlefs languor of a maid in love!

> Ay wa'king oh!
> Wa'king ay and wearic;
> Sleep I canna get,
> For thinking o' my dearie.
> When I fleep, I dream;
> When I wake, I'm irie*;
> Reft I canna get,
> For thinking $o^{\prime}$ my dearie.

The fimple melody of the old fong Waly! Waly! is the pathetic complaint of a forfaken maid, bemoaning herfelf along the late-frequented haunts of her and her lover. The old Scottifh word waly fignifies wail, or heavy forrow, and lamentation.

> Waly! waly! up the bank,
> And waly, waly! down the brae;
> And waly! waly! on yon burn fide,
> Where I and my true love did gae.

Thus Petrarch in one of his beautiful fonnets:
Valle, che de lamenti miei fe' piena,
Fiume, che feffo del mio pianger crefci.-
Colle che mi piacefti, hor mi rincrefci,
Ov' ancor per ufanza amor mi mena-
Quinci vedea ${ }^{1} 1$ mio bene!-EOC.

[^11]How foothing and plaintive is the lullaby of a forfaken miftrefs over her child, expreffed in Lady Anne Botbrvell's Lament! How romantic the melody of the old love-ballad of Hero and Leander! What a melancholy love ftory is told in the old fong of Fockey and Sandy! and what frantic grief expreffed in $I$ ivihb I were where Helen lies!

It were endlefs to run through the many fine airs expreffive of fentiment, and paffion, in the number of our Scottifh fongs, which, when fung in the genuine natural manner, muft affect the heart of every perfon of feeling, whofe tafte is not vitiated and feduced by fa/bion and novelty.

As the Scottifh fongs are the flights of genius, devoid of art, they bid defiance to artificial graces and affected cadences. To a fweet, liquid, flowing voice, capable of fivelling a note from the fofteft to the fulleft tone, and what the Italians call a voce di petto, muft be joined fenfibility and feeling, and a perfect underftanding of the fubject, and words of the fong, fo as to know the fignificant word on which to freell or foften the tone, and lay the force of the note. From a want of knowledge of the language, it generally happens, that, to moft of the foreign mafters, our melodies, at fift, muft feem wild and uncouth; for which reafon, in their performance, they generally fall fhort of our expectation. We fometimes, however, find a foreign mafter, who, with a genius for the pathetic, and a knowledge of the fubject and words, has afforded very high pleafure in a Scottifh fong.

It is a common defect in fome who pretend to fing, to affect to fmother the words, by not articulating them, fo as we fcarce can find out either the fubject or language of their fong. This is always a fign of want of feeling, and the mark of a bad finger ; particularly of Scottifh fongs, where there is generally fo intimate a correfpondence between the air and fubject. Indeed there can be no good vocal mufic without it.

The accompaniment of a Scottifh fong ought to be performed with delicacy. The fine breathings, thofe beart-felt touches, which genius alone can exprefs, in our fongs, are loft in a noify accompaniment of inftruments. The full chords of a thorough bafs fhould be ufed fparingly, and with judgement, not to overpower, but to fupport and raife the voice at proper paufes.

Where, with a fine voice, is joined fome fkill in inftrumental mufic, the air, by way of fymphony, or introduction to the fong, fhould always be firft played over; and, at the clofe of every ftanza, the laft part of the air may be repeated, as a relief to the voice. In this fymphonic part, the performer may fhew his tafte and fancy on the inftrument, by varying it ad libitum.

A Scottifh fong admits of no cadence; I mean, by this, no fanciful or capricious defcant upon the clofe of the tune. There is one embellifhment, however, which a fine finger may cafily ac-
quire, that is, an eafy foake. This, while the organs are flexible in a young voice, may, with practice, be eafily attained.

A Scottifl fong, thus performed, is among the higheft of entertainments to a muffal gerius. But is this genius to be acquired either in the performer or hearer? It cannot. Genius in mufic, as in poetry, is the gift of Heaven.

An artift on the violin may difplay the magic of his fingers in running from the top to the bottom of the finger-board, in various intricate capriccios, which, at moft, will only excite furprife : while a very middling performer, of tafte and feeling, in a fubject that admits of the patbos, will touch the heart in its fineft fenfations. The fineft of the Italian compofers, and many of their fingers, poffefs this to an amazing degree. The opera-airs of thefe great mafters, Pergolefe, Fomelli, Galuppi, Perez, and many others of the prefent age, are aftonihhingly pathetic and moving. Genius, however, and feeling, are not confined to country or climate. A maid at her Spinning-wheel, who knew not a note in mufic, with a fweet voice, and the force of a native genius, has oft drawn tears from my eyes. That gift of Heaven, in hort, is not to be defined : It can only be felt.

I cannot better conclude this effay, than in the words of one who poffeffed it in the moft exalted degree. Addreffing himfelf to a young compofer, he fpoke thus: 'Seek not to know what is genius. ' If thou haft it, thy feelings will tell thee what it is. If thou haft it not, thou never wilt - know it. The genius of the mufician fubjects the univerfe to its power. It draws its pictures by - founds. It expreffes ideas by feelings, and feelings by accents. We feel in our hearts the - force of the paffions which it excites. Through the medium of genius, pleafure affumes addi' tional charms, and the grief which it excites breaks forth into cries. But, alas ! to thofe who ' feel not in themfelves the fpring of genius, its expreffions convey no idea. Its prodigies are ${ }^{6}$ unknown to thofe who cannot imitate them. Wouldft thou know if thou art animated with one - fpark of that bright fire? Run, fly to Naples, and there liften to the mafter-pieces of Leo, Du${ }^{6}$ rante, Fomelli, Pergolefe, If thine eyes are filled with tears, thy heart palpitates, thy whole frame - is agitated, and the oppreffion of tranfport arifes almoft to fuffocation; take up Metafafio, his ' genius will inflame thine own, and thou wilt compofe after his example. Thefe are the ope6 rations of genius, and the tears of others will recompenfe thee for thofe which thy mafters have ${ }^{6}$ caufed thee to fhed. But, if thou art calm and tranquil amidft the tranfports of that great ${ }^{6}$ art ; if thou feeleft no delirium, no ecfafy; if thou art only moved with pleafure, at what ' fhould tranfport thee with rapture, doft thou dare to afk what genius is? Profane not, vulgar ${ }^{6}$ man, that name fublime! What does it import thee to know what thou caft never feel! ? ${ }^{\prime \prime}$,

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THE BUSH ABOON TRAQUAIR:
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HEAR me, ye nymphs, and ev'ry fain,
I'll tell how Peggy grieves me;
'Tho' thus I languish, thus complain,
Alas! the ne'er believes me.
My vows and fighs, like filent air, Unheeded never move her ;

At the bonny bush aboon Traquair;
${ }^{9}$ Twas there I firft did love her.

That day the finil'd, and made me glad,
No maid feem'd ever kinder :
I thought myself the luckiest lad, So fweetly there to find her.
I try'd to foot my am'rous flame,
In words that I thought tender;
If more there pars'd, I'm not to blame,
I meant not to offend her.

Yet now the fornful flees the plain,
The fields we then frequented;
If e'er we meet, the thews difdain;
She looks as ne'er acquainted.
The bonny bush bloom'd fair in May;
Its frets I'll aye 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 ! make her partner in my pains,

Then let her files relieve me;
If not, my love will turn despair,
My paffion no more tender.
Ill leave the Buff aboon Traquair,
To lonely wilds l'll wander,

## LOCHABER.

FAREWEL to Locbaber, and farewel my Fean, Where heartfome with thee I have mony days been ! For Lochaber no more, Lochaber no more, Wee'l may he return to Lochaber no more. Thefe tears that I thed they are a' for my dear, And no for the dangers attending on war. Tho' borne on rough feas to a far diftant fhore, May be to return to Lochaber no more.

The hurricanes rife, and rife every wind, They ne'er make a tempeft like that in my mind, Tho' loudeft of thunder on louder waves roar, That's nothing 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 muft deferve it before I can crave,

Then glory, my fenny, maun plead my excufe,
Since honour commands, how can 1 refufe?
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 fhould I but chance to come glorioufly hame,
Ill bring a heart to thee with Love running o'er,
And then I'll leave thee and Locbaber no more.


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the next morning Sun he spies A Ship which gave unhop'd surprise; New


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A. $S$ from a rock, pat all relief, The fhipwreck'd Colin flying
His native foil, o'ercome with grief, Half funk in waves, and dying :
With the next morning fun he fees
A hip, which gives unhop'd furprife:
New life fprings up, he lifts his eyes
With joy, and waits her motion.

So when by her whom long I loved,
I fcorn'd was, and deferred,
Low with despair my fpirits moved,
To be for ever parted;
Thus droop'd I , till diviner grace
I found in Peggy's mind and face ;
Ingratitude appear'd then bale,
But virtue more engaging,

Then now, fince happily I've hit, Ill have no more delaying :
Let beauty yield to manly wit, We lore ourfelves in flaying:

Ill hate dull courtship to a clofe, Since marriage can my fears oppofe :

Why should we happy minutes lofe, Since, Peggy, I mut love thee ?

Men may be foolifh, if they pleafe, And deem't a lover's duty
To fight, and facrifice their cafe,
Doating on a proud beauty :
Such was my cafe for many a year,
Still hope fucceeding to my fear,
Falfe Betty's charms now difappear,
Since Peggy's far outline them.

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FOR LACK OF GOLD.

FOR lack of gold the's left me, oh !
And of all that's dear bereeft me, oh !
For Athol's Duke the me forfook,
And to endlefs care has left me, oh !

A far and garter have more art
Than youth, a true and faithful heart ;
For empty titles we muft part,
And for glitt'ring fhow fhe left me, oh:

No cruel fair fhall ever move
My injur'd heart again to love ;
Thro' diftant climates I muft rove, Since feanie fhe has left me, oh :

Ye Pow'rs above, I' to your care
Commit my lovely, charming fair;
Your choiceft bleffings on her thare, Tho' the's for ever left me, oh !

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# LADT ANNE BOTHWELL'S LAMENT: 

## From Pinkerton's Select Scottijb Ballads.

BALOW, my babe, lie ftill and fleip, It grieves me fair to fee thee weip; If thou'lt be filent, I'll be glad, Thy maining maks my heart full fad; Balow, my babe, thy mither's joy, Thy father breids me great annoy.

Whan he began to feik my luve, And wi' his fucred words to muve ; His feining faufe, and flattering cheir, To me that time did nocht appeir ; But now I fee that cruel he Cares neither for my babe nor me,

Lye fill, my darling, nleip a while, And whan thou wakeft fweitly fmile;
But fmile nae as thy father did
To cozen maids : nay, God forbid, What yet I feir, that thou fold leir 'Thy father's heart and face to beir !

Be ftill, my fad one: fpare thofe teirs, To weip whan thou haft wit and yeirs ; Thy griefs are gathering to a fum, God grant thee patience when they cum ;
Born to proclaim a mother's fhame, A mother's fall, a baftard's name.

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## ILL NEVER LEAVE THEE.

ONE day I heard Mary fay,
How fhall I leave thee?
Stay, deareft Adonis, ftay ;
Why wilt thou grieve me ?
Alas! my fond heart will break,
If thou fhouldft leave me;
I'll live and die for thy fake,
Yet never leave thee.

Say, lovely Adonis, fay,
Has Mary deceiv'd thee ?
Did e'er her young heart betray
New love that has griev'd thee?
My conftant mind ne'er fhall Atray,
Thou maydt believe me;
I'll love thee, lad, night and day,
And never leave thee.

Adonis, my charming youth, What can relieve thee?

Can Mary thy anguifh footh ?
This breaft thall receive thee:
My paffion can ne'er decay,
Never deceive thee ;
Delight fhall drive pain away, Pleafure revive thee.

But leave thee, leave thee, lad !
How fhall I leave thee?
Oh ! that thought makes me fad ;
I'll never leave thee !
Where would my Adonis fly?
Why does he grieve me?
Alas! my poor heart would die, If I fhould leave thee!
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A H ! Chloris, could I now but fit
As unconcern'd as when
Your infant beauty cou'd beget
No happinefs or pain.
When I this dawning did admire,
And prais'd the coming day,
I little thought that rifing fire
Wou'd take my reft 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 perfections preft;

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 you,
Threw a new flaming dart.
Each gloried in their wanton part ;
To make a lover, he
Employ'd the utmoft of his art ;
To make a beauty, fhe.

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## TWEEDSIDE.

What beaties does Flora difclofe!
How fweet are her fmiles upon Tweed!
Yet Mary's ftill fweeter than thofe,
Both nature and fancy exceed.
Nor daify, nor fweet-blufhing rofe,
Not all the gay flow'rs of the field,
Not Tweed gliding gently through thofe
Such beauty and pleafure does yield.
'The warblers are heard in the grove, The linner, the lark, and the thrufh,

The blackbird, and fiveet-cooing dove,
With mufic enchant ev'ry bufh;
Come, let us go forth to the mead,
Let us fee how the primrofes foring;
We'll lodge in fome village on Tweed,
And love while the feather'd folks fing.

How does my love pafs the long day?
Does Mary not tend a few fheep?
Do they never careleffly ftray,
While happily the lies afleep?
'Tweed's murmurs fhou'd lull her to reft,
Kind nature indulging my blifs;
To relieve the foft pains of my breaft,
I'd fteal an ambrofial kifs.
'Tis the does the virgins excel,
No beauty with her can compare;
Love's graces all round her do dwell,
She's faireft where thoufands are fair.
Say, charmer, where do thy flocks ftray ?
Oh ! tell me at noon where they feed.
Shall I feek them on fweet-winding Tay,
Or the pleafanter banks of the Tweed?


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## THE $\quad B R O O M$ OF COWDENKNOWS.

How blyth ilk morn was I to fee
My fivain come o'er the hill!
He fkipt the burn, he flew to me:
I met him with good will.
O the broom, the bonny bonny broom, Thbe broom of Cowden knares:
I wifh I were with my dear fwain, With bis pifc and my ewes.

I neither wanted ewe nor lamb, While his flock near me lay: He gathered in my fheep at night, And chear'd me a' the day, O the broom, \&cc.

He tun'd his pipe and reed fae fweet, The flocks ftood liftening by :
E'en the dull cattle ftood and gaz'd,
Charm'd with his melody. - O the broom, \&cc.

While thus we fpent our time by turns, Betwixt our flocks and play:
I envy'd not the faireft dame, Tho' ne'er fae rich and gay. 0 the broom, \&cc.

Hard fate that I thou'd banifh'd bé, Gang heavily and mourn, Becaufe I lov'd the kindeft fwain That ever yet was born. $O$ the broom, \&ce.

He did oblige me every hour,
Cou'd I but faithfu' be ?
He favv my heart: Cou'd I refufe * Whate'er he afk'd of me?
$O$ the broom, \&c.
My doggie, and my little kit
That held my wee foup whey, My plaidy, broach, and crooked ftick, 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 Coreden knows ;
I wifbs I were weith my dear fwain, With bis pipe and my erwes.

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## AULD LANG STNE.

SHOULD auld acquaintance be forgot, Tho' they return with fcars? Thefe are the noble hero's lot, Obtain'd in gloriou's wars : Welcome, my Varo, to my breaft, Thy arms about me twine, And make me once again as bleft, As I was lang fyne.

Methinks around us on each bough, A thoufand Cupids play,
Whilft thro' the groves I walk with you, Each object makes me gay :
Since your return the fun and moon With brighter beams do chine,
Streams murmur foft notes while they run, As they did lang fyne.

Defpife the court and din of fate;
Let that to their fhare fall,
Who can efteem fuch flav'ry great, While bounded like a ball:
But funk in love, upon my arms
Let your brave head recline, We'll pleafe ourfelves with mutual charms,

As we did lang fyne.
O'er moor and dalc, with your gay friend,
You may purfue the chace,
And, after a brikk bottle, end
All cares in my embrace :
And in a vacant rainy day
You fhall be wholly mine;
We'll gar the hours glide fmooth away,
And laugh at lang fyne.

The hero, pleas'd with the fweet air, And figns of generous love,
Which had been utter'd by the fair,
Bow'd to the pow'rs above:
Next day, with glad confent and hante, Th' approach'd the facred fhrine ;
Where the good prieft the couple bleft, And put them out of pine.

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## THE BOATMAN.

YE gales that gently wave the fea, And pleafe the canny boat-man, Bear me frae hence, or bring to me

My brave, my bonny Scot-man;
In haly bands
We join'd our hands,
Yet dar na this difcover,
While parents rate
A large eftate,
Before a faithfu' lover.

But I loor chufe in Highland glens
To herd the kid and goat-man,
Ere I cou'd for fae little ends
Refufe my bonny Scot-man.
Wae worth the man
Wha firft began
The bafe ungenerous fafhion,
Frae greedy views
Love's art to ufe,
While ftrangers to its paffion.

Frae foreign fields, my lovely youth,
Hafte to thy langing laffie,
Who pants to prefs thy ba'my mouth,
And in her bofom hawfe thee.
Love gi'es the word,
Then hafte on board,
Fair winds and tenty boat-man,
Waft o'er, waft o'er
Frae yonder fhore,
My blyth, my bonny Scot-man.

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THE gypfies came to our lord's gate, And wow but they fang fweetly; They fang foe fleet, and face very compleat, That down came the fair lady.

Gae tak frae me this gay mantile,
And bring to me a plaidie, For if kith and kin and $a^{\prime}$ had forworn, Ill follow the gypfie laddie.

And the came tripping down the fair,
And $a^{\prime}$ her maids before her ;
As foo as they flaw her well-far'd face,
They coot the glamer o'er her.

Yeftreen I lay in a well-made bed,
And my good lord betide me;
This night I'll by in a tenant's barn,
Whatever hall betide me.

And when our lord came hame at cen,
And fpeir'd for his fair lady,
The ane the cry'd, and the other reply'd,
She's aw with the gypfie laddie.



## THE BANKS OF FORTH.

AWAKE, my love, with genial ray, The fun returning glads the day; Awake, the balmy zephyr blows;
The hawthorn blooms, the daify 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.

Oh more than blooming daifies fair!
More fragrant than the vernal air !
More gentle than the turtle dove, Or Streams that murmur thro' the grove!
Bethink thee all is on the wing,
Thefe pleafures wait on wafting fpring;
Then come, the tranfient blifs enjoy,
Nor fear what fleets fo faft will cloy.

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Tune, I wifb my Love were in a Mireo

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 reft, And rais'd fuch tumults in my breaft ;

For while I gaz'd, in tranfport toft, My breath was gone, my voice was loft !

My bofom glow'd ; the fubtle flame Ran quick thro' all my vital frame; O'er my dim eyes a darknefs 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 !



## GIL MORICE:

## From Percy's Reliques of Ancient Poetry.

GIL Morice was an crlès fon, His name it waxed wide;
It was nae for his great richès, Nor zet his mickle pride;
Bot it was for a lady gay,
That liv'd on Carron fide.
Quhair fall I get a bonny boy, That will win hofe and fhoen; That will gae to lord Barnard's ha'; And bid his lady cum?
And ze maun rin errand Willie; And 2 ce may rin wi' pride;
Quhen other boys gae on their foot, On horfeback ze fall ride.

O no! Oh no! my mafter dear! I dare nae for my life;
I'll no gae to the bauld baròns, For to trieft furth his wife.
My bird Willie, my boy Willie; My dear Willie, he fayd,
How can ze frive againft the fream? For I will be obeyd.

Bot, O my mafter dear! he cryd; In grene wod ze're zour lain;
Gi owrefic thochts, I walde ze rede, For fear ze fhould be tain.
Hafte, hafte, I fay, gac to the ha', Bid hir cum here wi' fpeid:
If ze refufe my heigh command, I'll gar zour body bleid.

Gae bid hir take this gay mantèl, 'Tis a' gowa bot the hern;
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 fleive ;
And bid hir cum to Gil Morice, Speir nac bauld barons leave.

Yes, I will gae zour black errand, Thought 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 nicht, How fma' ze hae to vaunt.

And fen I maun zour errand rin Sae fair againft 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 quhen he came to grafs growing, Set down his feet and ran.

And quhen he came to Barnards ha', Would neither chap nor $\mathrm{ca}^{\text {' }}$;
Bot fet his bent bow to his breif, And lichtly lap the wa'.
He wauld nae tell the man his errand,
Though he flude at the gait ;
Bot ftraiht into the ha' he cam,
Quhair they were fet at meit.
Hail! hail! my gentle fire and dame! My meflage winna waite;
Dame, ze maun to the gude grene wode Before that it be late.
Ze'rc bidden tak this gay mantè̀, Tis a' gowd bot the hem :
Zou maun gae to the gude grene wode, Ev'n by your fale alàne.

And there it is, a fliken farke, Your ain hand fewd the fleive;
Ze maun gae fpeik to Gil Morice ; Speir nae bauld barons leave.
The lady flamped wi' hir foot, And winked wi' hir ee ;
Bot a' that fhe could fay or do, Forbidden he wad nae beé.

Its furely to my bowr-womàn; It neir could be to me:
I brocht it to lord Barnards lady; I trow that ze be fhe.:
Then up and fpack the wylie nurfe, (The bairn upon hir knee)
If it be cum frae Gil Mórice, It's deir welcum to mee.

Ze leid, ze leid, ye filthy nurfe, Sae loud's I heire ze lee;
I brocht it to lord Barnards lady ; I trow $z e$ be nae fhee.
Then up and fpake the bauld baròn, An angry man was hee;
He's' ta in the table wi' his foot, Sae has he wi's knee;
Till filler cup and ezar difh In flinders he gard flec.

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 lemmàn.
O bide at hame, now lord Barnard, I warde ze bide at hame :
Neir wyte a man for violence, That neir wate ze wi' nane.

Gil Morice fate in gude grene wode, He whifled and he fang :
O what mean a' the folk coming, My mother tarries lang.

His hair was like the threcds of gold,
Drawne frae Minervas loome:
His lipps like rofes drapping dew, His breach was a' perfume.

His brow was like the mountain frae Gilt by the morning beam :
His cheeks like living rofes glow:
His een like azure fream.
The boy was clad in robes of grene, Sweete as the infant fpring :
And like the mavis on the bufh, He gart the vallies ring.

The baron came to the grene wode, Wi' mickle dule and care,
And there he firft finied Gil Morice Kameing his zellow hair: That fweetly wav'd around his face, That face beyond compare ;
He fang fo fweet it might difpel, A' rage but fcll difpair.

Nae wonder, nae wonder, Gil Morice, My lady loed thee wcel,
The fairef part of my body
Is blacker than thy heel.
Zet neir the lefs now, Gil Morice, For a' thy great bewty,
Ze's rew the day ze cir was born; That head fall gae wi' me.

Now he has drawiw lis trufty brand, And flaited on the frae;
And thro' Gil Moricc' fair body He's gar cauld iron gac.
And he has tain Gill Morice' head And fet it on a fpeir:
The meaneft man in a' his train Has gotten that head to bear.

And he has tain Gil Moricc up, Laid him acrofs his fteid,
And brocht him to his painted bowr And laid him on a bed,
The lady fat on caltil wa', Beheld baith dale and doun; And there fhe faw Gil Morice' head Cum trailing to the toun.

Far better I loe that bluidy head, Bot and that zellow hair,
Than lord Barnaru', and a' his lands, As they lig here and thair.
And fhe has tain hir Gil Morice, And kifs'd baith mouth and chin:
I was once as fow of Gil Morice, As the hip is o' the flean.

I got ze in my father's houfe, Wi' mickle fin and thame;
I brocht thee up in gude grene wode, Under the heavy rain:
Oft have I by thy cradel fitten, And fondly fen thee fleip;
But now I gae about thy grave, The faut tears for to weip.

And fyne fhe kifsd his bluidy cheik, And fyne his bluidy chin:
O better I loc my Gil Morice Than a' my kith and kin!
Away, away, ze ill womàn, And an il deith mait ze dee: Gin I had kend he'd bin zour fon, He'd neir bin flain for mee.

Obraid me not. my lord Barnard! Obraid me not for fhame!
Wi that faim fpeir O pierce my hcart? And put me out o' pain.
Since nothing bot Gil Morice head Thy jelous rage could quell,
Let that faim hand now take 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 blood by me's bin fpilt, Seck not zour death frae mee;
I rather lourd it had been iny fel Than eathcr him or thee.

With waefo wae I hear zour plaint Sair, fair I rew the dcid,
That eir this curfed hand of mine Had gard his body bleid.
Dry up zour tcars, my winfom dame, Ze ncir can heal the wound;
Ze iee 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 fect that bore me wi' $f_{i k}$ fpeid, The comely zouth to kill.
I'll ay lament for Gil Morice, As gin he were my ain;
Ill neir forget the driery day Oin which the zouth was Rain.

## LOGAN WATER.

FOR ever, fortune, wilt thou prove, An unrelenting foe to love, And when we meet a mutual heart, Step in between, and bid them part; Bid them figh on from day to day, And wifh and pine their fouls away, Till youth and genial years are flown, And all the life of love is gone.

But bufy, bufy fill art thou
To bind the lovelefs, joylefs vow;
The heart from pleafure to delude, And join the gentle to the rude.
For once, O Fortune! hear my prayer,
And I abfolve thy future care;
All other bleffings I refign,
Make but the dear Amanda mine.


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## Gula O Miricll.



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AH! the fhepherd's mournful fate, When doom'd to love, and doom'd to languifh,
To bear the fcornful fair one's hate, Nor dare difclofe his anguifh!

Yet eager looks, and dying fighs,
My fecret foul difcover,
While rapture trembling, thro' 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, Thofe languid eyes fo fweetly fmiling,
That artlefs blufh, and modeft 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 laft bleffing given,
Low at thy feet to breathe my laft, And die in fight of heaven.

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THE LASS OF PATIE'S MILL。
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## THE lats of Patie's mill,

So bonny, blythe, and gay,
In flite of all my fill,
Hath ftole my heart away.
When tedding of the hay
Bare-headed on the green, Love' 'midst her locks did play, And wanton'd in her een.

Without the help of art, Like flowers which grace the wild, She did her frets impart, Whene'er the poke or fmil'd. Her looks they were fo mild, Free from affected pride, She me to love beguil'd, I wifh'd her for my bride.

O had I all the wealth
Hoptoun's high mountains fill, Infur'd long life and health,

And pleafures at my will ;
Id promife and fulfil, That none but bonny fie, The lafs of Patie's mill, Shou'd flare the fame wi' me.


 Gay; In fpite of all my fkill - - has ftoln my heart a - way.

 When ted-ding of the May_ _ Bare headed on the green, Love



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THERE's auld Rob Morris that wins in yon glen, He's the king of good fellows, and wale of auld men, Has fourfcore of black fheep, and fourfcore too, And auld Rob Morris is the man ye maun loo.

## DOUGHTER.

O had your tongue, mither, and let that abee, For his eild and my eild will never agree : They'll never agree, and that will be feen, For he is fourfcore, and I'm but fifteen.

Then had your tongue, doughter, and lay by your pride, For he's be the bridegroom, and ye's be the bride ; He thall lye by your fide, and kifs you too, Auld Rob Morris is the man you maun loo.

DOUGHTER. But auld Rob Morris I never will hae, His back is fo ftiff, and his beard is grown gray; I had rather die than live wi' him a year, Sae mair of Rob Morris I never will hear.

## THE BRAES OF $\quad$ YARROW.

BUSK ye, bufk ye, my bonny bonny bride, Bulk ye, bufk ye, my winfome marrow, Bufk ye, bulk ye, my bonny bonny bride, And let us leave the braes of Yarrow.

Where got ye that bonny bonny bride, Where gut ye that winfome marrow? I got her where I durft not well 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 leave
Puing the birks on the braes of Yarrow.
Why does fhe weep thy bonny bonny bride?
Why does the weep thy winfome marrow? And why dare ye nae mair well be feen,
Puing the birks on the braes of Yarrow.
Lang muft fhe weep, lang muft fhe, muft fhe weep,
Lang muft the weep with dole and forrow,
And lang mutt I nair well be feen
Puing the birks on the braes of Yarrow.
For the has tint her lover, lover dear,
Her lover dear, the caufe of forrow ;
And I have flain the comelieff fivain,
That ever pued birks on the braes of Yarrow.
Why runs thy ftream, O Yarrow, Yarrow, red ?
Why on thy braes heard the voice of forrow?
And why yon melancholious weeds,
Hung on the bonny birks of Yarrow ?
What's yonder floats on the rueful, rueful flood?
What's yonder floats? O dole and forrow. O 'tis the comely frvain I flew
Upon the doleful braes of Yarrow.
Wafh, O wath his wounds, his wounds in tears,
His wounds in tears of dole and forrow,
And wrap his limbs in mourning weeds,
And lay him on the bracs of Yarrow.
Then build, then builci, ye fifters, fifters fad, Ye fifters fad, his tomb with forrow, And weep around in woful wife,
His helplefs fate on the braes of Yarrow.
Curfe ye, curfe ye, his ufelefs, wfelefs fhield,
My arm that wrought the deed of forrow,
The fatal fpear that pierc'd his breaft,
His comely breaft on the braes of Yarrow.
Did I not warn thee not to, not to love, And warn from fight? but to my forrow, Too rahly bold, a ftronger arm
Thou met'f, and fell on the braes of Yarrow.
Sweet fmells the birk, green giows, green grows the grafs
Yellow on Yarrow's braes the gowan,
Fair hangs the apple frae the rock,
Sweet the wave of Yarrow flowan.
Flows Yarrow fweet, as fweet, as fiweet flows Tweed,
As green its grafs, its gowan as yellow,
As iweet fimells on its braes the birk,
The apple from its rocks as mellow.
Fair was thy love, fair, fair indeed thy love,
In fow'ry bands thou didft him fetter;
Tho' he was tair, and well belov'd again,
Than me he never lov'd thee better.

Bufk ye, then bufk, my bonny bonny bride,
Bulk ye, then bufk, my winfome marrow,
Buik ye, and loe ine on the banks of Tweed, And think nae mair on the braes of Yarrow.

How can I bufk a bonny bonny bride,
How can I bufk a winfome marrow,
How loe him on the banks of Tweed,
That flew my love on the braes of Yarrow?
O Yarrow fields, may never, never rain,
No dew thy tender bloffoms cover,
For there was vilely kill'd my love,
My love as he had not been a lover.
The boy put on his robes, his robes of green,
His purple veft, 'twas my ain fewing,
Ah! wretched me, I little, little knew,
He was in thefe to meet his ruin.
The boy took out his milk-white, milk-white fteed,
Unheedful of my dole and forrow,
But ere the toofal of the night,
He lay a corps on the braes of Yarrow.
Much I rejoic'd that woeful, woeful day,
I fung, my voice the woods returning,
But lang ere night, the fpear was flown
That flew my love, and left me mourning.
What can my barbarous, barbarous father do,
But with his cruel rage purfue me?
My lover's blood is on thy fpear;
How canft thou, barbarous man, then woo me?
My happy fifters may be, may be proud,
With cruel and ungentle fcoffing,
May bid me feek on Yarrow's braes
My lover nailed in his coffin.
My brother Douglas may upbraid,
And frive with threatning words to move me, My lover's blood is on thy fpear,
How canft thou ever bid me love thee?
Yes, yes, prepare the bed, the bed of love,
With bridal fleets my body cover,
Unbar, ye bridal maids, the door,
Let in the expected hurband lover.
But who the expected hufband, hufband is ?
His hands, methinks, are bath'd in 1laughter,
Ah me! what ghaftly feectre's yon,
Comes, in his pale flhroud, bleeding after ?
Pale as he is, here lay him, lay him down,
O lay his cold head on my pillow ;
Take aff, take aff thefe bridal weeds,
And crown my careful head with yellow.
Pale tho' thou art, yet beft, yet beft belov'd,
O could my warmth to life reftore thee ;
Yet lie all night between my breafts;
No youth lay ever there before thee.
Pale, indeed, O lovely, lovely youth!
Forgive, forgive to foul a flaughter,
And lye all night between my breafts,
No youth thall ever lye there after.
Return, return, O mournful, mournful bride,
Return and dry thy ufelefs forrow,
Thy lover heeds nought of thy fighs,
He lies a corps in the braes of Yarrow.

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## OH! OPEN THE DOOR, LORD GREGORY:

OH ! open the door, Lord Gregory; Oh open and let me in; The rain rains on my fcarlet robes, The dew drops o'er my chin.

If you are the lafs that I lov'd once;
As I true you are not dhe; Come give me fome of the tokens

That paft between you and me.

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DOWN THE BURN DAVIE:
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WHEN trees did bud, and fields were green, And broom blom'd fair to fee ;

When Mary was coinpleat fifteen,
And love laugh'd in her eye;
Blyth Davie's blinks her hèart did move
To fpeak her mina thus free,
Gang down the burn, Davie, love,
And I wrill follow thee.

Now Davie did each lad furpafs, That dwelt on this burnfide, And Mary was the bonnieft lafs, Juft meet to be a bride ; Her cheeks were rofie, red, and white, Her een were bonny blue; Her looks were like Aurora bright, Her lips like dropping dewn .




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 Johns-ton and bonny Dun-dee: $\bar{O}$ gin I faw the Laddie that gae mét, aft
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## BONNT DUNDEE.

O O filly blind body, O dinna ye fee,

I gat it frae a young brikk fodger laddie, Between Saint Johnfon and bonny Dundee. O gin I faw the laddie that gae me't! Aft has he dandl'd me upon his knee ;
May Heaven protect my bonny Scots laddie, And fend him fafe hame to his babie and me.

My bleffins upon thy fweet wee lippie !

> My bleffins upon thy bonny e'e brie !

Thy fmiles are fae like my blyth fodger laddie, Thou's ay the dearer and dearer to me! But I'll big a bow'r on yon bonny banks, Whare Tay rins wimplin by fae clear: And I'll cleed thee in the tartan fae fine, And mak thee a man like thy dadie dear.

# NANCT'S TO THE GREEN WOOD GANE. 

NANCY's to the Green Wood gane,
To hear the Gowdfpink chatt'ring,
And Willie he has follow'd her,
To gain her love by flatt'ring: But a' that he cou'd fay or do, She geck'd and fcorned at him; And aye when he began to woo, She bid him mind wha gat him.

What ails ye at my dad, quoth he, My minny or my aunty ?
With crowdy mowdy they fed me, Lang-kail and ranty-tanty:
With bannocks of good barley-meal, Of thae there was right plenty, With chapped ftocks fou butter'd well ;

And was not that right dainty?
Altho' my father was nae laird,
'Tis daffin to be vaunty ;
He keep it aye a good kail-yard, A ha' houfe and a pantry :
A good blew bonnet on his head, An owrlay 'bout his cragy ;
And aye until the day he died,
He rade on good fhanks nagy.

Now wae and wander on your finout, Wad ye hae bonny Nancy?
Wad ye compare ye'r fell to me, A docken till a tanfie?
I have a wooer of my ain, They ca' him fouple Sandy, And well I wat his bonny mou' Is fweet like fugar-candy.

Wow, Nancy, what needs a' this din ?
Do I not ken this Sandy?
I'm fure the chief of a' his kin Was Rab the beggar randy :
'His minny Meg upo' her back Bare baith him and his billy;
Will ye compare a nafty pack To me your winfome Willie?

My gutcher left a good braid fword, Tho' it be auld and rufty, Yet ye may tak it on my word, It is baith ftout and trufty;
And if I can but get it drawn, Which will be right uneafy,
I fhall lay baith my lugs in pawn, That he fhall get a heezy.

Then Nancy turn'd her round about, And faid, Did Sandy hear ye,
Ye wadna mifs to get a clout,
I ken he difna fear ye:
Sae had ye'r tongue and fay nae mair, Set fomewhere elfe your fancy ;
For as lang's Sandy's to the fore,
Ye never fhall get Nancy.


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## TWINE WEEL THHE PLAIDEN.

OH: I hae loft my filken frood, That tied my hair fae yellow, I've gi'en my heart to the lad I loo'd;

He was a gallant fellow.
And twine it weel, my bonny dow, And twine it weel, the plaiden; Thbe laffe loft her flken fnood, In pu'ing of the bracken.

He prais'd my een fae bonny blue, Sae lily white my fkin o',

And fyne he prie'd my bonny mou, And fwore it was nae fin $0^{\prime}$, And twine it reeel, my bonny dore, And twine it weel the plaiden; The laffie loft ber filken fnood, In pu'ing of the bracken.

But he has left the lafs he loo'd,
His ain true love forfaken,
Which gars me fair to greet the fnood, I loft among the bracken.

And twine it reeel, my bonny dow,
And twine it weel, the plaiden;
The laflie loft ber filken fnood,
In pu'ing of the bracken.

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## HERE AWA', WILLIE.

Here awa', there awa', herc awa', willic; Here awa', there awa', here awa', hame. Lang have I fought thee, dear have I bought thee, Now I ha'e gotten my Willie again. Thro' the lang muir I have follow'd my Willie, Thro' the lang muir I have follow'd him hame.

Whatever betide us, nought fhall divide us, Love now rewards all my forrow and pain. Here awa', there awa', here awa', Willie; Here awa', there awa', here awa', hame. Come, love, believe me, nothing can grieve me, llka thing pleafes while Willie's at hame.

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IN winter when the rain rain'd cauld, And froft and fnaw on ilka hill,
And Boreas, with his blafts fae bauld Was threat'ning a' our kye to kill:
Then Bell my wife, wha loves na frife, She faid to me right haftily, Get up, gudeman, fave Cromie's life, And tak' your auld cloak about ye.

My Cromie is an ufeful cow, And the is come of a good kyne;
Aft has the wet the bairnies' mou, And I am laith that fhe fhould tyne ;
Get up, gudeman, it is fou time, The fun fhines in the lift fae hie;
Sloth never made a gracious end, Gae tak' your auld cloak about ye.

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

In days when our king Robert rang, His trews they coft but half a crown ; He faid they were a groat o'er dear, And call'd the taylor thief and loun. He was the king that wore the crown, And thou a man of laigh degree; 'Tis pride puts a' the country down, Sae tak' thy auld cloak about thee.

Every land has its ain laigh, Ilk kind of corn it has its hool.
I think the warld is a' run wrang, When ilka wife her man wad rule ; Do ye not fee Rob, Fock, and Hab, As they are girded gallantly,
While I fit hurklen in the aife; I'll have a new cloak about me.

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

Bell my wife, the loves na ftrife;
But the wad guide me, if fhe can,
And to maintain an eafy life,
I aft maun yield, tho' l'm gudeman;
Nought's to be won at woman's hand,
Unlefs ye give her a' the plea:
Then I'll leave aff where I began,
And tak' my auld cloak about me.

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MyY fheep I've forfaken and left my fheep hook, Through regions remote in vain do I rove, And all the gay haunts of my youth I've forfook; And bid the wide ocean fecure me from love; No more for Amynta frefh garlands I wove, O fool, to imagine that ought can fubdue For Ambition I faid wou'd foon cure me of love. A love fo well founded, a paffion fo true.

0 what had my youth with ambition to do? Why left I Amynta? why broke I my vow? O give me my fleep, and my beephook reftore, I'll wander from love and Amynta no more.
$O$ what had my youth with ambition to do? Why left I Amynta? why broke I my vow? O give me my Beep, and my Beephook.reftore, I'll wander from love and Amynta no more.

Alas! 'tis too late at thy fate to repine !
Poor fhepherd! Amynta no more can be thine;
Thy tears are all fruitlefs, thy wifhes are vain;
The moments neglected, return not again.

O what had my youth with ambition to do?
Why left I Amynta? why broke I my vow?
O give me my foeep, 'and my fleephook reffore,
I'll wander from leve and Amynta no more.


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BONNXGEAN:
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LOVE's goddefs in à myrtle grove, Said, Cupid, bend thy bow with fpeed, Nor let the fhaft at random rove, For Jeany's haughty heart muft 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.

No more the nymph, with haughty air, Refufes Willy's kind addrefs;

Her yielding blufhes thew no care,
But too much fondnefs to fupprefs.
No more the youth is fullen now,
But looks the gayeft on the green,
While every day he fies fome new
Surprifing charm in bonny Jean,

A thoufand tranfports crowd his breaft,
He moves as light as fleeting wind;
His former forrows feem a jeft,
Now when his Jeany is turn'd kind:
Riches he looks on with difdain, The glorious fields of war look mean ;
The chearful hound and horn give pain, If abfent from his bonny Jean.
'The day he fpends in am'rous gaze,
Which even in fummer fhorten'd feems ;
When funk in down, with glad amaze,
He wonders at her in his dreams. All charms difclos'd, The looks more bright

Than Troy's prize, the Spartan queen;
With breaking day he lifts his fight,
And pants to be with bonny Jean.

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PINKIE HOUSE:

By Pinkie Houte oft let me walk, While circled in my arms, I hear my Nelly fweetly talk, And gaze o'er all her charms.

O let me, ever fond, behold
Thofe graces void of art,
Thofe chearful fmiles that fweetly hold In willing chains my heart.

O come, my love! and bring anew That gentle tuin of mind;
That gracefulnefs of air, in you, By nature's hand defign'd ;

That beauty, like the blufhing rofe, Firft lighted up this flame;

Which, like the fun, for ever glows
Within my breaft the fame.

Ye light coquets ! ye airy things !
How vain is all yourt art!
How feldom it a lover brings !
How rarely keeps a heart !
O gather from my Nelly's charms, That fweet, that graceful eafe ;

That blufhing modefty 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!


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TARRY woo, tarry woo',
Tarry woo' is ill to fpin, Card it well, card it well,

Card it well ere ye begin.
When 'tis carded, rov'd and fpun, Then the work is haflens done; But when woven, dreft, and clean, It may be cleading for a queen.
Sing my bonny harmlefs fheep, That feed upon the mountain's fteep, Bleeting fweetly as ye go Through the winter's froft and fnow. Hart and hynd, and fallow deer,
Not be haff fo ufeful are;
Frae kings to him that hads the plow, Are all oblig'd to tarry woo'.

Up, ye fhepherds, dance and ikip,
O'er the hills and vallies trip,
Sing the praife of tarry woo',
Sing the flocks that bear it too;
Harmlefs creatures without blame,
That clead the back, and cram the wame,
Keep us warm and hearty fou;
Leefe me on the tarry woo'.
How happy is a fhepherd's life,
Far frae courts, and free of frife,
While the gimmers bleet and bae,
And the lambkins anfwer mae:
No fuch mufic to his ear,
Of thief or fox he has no fear ;
Sturdy Kent, and Colly too,
Well defend the tarry woo'。

He lives content and envies none,
Not even a monarch on his throne,
Tho' he the royal fcepter fways,
Has not fweeter holidays.
Who'd be a king, can ony tell,
When a fhepherd fings fae well ;
Sings fae well, and pays his due,
With honeft heart and tarry woo' ?

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ROSLIN CAST゙LE:
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"TWAS in that feafon of the year, When all things gay and fweet appear, That Colin 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 Roflin Caftle heard the fwain, And echo'd back the chearful ftrain.

Awake, fweet mufe, the breathing fpring With rapture warms; awake and fing; Awake and join the vocal throng, Who hail the morning with a fong: To Nanny raife the chearful lay ; O ! bid her hafte and come away ; In fweeteft fmiles herfelf adorn, And add new graces to the morn.

O hark, my love! on ev'ry fpray; Each feather'd warbler tunes his lay; ${ }^{\prime}$ Tis beauty fires the ravifh'd throng, And love infpires the melting fong: Then let my raptur'd notes arife, For beauty darts from Nanny's eyes; And love my rifing bofom warms, And fills my foul with fweet alarms.

O, come, my love! thy Colin's lay With rapture calls, O come away!

Come, while the mufe this wreath fhall twire Around that modeft brow of thine :

O, hither hafte, and with thee bring
That beauty blooming like the fpring,
Thofe graces that divinely fhine,
And charm this ravifh'd breaft of mine:

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How dearly I wou'd love thee!
Then I wou'd clafp thee in my arms,
Then I'd fecure thee from all harms,
For above mortal thou haft charms;
How dearly do I lowe thee!

Of race divine thou needs mutt be;
Since nothing earthly equals thee ;
For Heaven's fake then pity me,
Who only live to love thee.
An' thou were, \&c.

The gods one thing peculiar have;
To ruin none whom they can fave;
O, for their fake, fupport a flave,
Who ever on fhall love thee. An' thou were, \&c.

To merit I no claim can make,
But that I love, and, for your fake,
What man can name I'll undertake;
So dearly do I love thee. An' thou were, \&c.

My paffion, conftant as the fun, Flames ftronger ftill, will ne'er have done, Till Fate my thread of life hath fpun,

Which breathing out I'll love thee.
An' thou were, \&c.

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SHE ROSE AND LET ME IN.
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THE night her filent fable wore, And gloomy were the 1 kies;

Of glitt'ring ftars appear'd no more 'Than thofe in Nelly's eyes.

When to her father's door I came, Where I had often been,

I begg'd my fair, my lovely dame, To rife and let me in.

Then who wou'd cruelly deceive, Or from fuch beauty part!
I lov'd her fo, I could not leave The charmer of my heart.

My eager fondnefs I obey'd, Refolv'd the fhould be mine, 'Till Hymen to my arms convey'd My treafure fo divine.

But the, with accents all divine,
Did my fond fuit reprove;
And while the chid my rafh defign, She but inflam'd my love.

Her beauty oft had pleas'd before, While her bright ejyes did roll:
But virtue only had the pow'r To charm my very foul.

Now happy in my Nelly's love, Tranfporting is my joy;
No greater bleffing can I prove; So blefs'd a man am I.

For beauty may a while retain The conquer'd flutt'ring heart,
But virtue only is the chain
Holds never to depart.


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BESS Y's beauties fhine fae bright,
Were her mony vertues fewer,
She wad ever gie' delight,
And in tranfport make me view her.
Bonny Befy, thee alane
Love I, naething elfe about thee;
With thy comlinefs I'm tane, And langer cannot live without thee.

Befly's bofom faft and warm,
Milk-white fingers ftill employ ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{d}$,
He who takes her to his arm, Of her fweets can ne'er be cloy'd.
My dear Befly, when the rofes
Leave thy cheek, as thou grows aulder,
Vertue, which thy mind difclofes,
Will keep love frae growing caulder.

Befy's tocher is but fcanty,
Yet her face and foul difcovers
Thefe inchanting fweets in plenty
Muft intice a thoufand lovers.
It's not money, but a woman
Of a temper kind and eafy,
That gives happinefs uncommon ;
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ALLAN WATER.

What numbers thall the mufe repeat?
What verfe be found to praife my Annie?
On her ten thoufand graces wait ;
Each fwain admires, and owns fhe's bonny.
Since firft the trod the happy plain,
She fet each youthful heart on fire;
Each nymph does to her fwain complain,
That Annie kindles new defire.

This lovely darling deareft care,
This new delight, this charming Annie,
Like fummer's dawn, fhe's frefh and fair,
When Flora's fragrant breezes fan ye.
All the day the am'rous youths conveen,
Joyous they fport and play before her ;
All night, when fhe no more is feen,
In bliffful dreams they ftill adore her.

Among the crowd Amyntor came ;
He look'd, he lov'd, he bow'd to Annie ;
His rifing fighs exprefs'd his flame,
His words were few, his wifhes many.
With fmiles the lovely maid reply'd,
Kind fhepherd, why fhould I deceive ye?
Alas ! your love muft be deny'd,
This deftin'd breaft can ne'er relieve ye.

Young Damon came with Cupid's art,
His wyles, his fmiles, his charms beguiling ;
He ftole away my virgin heart ;
Ceafe, poor Amyntor, ceafe bewailing.
Some brighter beauty you may find,
On yonder plain the nymphs are many,
Then chufe fome heart that's unconfin'd,
And leave to Damon his own Annie.

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## THERE'S MY THUMB, I'LL NE'ER-BEGUILE THE.

MY fwectef May, let love incline thee, T' accept a heart which he defigns thee; Tenting my flocks left they fhould wander ; And, as your conftant flave, regard it, Syne for its faithfulnefs reward it : 'Tis proof a' fhot to birth or money, But yields to what is fweet and bonny ; Receive it then with a kifs and a fmily, There's my thumb, it will ne'er beguile ye.

Alane through flow'ry hows I dander, Gin thou'll gae alang, I'll dawt thee gaily. And gie my thumb I'll ne'er beguile theo. O my dear laffie! it is but daffin, To had thy wooer up ay niff naffin; That na, na, na, 1 hate it mof vilely : O fay yes! and. I'll ne'er beguile thee.

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## THROUGH THE WOOD, LADDIE.

Sandy, why leaves thou thy Nelly to mourn?
Thy prefence could eafe me, When naething can pleafe me. Now dowie I figh on the banks of the burn, Or through the wood, laddic, 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 cye or my ear, When through the wood, laddie, you dinna appear.

That I am forfaken, fome fare not to tell:
I'm fafh'd wi' their fcorning,
Baith evening and morning;
Their jeering gaes aft to my heart wi' a knell,
When through the wood, laddie, I wander myfel.

Then ftay, my dear Sandy, nae longer away,
But quick as an arrow,
Hafte here to thy marrow,
Wha's living in languor, till that happy day,
When thro' the wood, laddie, we'll dance, fing, and play.

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## THE SILLER CROWN.

AND ye fall walk in filk attire, And filler hae to fpare,
Gin ye'll confent to be his bride, Nor think o' Donald mair.
Oh! wha wad buy a filken gown, Wi' a poor broken heart ;
Or what's to me a filler crown, Gin frae my love I part.

The mind whafe every wifh is pure, Far dearer is to me ; And ere I'm forc'd to brake my faith, I'll lay me down and die.

For I hae pledged my virgin troth, Brave Donald's fate to Thare;
And he has gi'en to me his heart, Wi' a' its virtues rare,

His gentle manners wan my heart,
He gratefu' took the gift ;
Cou'd I but think to feek it back,
It wou'd be war than thift.
For langeft life can ne'er repay
The love he bears to me ;
And ere I'm forc'd to brake my troth,
I'll lay me down and die.

## THE GABERLUNZIE MAN. 

'The parky aud carlo came oder the lee,
Wi' mong good e'ens and days to me,
Saying, goodwife, for your courtifie,
Will you lodge a filly poor man ?
The night was cauld, the carle was wat,
And down ayont the ingle he fat ;
My doughter's shoulders he 'gan to clap,
And cadgily ranted and fang.

O wow ! quo' he, were I as free
As frt when I daw this country, How blithe and merry would I be !
And I would never think lang.
He grew canty, and fie grew fain;
But little did her auld minn ken
What this flee twa together were fay'ng,
When wooing they were fie throng.

Between the twa was made a plot; They raise a wee before the cock, And willily they foot the lock, And faff to the bent are game. $U_{p}$ in the morn the aud wife rife, And at her leifure put on her claire, Syne to the fervants bed fie gases, To f peer for the filly poor man.

She gad to the bed where the beggar lay, The frae was could, he was away. She clapt her hand, cry'd, waladay, For forme of our gear will be gate ! Some ran to coffers and forme to kits, But nought was flown that could be mint ; She danc'd her lane, cry'd, Praife be bleft ! I have lodg'da leal poor man.

Since naething's ama', as we can learn,
The kin's to kin, the milk to vern,
Gee but the houre, lass, and waken my bairn,
And bid her come quickly ben.
The fervant gad where the doughter lay,
The fleets were cauld, the was away,
And faff to her goodwife did fay,
She's of with the Gaberlunzie man.



## BRAES OF BALLENDEN.

## Beneath a green thade, a lovely young fwain

One evening reclin'd to difcover his pain;
So fad, yet fo fweetly, he warbl'd his woe,

Thro' changes, in vain, relief I purfue,
All, all but confpire my griefs to renew ;
From funfhine to zephyrs and fhades we repair, The winds ceas'd to breathe, and the fountains to flow; To funfhine we fly from too piercing an air : Rude winds, with compaffion, could hear him complain, But love's ardent fever burns always the fame, Yet Chloe, lefs gentle, was deaf to his ftrain.

How happy, he cried, my moments once flew,
Ere Chloe's bright charms firft flath'd on my view;
Thofe eyes then, with pleafure, the dawn could furvey,
Nor fmil'd the fair morning more chearful than they:
Now fcenes of diftrefs pleafe only my fight,
I'm tortur'd in pleafure, and languifh in light.

But fee the pale moon, all clouded, retires, The breezes grow cool, not Strephon's defires : I fly from the dangers of tempeft and wind, Yet nourifh the madnefs that preys on my mind. Ah, wretch! how can life be worthy thy care?

To lengthen its moments, but lengthens defpair!

## GOHNNY'S GRAY BREEKS.

WHEN I was in my fe'enteenth year,
I was bath blythe and bonny, $\mathbf{O}$;
The lads lo'ed me baith far and near,
But I lo'ed name but Johnny, O.
He gain'd my heart in twa three weeks,
He flak' face blythe and kindly, O ;
And I made him new gray breeks
That fitted him molt finely, $\mathbf{O}$.

But now they are thread-bare worn,
They're wider than they wont to be ;
They're tamed like and torn,
And clouted fair on ilk knee.
But gin I had a Summer's day,
As I have had right money, $O$,
I'll mak' a web o' now gray,
To be breeks to my Johnny, O.

He was a handfome fellow-
His humour was baith frank and free', His bonny locks fee yellow,

Like gou'd they glitter'd in my ae;
His dimpled chin and rofl cheeks,
And face fo fair and ruddy, O ;
And, then a-day, his gray breeks
Were neither auld nor duddy, $O$.

For he's wheel wordy o' them,
And better gin I had to gie,
And I'll tak' pains upon them,
Frae faults Ill five to keep them free.
To clad him weed fall be my care,
And pleafe him a' my study, 0 ;
But he maun wear the auld pair
A wee, tho' they be duddy, $O$.


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## WOE'S MT HEART。

WITH broken words and down-caft eyes,
Poor Colin fpoke his paffion tender ;
And parting with his Grify cries,
Ah! woe's my heart that we fhould finder.

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 fhould finder.

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

The image of thy graceful air, And beauties which invite our wonder: Thy lively wit and prudence rare, Shall ftill be prefent, tho' we finder.

Dear nymph, believe thy fwain in this, You'll ne'er engage a hear that's kinder ; 'Then feal a promife with a kifs, Always to love me, tho' we finder.

Ye gods, take care of my dear lafs, That as I leave her I may find her ; When that blefs'd time fhall come to pafs, We'll meet and never finder.

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FAREWEL, ye dungeons dark and ftrong, The wretch's deftinie!

M‘Pherfon's time will not be long,
On yonder gallows tree.
Sae rantingly, fae wantonly,
Sae dauntingly gae'd be, He play'd a Spring, and danc'd it round, Below the gallows tree.

Oh, what is death but parting breath !
On mony a bloody plain
l've dar'd his face, and in this place
I fcorn him yet again!
Sae rantingly, \&c.

Untie thefe bands from off my hands,
And bring to me my fword;
And there's no a man in all Scotland
But I'll brave àt a word.
Sae rantingly, \&c.

I've liv'd a life of fturt and ftrife ;
I die by treacherie :
It burns my heart, I muft depart, And not avenged be.

Sae rantingly, \&c.

Now farewel, light, thou funfhine bright, And all beneath the 1 ky !
May coward fhame difdain his name,
The wretch that dares not die!
Sae rantingly, \&c.

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## 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 fhall 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 fnaw',
While inwardly they bleeze;
But I will frankly fhaw 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 pafs the heartfome day.
At night, if beds be o'er thrang laid,
And thou be twin'd of thine,
Thou fhalt be welcome, my dear lad,
To take a part of mine.

## THE BIRKS OF INVERMAY.

The fmiling morn, the breathing Spring, Invite the tuneful birds to fing; And while they warble fiom the fpray, Love melts the univerfal lay.
Let us, Amanc̉a, timely wife,
Like them improve the hour that flies;
And in foft raptures wafte the day,
Among the Birks of Invermay.

For foon the winter of the year,
And age, life's winter, will appear,
At this thy living bloom will fade,
As that will frip the verdant fhade :
Our tafte of pleafure then is o'er,
The feather'd fongfters are no more;
And when they droop, and we decay, Adieu the Birks of Invermay !

The lavrock now and lintwhite fing,
The rocks around with echoes ring ;
The mavis and the blackbird vie,
In tuneful ftrains to glad the day;
The woods now wear their fummer fuits;
To mirth all nature now invites:
Let us be blythfome then and gay
Among the Birks of Invermay.

Behold the hills and vales around,
With lowing herds and flocks abound;
The wanton kids and frikking lambs
Gambol and dance about their dams;
The bufy bees with humming noife,
And all the reptile kind rejoice :
Let us, like them, then fing and play,
Among the Birks of Invermay.

Hark, how the waters as they fall,
Loudly, my love, to gladnefs call ;
The wanton waves fport in the beams,
And fifhes play throughout the freams;
The circling fun does now advance,
And all the planets round him dance:
Let us as jovial be as they,
Among the Birks of Invermay.



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MARY SCOT.
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IAPPY's the love that meets return, When in foft flames fouls equal burn;

But words are wanting to difcover The torments of a hopelefs lover.

Ye regifters of heav' n , relate,
If looking o'er the rolls of fate,
Did you there fee me mark'd to marrow Mary Scot, the flow'r of Yarrow?

Ah, no! her form's too heavenly fair,
Her love the gods above muft fhare;
While mortals with defpair explore her, And at a diftance due adore her.

O lovely maid! my doubts beguile, Revive and blefs me with a fmile:

Alas ! if not, you'll foon debar a
Sighing fwain the banks of Yarrow.

Be hufh, ye fears, I'll not defpair,
My Mary's tender as fhe's fair ;
Then l'll go tell her all mine anguifh,
She is too good to let me languifh :
With fuccefs crown'd, I'll not envy
The folks who dwell above the 1 ky ;
When Mary Scot's become my marrow,
We'll make a paradife in Yarrow.

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WHEN I think on this warld's pelf, And the little wee fhare I hae o't to myfelf, And how the lafs that wants it, is by the lads forgot; May the fhame fa' the gear, and the blathrie o't.

Fockie was the laddie that heid the pleugh,
But now he's got gow'd and gear eneugh ;
He thinks na meir of me that weirs the plaiden coat:
May the fhame fa' the gear, and the blathrie o't.

Fenny was the laffie that mucked the byre, But now the is clad in her filken attire, And fockie fays heloes her, and fwears he's me forgot:
May the fhame fa' the gear, and the blathrie o't.

But all this fhall never danton me,
Sae lang as I keep my fancy free:
For the lad that's fae inconftant he is na worth a groat;
May the thame fa' the gear, and the blathrie o't.

GROMLET'S LILT:

SINCE all thy vows, falfe maid, Are blown to air, And my poor heart betray'd To fad defpair, Into fome willdernefs, My grief I will exprefs, And thy hard heartednefs, O cruel fair!

Have I not graven our loves On every tree
In yonder fpreading groves, Tho' falle thou be ?
Was not a folemne oath Plighted betwixt us both, Thou thy faith, I my troth, Conftant to be ?

Some gloomy place I'll find, Some doleful fhade, Where neither fun nor wind E'er entrance had : Into that hollow cave, There I will figh and rave, Becaufe thou doft behave So faithlefly.

Wild fruit hall be my meat, I'll drink the fpring,
Cold earth thall be my feat :
For covering
I'll have the farry fky
My head to canopy,
Until my foul on high
Shall fread its wing.

Ill have no funeral fire, Nor tears for me:
No grave do I defire,
Nor obfequies :
The courteous red-breaft he With leavs will cover me, And fing my elegy With doleful voice.

And when a ghoft I am, I'll vifit thee, O thou deceitful dame, Whofe cruelty Has kill'd the kindeft heart That e'er felt Cupid's dart, And never can defert

From loving thee.



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## FOHN HAY'S BONNT LASSIE.

BY fmooth-winding Tay a fwain was reclining, Aft cry'd he, O hey! maun I ftill live pining Myfell thus away, and darna difcover To my bonny Lafs, that I am her lover!

Nae mair it will hide, the flame waxes ftronger, If fhe's not my bride, my days are nae longer ; Then I'll take a heart, and try at a venture, May be ere we part, my vows may content her.

She's frefh as the Spring, and fweet as Aurora, When birds mount and fing, bidding day a good-morrow, The fward of the mead enamell'd with daifies, Look wither'd and dead when twin'd of her graces.

But if the appear where verdures invite her, The fountains run clear, and flowers fmell the fweeter: 'Tis heav'n to be bye, when her wit is a flowing, Her fmiles and bright eyes fet my firits a glowing.

The mair that I gaze, the deeper I'm wounded,
Struck dumb with amaze, my mind is confounded!
I'm all on a fire, dear maid, to carefs ye,
For a' my defire is Hay's bonny laffie.

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OBELL, thy looks have pierc'd my heart, I pafs the day in pain;

When night returns, I feel the fmart, And winh for thee in vain.

I'm ftarving cold, while thou art warm:
Have pity and incline,
And grant me for a sap that charm,
That pettiocat of thine.

I faint, I fail, and wildly rove,
Becaufe you fill deny
The juft reward that's due to love,
And let true paffion die.
Oh ! turn, and let compaffion feize
That lovely brean 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 pow'rs of love agree,
At length to make thee mine,
Or loofe my chains, and fet me free
From every charm of thine.
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 \% wiling think what Tendure While cruel you decline Thofe pleafures which can only cure This panting kraft of mine.



## KATH'RINE OGIE。

A s walking forth to view the plain, Upon a morning early,

While May's fweet fcents did cheer my brain,
From flow'rs that grew fo rarely;
I chanc'd to meet a pretty maid,
She fhin'd tho' it was fogie ;
I afk'd her name : Sweet Sir, fhe faid, My name is Kath'rine Ogie.

I ftood a while and did admire,
To fee a nymph fo ftately;
So brifk an air there did appear,
In a country maid fo neatly.
Such natural fweetnefs the difplay'd,
Like a lily in a bogie;
Diana's felf was ne'er array'd
Like my fweet Kath'rine Ogie.

Thou flow'r of females, Beauty's queen,
Who fees thee fure muft prize thee;
Tho' thou art dreft in robes but mean,
Yet they cannot difguife thee.
Thy handfome air and graceful look,
Far excel any clownifh rogie:
Thou'rt match for laird, or lord, or duke,
My charming Kath'rine Ogie.

Oh ! were I but a thepherd fwain ! To feed my flocks befide thee, At bughting 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 Kath'rine Ogie.

Then I'd defpife th' imperial throne, And ftatefmen's dang'rous ftations:
I'd be no king, I'd wear no crown, I'd fmile at conqu'ring nations. Might I carefs and ftill poffefs This lafs of whom I'm vogie; For thefe are toys, and ftill look lefs, Compar'd with Kath'rine Ogie.

But I fear the gods have not decree'd For me fo fine a creature,
Whofe beauty rare makes her exceed All other works of nature.

Clouds of defpair furround my lové,
That are both dark and fogie;
Pity my cafe, ye Pow'rs above!
Or I die for Kath'rine Ogie.

## LEWIE GORDON.

OH! fend Lewis Gordon hame, And the lad I minna name ; 'Tho' his back be at the wa', Here's to him that's far awn'.

Ob bon! my Highland man!
Ob! my bonny Highland man!
Wee'l would I my true love ken
Amang ten thoufand Highland men.

The princely youth that I do mean,
Is fitted for to be a king :
On his breaft he wears a far ;
You'd ak him for the god of war. Ob bon! my Highland man! Ob! my bonny Highland man! Wee'l would I my true love ken Amang ten thousand Highland men.

Oh ! to fee his tartan-trews,
Bonnet blue, and laigh-heel'd hoes,
Philabeg aboon his knee :
That's the lad that I'll gang wi'.
Ob bon! my Highland man!
Ob! my bonny Highland man!
Wee'l wou'd I my true love ken
Amang ten thoufand Highland men


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## ALLOA HOUSE.

THE fpring time returns and clothes the green plains; So foke the fair maid: when forrow's keen pain, And Alloa fhines more chearful and gay; And fhame, her laft fault'ring accents fuppreft; The lark tunes his throat, and the neighbouring fwains Sing merrily round me wherever I ftray : But Sandy no more returns to my view;

No fpring time me chears, no mufic can charm; He's gone! and, I fear me, for ever adieu!

Adieu ev'ry pleafure this bofom can warm! For fate at that moment brought'back her dear fwain, Who heard, and with rapture his Nelly addreft: My Nelly! my fair! I come, O my love!

No power fhall thee tear again from my arms, And, Nelly! no more thy fond fhepherd reprove, Who knows thy fair worth, and adores all thy charms.

O Alloa Houfe! how much art thou chang'd! How filent, how dull to me is each grove!
Alone I here wander where once we both rang'd, Alas! where to pleafe me my Sandy once ftrove! Here, Sandy, I heard the tales that you told; Here liften'd too fond, whenever you fung;
Am I grown lefs fair, then, that you are turn'd cold ? Or foolifh, believ'd a falfe, flattering tongue?

She heard, and new joy fhot thro' her foft frame ;
And will you, my love, be true? The reply'd:
And live I to meet my fond fhepherd the fame ?
Or dream I that Sandy will make me his bride ?
O Nelly! I live to find thee ftill kind;
Still true to thy fwain, and lovely as true :
Then adieu to all forrow! what foul is fo blind
As not to live happy for ever with you?

THE LAST TIME I CAME O'ER THE MOOR.

LHE lant time I came o'er the moor,
I left my love behind me;
Ye pow'rs! what pain do I endure,
When foft ideas mind me ?
Soon as the ruddy morn difplay'd
The beaming day enfuing,
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 the 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 caft upon fome foreign fhore,
Where dangers may furround me :
Yet hopes again to fee my love,
To feaft on glowing kiffes,
Shall make my care at diftance move, In profpect of fuch bliffes.

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 moor, She fhall a lover find me;
And that my faith is firm and pure,
Tho' I left her behind me :
Then Hymen's facred bands fhall chain
My heart to her fair bofom;
There, while my being does remain,
My love more freth fhall-bloffom.

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# FLOWERS OF THE FOREST. 

From Pinkerton's Select Scotties Ballads.

I Have heard o lilting at the ewes milking, Laffes a lilting cir the break o day;
But now I hear moaning on ilk green loaning, Sen our bra foresters are a wed away.

At cen in the glowing nae fwankies are roaming,
'Hang flacks wi the laffes at bogle to play;
For ilk ane fits dreary, lamenting her deary;
The Flowers o the Forest, wha're a wed away.

At bouchts in the morning nae blyth lads arefcorning, In harl at the fheiring na yonkers are jeering; The laffes are lonely, dowie, and wae ;

Nae daffin, nae gabbing, but fiching and fabbing; Ilk ane lifts her leglen and hies her away.

The banfters are lyart, runkled, and gray ; At fairs nor at preaching, nae wooing nae leeching; Sen our bra forefters are a wed away.

O duly for the order fent our lads to the border !
The Englifh for ames by gyle wan the day.
The Flowers o the Foreft, what ty those the foremoft? The prime o the land lye cauld in the clay!

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## LOVE IS THE CAUSE OF MY MOURNING.

BY a murmuring ftream a fair thepherdefs lay : Be fo kind, O ye nymphs, 1 oft-times heard her fay, Tell Strephon I die, if he paffes this way,

And that love is the caufe of my mourning. Falre fhepherds 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 firt, faid fhe, let me go
Down to the thades below,
Ere ye let Strephon know
That I have lov'd him fo:
Then on my pale cheek no blufhes will fhow
That love was the caufe of my mourning.

Her eyes were fcarce clofed when Strephon came by,
He thought fhe'd been fleeping, and foftly drew nigh :
But finding her breathlefs, oh heavens ! did he cry,
Ah, Chloris ! the caufe of my mourning.
Reflore me my Chloris, ye nymphs, ufe your art!
They fighing, reply'd, 'Twas yourfelf fhot the dart,
That wounded the tender young fhepherdefs' heart,
And kill'd poor Chioris with mourning.
Ah! then is Chloris dead,
Wounded by me! he faid;
I'll follow thee, chafte maid,
Down to the filent fhade.
Then on her cold fnowy breaft leaning his head;
Expir'd the poor Strephon with mourning. - 9


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## SAE MERRYAS WE HA'E BEEN.

A LASS that was laden 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 fhepherd was here,
The birds did melodioufly fing,
And cold nipping Winter did wear
A face that refembled the Spring.
Sae merry as we twa ba'e been, Sae merry as we twa ba'e been,

My beart it is like for to break When I think on the days we ba'e feen.

Our flocks feeding clofe 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 as we twa ba'e been, Sae merry as we twa ba'e been, My heart it is like for to break When I think on the days we ha'e feen.

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 reft of the folk
Were merrily feated to fpin,
I fet myfelf under an oak,
And heavily fighed for him.
Sae merry, \&c.

## WHEN ABSENT FROM THE NYMPHI LOVE.

WHEN abfent from the nymph I love,
I'd fain Shake off the chains I wear ;
But, whillt I ftrive thefe to remove,
More fetters l'm oblig'd to bear.
My captiv'd fancy, day and night,
Fairer and fairer reprefents
Belinda, form'd for dear delight,
But cruel caufe of my complaint.

Sleep flies, while, like the goddefs fair, And all the graces in her train, With melting fmiles, and killing air, Appears the caufe of all my pain. A while my mind, delighted, flies O'er all her fiveets, with thrilling joy, Whilft want of worth makes doubt arife That all my trembling hopes deftroy.

All day I wander thro' the groves, And, fighing, hear from ev'ry tree The happy birds chirping their loves,

Happy, compar'd with lonely me.
When gentle fleep, with balmy wings,
To reft fans ev'ry weary'd wight,
A thoufand fears my fancy brings,
That keep me waking all the night.

Thus, while my thoughts are "fix'd on her, I'm all o'er tranfport and defire ;

My pulfe beats high, my cheeks appear All rofes, and mine eyes all fire.

When to myfelf I turn my view,
My veins grow chill, my cheeks look wan :
Thus, whilt my fears my pains reneiw,
I fearcely look, or move a man.


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OWALY, waly up the bank, And waly, waly down the brae; And waly, waly on yon burn fide, Where I and my true love did gae。 1 lean'd my back unto an aik, I thought it was a trufty 'tree, But firft it bow'd, and fyne it brak; Sae my true love did lightly me.

O waly, waly, love is bonny, A little while when it is new; But when 'tis auld it waxeth cauld,

And wears awa' like morning dew.
Oh! wherefore thou'd I buifk my head ?
Oh! wherefore fhou'd I kame my hair ?
For my true love has me forfook,
And fays he'll never lo'e me mair.

INow Arthur-Seat thall be my bed, The bridal bed I ne'er fhall fee;
St. Anton's well fhall be my drink,
Since my true love has forfaken me.
Oh, Martin's wind, when wilt thou blaw,
And thake the fear leaves aff the tree?
Oh , gentle death! when wilt thou come,
And take a life that wearies me?

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## THE EWE BUGHTS.

WILL you go to the ewe bughts, Marian, And wear in the fheep wi' me?
The fun thines fweet, my Marian, But nae half fae fweet as thee.

O Marian's a boniny lafs,
And the blyth blinks in her eye;
And fain wad I marry Marian,
Gin Marian wad marry me.

I've nine milk ewes, my Marian,
A cow and brawny quey,
I'll gie them a' to my Marian,
Juft on her bridal day.

And ye's get a green-fay apron, And waiftcoat of London brown,
And wow but ye will be vap'ring, When ye gang to the town.

I'm young and fout, my Marian, Nane dances like me on the green;
And gin ye forfake me, Marian, Illl e'en gae draw up wi' Jean.

Sea put on your pearlins, Marian, - And kirtle of cramafie, And foon as my chin has nae hair on,
I thall come weft and fee thee.



 thinking o' my dea_rie when I fleep I dream; when I wake I'm I_rie


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## $D^{\prime} I L$ T'AK' THE WARS。

FY on the wars that hurried Willy from me; Who to love me juft had fworn ;

They made him Captain fure to undo me:
Woe's me he'll ne'er return.
A thoufand loons abroad will fight him,
He from thoufands ne'er will run,
Day and night I did invite him,
To ftay at home from fword and gun.
I us'd alluring graces,
With meikle kind embraces,
Now fighing, then crying, tears dropping fall;
And had he my foft arms,
Preferr'd to war's alarms,
My love grown mad, without the man of God
I fear in my fit I had granted all.

I wafh'd and I patch'd, to mak' me look provoking; Snares that they told me would catch the men, And on my head a huge commode fat poking, Which made me fhew as tall again ; For a new gown too I paid muckle money, Which with golden flow'rs did fhine ; My love well might think me gay and bonny, No Scots lafs was e'er fo fine :

My petticoat I fpotted,
Fringe too with thread I knotted, Lace fhoes, and filk hofe, garter'd o'er the knee;

But oh ! the fatal thought,
To Willy thefe are nought;
Who rode to town, and rifled with dragoons, When he, filly loon, might have plundered me.

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A U L D \quad R O B I N \quad G R A Y .
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WHEN the Theepare in the fauld, and thekyeathame, My heart it faid na, ilook'd for Jamie back; And a' this weary world to nleep are gane; But the wind it blew high, and the fhip it was a wreck. The waes of my heart fa' in fhow'rs frae my ee, When my gudeman lyes found by me.

The fhip it was a wreck, why didna' Jamie die?
And why do I live to Eay, ah waes me ?

Young Jamie loo'd me weel, and he fought me for his bride, Auld Robin argued fair, tho' my mither didna' fpeak, But faving a crown he had naething befide;
To mak' his crown a poun', my Jamie gaid to fea, And the crown and the poun' were baith for me.

He had na' been gane a week but only twa'
I hadna' been a wife a week but only four, When my mither fhe fell fick, and the cow was ftoun awa'; When fitting fae mournfully at mine ain door, My father brak' his arm, and my Jamic at the fea, And auld Robin Gray came a courting me. I faw my Jamie's wraeth, for I coudna' think it he, Till he faid, I'm come back, love, to marry thee.

My father coudna' work, and my mither coudna' Spin, O fair did we greet; and little cou'd we fay;
I toil'd day and night, but their bread I coudna' win; We took but ae kifs, and we tore ourfelves away. Auld Rob maintain'd them baith, and with tears in his ee, I wifh I were dead; but l'm nae like to die; Said, Jenny, for their fakes, oh marry me.

I gang like a ghaift, and I carena' to fipin ;
I darena' think on Jamie; for that wou'd be a fin :
But I'll do my beft a gude wife to be,
For ąuld Robin Gray is kind to me.



 Min-ny She's a folding Wife, had a' the house a fleer: But let them fay or let them do It's


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## LOW DOWN IN THE BROOM.

MY daddy is a canker'd carte, Hell nae twin wi' his gear;

My minn the's a fcaldin wife,
Hade a' the house after;
But let them Say, or let them do,
It's $a$ a ane to me;
For he's low down, he's in the broom

That's waiting for me;
Waiting for me, my love,
He's waiting for me;
For be's low down, be's in the broom
T'bat's waiting for me.

My aunty Kate fits at her wheel,
And fair the lightlies me;
But ween keen I it's a' envy; For ne'er a Jo has the.

But let them Say, \&cc.

My cousin Nell was fair beguiled
Wi fobnnic in the glen;
And aye fince fyne, the cries, beware
Of falfe deluding men.
But let her Say, \&cc.

Gley'd Sandy he came waft ae night,
And fpeer'd when I fam Pate,
And aye fince fyne the neighbours round
They jeer me air and late.
But let them fay, \&cc.
FAIR HELEN.

I WISH I were where Helen lies,
Who night and day upon me cries,
Who night and day upon me cries; I wifh I were where Helen lies,

On fair Kirkonnel Lee.

O Helen fair, O Helen chafte, If I were with thee I were bleft;

Where low thou lieft, and at thy reft, Oh ! were I with thee I'd be bleft,

On fair Kirkonnel Lee.

I wifh my grave were growing green,
And winding fheet put o'er my een,
And winding fheet put o'er my een ;
I wifh my grave were growing green, On fair Kirkonnel Lee.

Wae to the heart that fram'd the thought, And curft the hand that fir'd the fhot, And curft the hand that fir'd the fhot, When in my arms my Helen dropt, And died for love of me.



## THE TELLOW-HAIR ${ }^{\circ} D \quad L A D D I E$.

IN April, when primrofes paint the fweet plain; And Summer, approaching, rejoiceth the fwain, The yellow-hair'd Laddie wou'd often-times go To wilds and deep glens, where the hawthorn trees grow.
'The fhepherd thus fung: Tho' young Mary be fair, Her beauty is dafh'd with a fcornfu' proud air : But Sufie was handfome, and fweetly cou'd fing; Her breath like the breezes perfuns'd in the fpring.

That Maddie, in all the gay bloom of her youth, Like the moon was inconftant, and never fpoke truth $j$ But Sufie was faithful, good humour'd, and free, And fair as the godders who fprung from the fea.

That mama's fine daughter, with all her great dow's,
Was aukwardly airy, and frequently four;
Then fighing, he wifhed, would parents agree-
The witty fweet Sufe his miftref might bo\%

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MY DEARY, IF YOU DIE.
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LOVE never more fhall give me pain, My fancy's fix'd on thee;

Nor ever maid my heart fhall gain, My Peggy, if thou die.

Thy beauty doth fuch pleafure give,
Thy love's fo true to me :
Without thee I can never live, My deary, if thou die.

If fate fhould tear thee from my breaft,
How fhall I, lonely, Atray?
In dreary dreams the night l'll wafte,
In fighs the filent day.
I ne'er can fo much virtue find,
Nor fuch perfection fee:
Then I'll renounce all woman-kind,
My Peggy, after thee.

No new-blown beauty fires my heart
With Cupid's raving rage,
But thine which can fuch fweets impart,
Muft all the world engage.
'Twas this that, like the morning fun, Gave joy and life to me ;

And when its deftin'd day is done,
With Peggy let me die!

Ye powers that fmile on virtuous love,
And in fuch pleafure fhare;
Ye who its faithful flames approve,
With pity view the fair !
Reftore my Peggy's wonted charms,
Thofe charms fo dear to me :
Oh! never tear them from thofe arms
I'm loft, if Peggy die,
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## $B E S S$ THE GAWKIE。

BLyTh young Beís to Jeán did fay,
Will ye gang to yon funny brae,
Where flocks do feed, and herds do ftray;
And fport a while wi' Jamie ?
Ah na, lafs! I'll ne'er gang there ${ }_{3}$
Nor about Jamie tak nae care,
Nor about Jamie tak nae care;
For he's tane up wi' Maggy.

For hark ! and I will tell you, lafs:
Did I not fee your Jamie pafs,
Wi' mickle gladnefs in his face,
Out o'er the muir to Maggy?
I wat he gae her mony a kifs,
And Maggy took them ne'er amifs :
'Tween ilka fmack, pleas'd her wi' this;
That Befs was but a gawkie。

For whene'er a civil kifs I feek,
She turns her head and thraws her cheek ${ }_{2}$ And for an hour fhe'll fcarcely fpeak ;

Who'd not call her a gawkie?
But fure my Maggy has mair fenfe,
She'll gie a fcore without offence;
Now gi'e me ane unto the menfe;
And ye fhall be my dawtie.

O Jamie, ye hae mony tane;
But I will never ftand for ane
Or twa when we do meet again; Sae ne'er think me a gawkie. Ah na, lafs! that ne'er can be,

Sic thoughts as thefe are far frae me, Or ony thy fweet face that fee, E'er to think thee a gawkie.

But, wifht, nae mair of this we'll fpeak,
For yonder Jamie does us meet ;
Inftead of Meg, he kift fae fweet;
I trow he likes the gawkie.
O dear Befs! I hardly knew,
When I came by your gown fae new,
I think you've got it wat wi' dew.
Quoth The, That's like a gawkie.

It's wat wi' dew, and 'twill get rain, And I'll get gowns when it is gane, Sae ye may gang the gate you came, And tell it to your dawtie.

The guilt appear'd in Jamie's cheek,
He cry'd, Oh cruel maid, but fweet !
If I fhould gang another gate,
I ne'er cou'd meet my dawtie.
LEANDER ON THE BAY.

LEANDER on the Bay Of Hellefpont all naked food, Impatient of delay, He leapt into the fatal flood,

The raging feas, Whom none can pleafe, 'Gainft him their malice fhow :

The heav'n's lowr'd, The rain down pour'd, And loud the winds did blow.

Mean while the wifhing maid,
Divided 'twixt her care and love,
Now does his ftay upbraid;
Now dreads he fhou'd the paffage prove:
O fate! faid fhe, Nor heav'n, nor thee,
Our vows thall e'er divide;
I'd leap this wall, Cou'd I but fall
By my Leander's fide.

Then cafting round his eyes,
Thus of his fate he did complain :
Ye cruel rocks and fkies!
Ye ftormy winds, and angry main!
What 'tis to mifs
The lover's blifs,
Alas ! ye do not know;
Make me your wreck
As I come back,
But fare me as I go.

Lo! yonder ftands the tower
Where my beloved Hero lyes,
And this is the appointed hour
Which fets to watch her longing eyes.
To his fond fuit
The gods were mute;
The billows anfwer, no:
Up to the 1 kies
The furges rife,
But funk the youth as.low.

At length the rifing fun
Did to her fight reveal, too late,
That Hero was undone;
Not by Leander's fault, but fate.
Said fhe, I'll fhew,
Tho' we are two,
Our loves were ever one:
This proof I'll give,
I will not live,
Nor fhall he die alone.

Down from the wall the leapt
Into the raging feas to him,
Courting each wave the met,
To teach her wearied arms to fwim:
To fea-gods wept,
Nor longer kept
Her from her lover's fide:
When join'd, at laft,
She grafp'd him faft,
Then figh'd, embrac'd, and died.

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## DUMBARTON DRUMS.

Dumbarton's drums bat bongo,
When they mind me of my dear Johnny -O.
How happy am I,
When my folder is by,
When he kiffes and bleffes his Annie-O!
${ }^{\prime} T$ is a folder alone can delight me- O ,
For his graceful looks do invite me-O :
While guarded in his arms,
Ill fear no war's alarms,

My love is a handfome laddie- O ,
Genteel, but ne'er foppish nor gaudy-O : 'Tho' commiffions are dear, Yet I'll buy him one this year ;
He fall no longer ferve as a cade- 0 .
A folder has honour and bravery- O ,
Unacquainted with rogues and their knavery- O ;
He minds no other thing
But the ladies and the king;

Neither danger nor death fall e'er fright me -O. For every other care is but flavery-O.

Then I'll be the Captain's lady-O;
Farewel all my friends and daddy-O;
Ill fay no more at home,
But Ill follow with the drum,
And whenever it beats, Ill be ready- $\mathbf{O}$.
Dumbarton's drums found bonny- O ,
They are fprightly, like my dear Johnny -O;
How happy fall I be,
When on my folder's knee,
And he kiffes and bleffes his Annie-O!

## THE COLLIER'S BONNT LASSIE.

THE collier has a daughter, And, oh, fhe's wond'rous 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 pleafe ye, And was by a' refpected;
His air fat round him eafy,
Genteel, but unaffected.
The collier's bonny laffie,
Fair as the new-blown lilie,
Ay fweet, and never faucy,
Secur'd the heart of Willie.

He lov'd beyond exprefiion
The charms that were about her,
And panted for poffeffion,
His life was dull withour her.
After nature refolving,
Clofe to his breaft he held her,
In fafteft flames diffolving,
He tenderly thus tell'd her:

My bonny collier's daughter,
Let naething difcompofe ye,
'Tis no your fcanty tocher
Shall ever gar me lofe ye:
For I have gear in plenty,
And love fays, 'tis my duty
To ware what Heav'n has lent me
Upon your wit and beauty.

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CORN-RIGGS ARE BONNT.

My Patie is a lover gay,
His mind is never muddy,
His breath is fweeter than new hay,
Her face is fair and ruddy.
His fhape is handfome, middle fize ;
He's flately in his wa'king ;
The fhining of his een furprize ;
'Tis heav'n to hear him ta'king.

Laft night I met him on a bawk, Where yellow corn is 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 beft of ony;
That gars me like to fing finfyne, $O$ corn-riggs are bonny.

Let maidens of a filly mind
Refufe what maift they're wanting,
Since we for yielding are defign'd,
We chaftely fhould be granting;
Then I'll comply and marry Pate,
And fyne my cockernony
He's free to kifs me air or late,
Where corn-riggs are bonny.

# THE BONNIE EARL OF MURRAY. <br> From Pinkerton's Select Scotcb Ballads. 

YE Hielands and ye Lawlands,
O whar hae ye been ?
They have flain the Earl of Murray,
And laid him on the green!

- Now wae be to you, Huntly!
" O wharfore did he fae?
- I bad you bring him wi' you;
'. But forbad you him to flay."

He was a bra galant,
And he rid at the ring ;
The bonnie Earl of Murray, He micht ha' been a king.

He was a bra galant,
And he play'd at the ba;
The bonnie Earl of Murray
Was the flower amang them a.

He was a bra galant,
And he play'd at the gluve;
The bonnie Earl of Murray,
He was the queen's luve.

O lang will his lady
Look owr the caftle downe,
Ere fhe fee the Earl of Murray
Cum founding throuch the toun!

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IT TRICK BANKS.

ON Etrick Banks, in a fummer's night,
At glowming when the heep draw hame,
I met my laffie, braw and tight,
Came wading, barefoot, a her lane:
My heart grew light ; I ran, I flang
My arms about her lily neck,
And kifs'd and clafp'd her there fow lang :
My words they were nae mony feck.

I faid, my laffie, will ye go
To the Highland hills, the Earfe to learn?
I'll baith gi'e thee a cow and ewe,
Whenye come to the brigg of Earn.
At Leith auld meal comes in, ne'er fafh,
And herrings at the Broomy law ;
Cheer up your heart, my bonny lafs,
There's geer to win we never faw.

All day when we have wrought enough,
When winter, frofts and fnaw, begin, Soon as the fun gaes weft the loch,

At night when you fit down to fpin,
I'll fcrew my pipes, and play a fiping:
And thus the weary night will end, Till the tender kid and lamb time bring

Our pleafant fummer back again.

Syne when the trees are in their bloom, And gowans glent o'er ilka field, . I'll meet my lafs amang the broom, And lead you to my fummer mield. Then far frae a' their fcornfu' din, That make the kindly hearts their fport; We'll laugh, and kifs, and dance, and fing,

And gar the langeft day feem fhort.

## THE HIGHLAND LADDIE:

THE Lawland lads think they are fine;

But, oh, they're vain and idly gawdy!
How much unlike the gracefu' mien,
And manly looks of my Highland ladie?
Ony bonny, bonny Higbland laddie,
My bandjome charming Highland laddie:
May Heaven fill guard, and love reward Our Lavland lafs, and her Highland laddie.

If I were frce at will to chufe
To be the wealthieft Lawland lady,
I'd take young Donald without trews, With bonnet blue and belted plaidy. O my bonny, \&xc.

The braweft beau in Borrows town,
In all his airs, with art made ready,
Compar'd to him, he's but a clown, He's finer far in his tartan plaidy.

O my bonny, \&c.

D'er benty hill with him IIL rum, And leave my Lawland kin and dady:

Frae Winter's cauld, and Summer's sun,
He'll hap me with his Highland plaidys
O my bonny, \&c.

Few compliments between us pafs,
I ca' him my dear Highland laddie, And he ca's me his Lawland lafs, Syne rows me in his tartan plaidy. 0 my bonny, \&x.

Nae greater joy I'll e'er pretend, Than that his love prove true and fteady,

Like mine to him, which ne'er fhall end,
While Heaven preferves my Highland laddie.
Omy bonny, \&c.

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# O DEAR MOTHER, WHAT SHALL I DO? 

O Dear Peggy, love's beguiling;
We ought not to truft his fmiling;
Better far to do as I do,
Left a harder luck betide you.

Laffes, when their fancy's carried,
Think of nought but to be married ;
Running to a life deftroys
Heartfome, free, and youthfu' joys.

## THERE CAME A GHAIST TO MARG'RET'S DOOR.

THERE came a ghaift to Marg'ret's door, With many a grievous groan ;
And, ay, he tirled at the pin,
But anfwer made fhe none.
s that my father Philip?
Or is't my brother John?
Or is't my true love Willy, From Scotland new come home?
'Tis not thy father Philip, Nor yet thy brother John;
But 'tis thy true love Willy, From Scotland new come home.

Oh, fweet Marg'ret! oh, 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 thouft never get,
We twa will never twin,
Till that thou come within my bower,
And kifs my cheek and chin.
If I fhou'd come within thy bower, I am no earthly man;
And fhou'd I kifs thy rofy lips, Thy days will not be lang.

Oh, fweet Marg'ret! oh, dear Marg'ret!
I pray thee fpeak to me;
Give mie my faith and troth, Marg'ret,
As I gave it to thee.
Thy faith and troth thouft never get,
We twa will never twin,
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 fpirit, Marg'ret, That's now fpeaking to thee.

She ftretched out her lily-white hand,
And for to do her beft ;
Hae, there's your faith and troth, Willy ;
God fend your foul good reft.
Now the has kilted her robes of green
A piece below her knee,
And a' the live-lang winter night
The dear corpfe follow'd the.
Is there any room at your head, Willy?
Or any room at your feet?
Or any room at your fide, Willy,
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, red cock,
And up then crew the gray ;
'Tis time, 'tis time, my dear Marg'ret, That you were going away.

No more the ghaift to Marg'ret faid,
But with a grievous groan,
Evanifh'd in a cloud of mitt, And left her all alone.

Oh, ftay, my only true love, ftay, The conftant Marg'ret cry'd :
Wain grew her cheeks, fhe clos'd her een, Stretch'd her foft limbs, and dy'd.


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## A

## $G \quad L \quad O \quad S \quad S A R B$.

| $A^{\prime}$, all | C | F |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aboon, above | Ca cail |  |
| Ae, one | Cadgily, jovially | Fa, fall |
| Aff, off | Canna, cannot | Fae, foe |
| Aften, oflen | Canker'd, peevi/h | Fah, trouble |
| Aik, oak | Canny, /kilful, prudent | Faih, trouble <br> Fauld, fold |
| Ain, own | Canty, mirtbful | Feck, faith |
| Alane, alone | Cauld, cold | Flinders, fplinters |
| Amant, alnooft Ane, one | Chap, to knock Claiths, cloatbs | Frae, from |
| Ane, one | Cleeding, clyding, cloatbing | Fou, or fu', full |
| Anither, anotber | Cleed, clothed | G |
| Afe, afbes | Cockernony, the bair bound up | G |
| Afteer, in fir, incommotion | Coggie, little cag | Gaberlunzie, a wallet. that |
| Awa, away | Cooft, caft | carries a veallet |
| Auld, old | Craig, neck, alfo rock | Gae, gave |
| Ay, aye, ever, always | Cramafie, crimfon | Gae, gang, go |
| Ayont, beyond | Crowdy-mowdy, a fort of gruel | Gane, gone |
|  | Crummy, a cow's name | Gar, caufe |
| B |  | Gawky, foolifb |
| Ba', ball | D | Gear, goods, riches |
| Baith, botly | Daddie, father | Geck, flout, jeer |
| Bald, Bauld, bold | Daffin, fooling, waggery | Gimmer," a ewe of two years old |
| Bane, bone | Dander, to wafte time idly, to | Gin, gif, if Gleid, fleed, fquintio, blin |
| Bannocks, bread baked on a fone, or gridiron | faunter Danton, daunt | of an eye |
| Baubie, balfpenny | Dawt, fondle, carefs | Glen, a bollow between bills |
| Bent, open fields | Deil, deril |  |
| Birks, birch | Dinna, do not | Gowan, wild daify <br> Gowd, sold |
| Big, Bigg, build | Difna, does not | Gowdf ink goldfinch |
| Billy, brother | Docken, dock weed | Gowdipink, goldfincts <br> Greet, recep |
| Blate, bajbful | Doggie, little dog | Greet, recep <br> Gude, guid, goa |
| Blathrie, abufe | Dorty, fcornful | Gutcher, grandfatber |
| Blink, glance of the eye | Dow, dove, alfo can | Gutcher, grandfather |
| Bracken, fern | Dowy, pining, drooping | H |
| Brae, acclivity, or declivity | Drumly, muddy |  |
| Braid, broad | Dud, rag | Had, bold |
| Braw, brave, finely drefled | Dule, pain, grief | Hae, bave |
| Breeks, breeches Broach, a kind of buckle | F | Haf, balf |
| Broach, a kind of buckle <br> Bught, hoep-fold | Tarn, yern, curdle | Haflins, by balf |
| Burn, rivulet | Earn, yern, curdle | Hame, bome |
| Burk, prepare, deck | Ee, een, eye, eyes | Hap, cover |
| Byer, core-boufe | Eild, age Ezer, azure | Hauver-meal, made of meal * two forts |

Hawfe, embrace
Heeze, koif
Heezy, a boift
Hie, bight
Hip, the berry of the weild rofe
Hows, bollows
I
Ilk, ilka, each, every
Ingle, fire
Irie, afraid of ghofs
Ife, I 乃all
Ither, other

## J

Jo, Joe, fweetheart

## K

Kail, coleworts, broth of coleworts
Kame, comb
Ken, know
Kirn, cburn
Kifts, chefts
Knows, beights
Ky, kine
Kyth and kin, friends and relations

## L

Laigh, lose
Lane, alone
Lang, long
Lavrocks, larks
Lee, fallows ground
Leeze me, loves me, a pbrafe of endearment
Leil, heal, true, faithful
Lift, the firmament
Lig , to lie
Lightly, to Лight
Loe, loo, to love
Loon, loun, rogue
Loor, lourd, rather

## M

Mak', make
Mair, more
Maift, muft
Marrow, mate, match
Maun, muft
Mavis, tbrufb
Meit, may, migbt
Mikle, meikle, muckle, much
Minny, mither, motber
Mony, many
Mou, moutb

Muck, dung, to clean out dung

## N.

Na , nae, no, not
Nane, none
Neit, next
Niff-naffin, undetermined

Ony, any
Ow'r, over
Ow'rly, a cravat.
P
Pat, put
Pauky, pawkey, cunning
Pearlins, a woman's cap
Philabeg, a Higblander's full drejs
Pine, pain
Plaiden, coarfe blanketing
Pleugh, plough
Pu', pull

## Q

Quey, a young beifer
Quhen, when
Quheir, where
R
Rang, reigned
Ranty-tanty, a Scots di/b
Rede, advije, counfel
Riggs, ridges
Rin, run
Row, roll

## S

Sae, so
Saft, foft
Sair, fore
Sall, foall
Sarke, Birt
Sell, fale, felf
Sen, fin, fyne, fince, then
Shanna, foall not
Shaw, beero
Shoo, Booe
Shoon, fooes
Sic, fuch
Siller, filver, money
Sinfyne, fince that time
Slaited, webeted, wiped
Sma', fmall
Snaw, fnae, fnow
Snood, a bead-band
Sodger, foldier
Soup, fmall quantity of liquor
Speer, fpeir, afk.

Spring, a lively air
Staw, fole
Stane, ftean, Jone
Stown, Aolen
Sturt, wrath

## T

Tak', take
Tald, told
Tane, taken
T'ane, the one
Tauk, talk
Tedding, laying new-mowis grafs in rozes
Tenty, cautious
Tine, lofe
Tint, lof
Tocher, dowery
Tofall of night, twilight
Trews, trowevers
Trifte, appoint, entice
Twa, two
Twin, to part from
V
Vaunty, vain-g-gorious

## W

Wa', wall
Wad, would
Wae, zuoe
Wale, choice
Wander, wonder
Ware, beflow
Wee, little
Weel, weell
Weelfar'd, well-favoured
Wha, who
Whift, 'bift
Wi', with
Wimpling, twiffing, meandring
Win, won, drvell
Winna, will not
Winfome, bandfome
Wift, knorwn
Wite, blame
Woo, wool
Wow, zwonderful! ab!
Wreath, ghoft

## Y

Yern, eain, curdle
Yefe, ye foall
Yeftreen, yefernight
Ze, ye
Zou, you
(s)


[^0]:    * In mufic, in the very perfection of the art, on the tabor, the pfalter and organ, nature, the author of genius, adorned him with talents bryond human conception.

[^1]:    * In the language of his country he was a moft ikilful compofer; many of his writings and ballads are fill remem. bered, and in the higheit degree of eftimation among the Scots. He was the author of the mafterly ballad, entitled, Yas Sen, \&c., and of the pleafing and fikilful fong, at Beltayn, which fome people wifhed to change to de Dalketb and Gargeil, becaufe he was imprifoned in the cafte, or chamber, where the woman with her mother lived,

[^2]:    * "Noi ancora poffiamo connumerar, tra noftri, Jacopo Re di Scozia, che non pur cofe facre compofe in canio, ma ${ }^{6}$ trova da fe fteffo, una nuova mufica, lamenterole e mefta, differente da tutte l'altre. Nel che poi e flato imitato da "Carlo Gefualdo, Principe de Venofa, che in quefta noftra eta, ha illuftrata anch' egli la mufica con nuove mirabili in"ventioni." Dieci Libri di Penferi Diverfi, in Carpi Apprefo Gerolomo Vafcbieri, $1620 \%$. - Let me here do juftice to the reftorer of this record, who, next to Taffoni, deferves the thanks of every Scotfinan; I mean the late Patrick Lord Elibank: for although Taffoni is well known as a poet, particularly by his celebrated La fechia rapita, the firt of the modern mock heroic poems, yet his book De Diverf Penfieri, though printed near two centuries ago, and containing a great deal of learned and curious obfervations, is but little known on this fide of the Alps: and the above curious paffage, which had fo long efcaped the notice of every Scotfinan, might quietly have flept in the dark repofe of great libraries, had not the penetrating refearch of this learned nobleman, about twenty years ago, produced it to light.

[^3]:    * It is proper to zpprize the reader, that in fome editions of the Penfieri Diverfi the tenth book is wanting.

[^4]:    * Although Paleftrina is with propriety ftiled the father of Harmony in Italy, as, by the folemn grandeur of his harmony, and fine cortrivanccs, he certainly carried the art of counterpoint far beyond any thing known before the age of Leo X. yet is but juftice to fay, that harmonic compofition flourifhed in feveral parts of Europe befides Italy, and that there exifted feveral eminent mafters, even before the time of Paleftrina. Lezvis Guicciardin, (nephew of Francis, the hiftoriaii) who was contemporary with Paleftrina, and died before him in 1589 , as cited by $A b b e d u$ Bos, in his Critical Reflectic:s, gives a liit of feveral eminent Flemifh compofers; and adds, that, in his time, it was the practice in the Netherlands, and had been a cuftom there of long ftanding, to furnifh Europe with muficians. The old church fervices, that had long been in ufe both in England and Scotland, feveral of which fill exif, are folid proofs of the profound knowledge of

[^5]:    our old compofers in counterpoint, before the time of Paleftrina. The church fervices of Marbeck, and of Tallis, who was organift to Henry VIII. are original and learned, and abound in fine harmony. Geminiani, that great mufical genius, on hearing Tallis's anthem, "I call and cry," is faid to have exclaimed, it rapture, "The man who made this muft have s6 been infpired!" No lefs eminent was Birde, the fcholar of Tallis, and feveral others mentioned by Morley, in his Introduction to Practical Mufic, in the number of which Morley himfelf may be ranked. From that time a continued fucceifion of very eminent compofers in the church ftile, through the reigns of Queen Elifabeth, King James, and Charles I., have flourinted.

[^6]:    4 It is curious to obferve, that the ftate of mufic in England, at the fame period, appears to have been precifely fimilar to that in Italy, that is, purely barmonic, as may be feen from the compofitions of Marbeck, Tallis, Birde, \&c.; and, after them, of Henry Lawes, Lanere, and Campion, down to the Reftoration.

[^7]:    - Scoti, qui in illa arte praecipui funt.' - To thefe fylvan minftrels I imagine we are indebted

[^8]:    ** Pitfcottie's Hiftory of James IV., Leflie, \&c.

[^9]:    * Il trouva da fe fteffo, un nuova mufica, lamentevole e mefta, differents da tutte l'alire.

[^10]:    * This ballad is founded on the following incident: - Previous to the battle of Flowden, the town clerk of Selkirk conducted a band of eighty fouters, or floomakers, of that town, who joined the royal army ; and the town clerk, in reward of his loyalty, was created a Knight-banneret by that Prince. They fought gallantly, and were moft of them cut off. A few who efcaped found, on their return, in the foreft of Lady-wood edge, the wife of one of their brethren lying dead, and her child fucking her breaft. Thence the town of Selkirk obtained, for their arms, a woman fitting upon a farcophagus, holding a child in her arms; in the back ground, a wood; and on the farcophagus, the arms of Scotland.

[^11]:    * Irie is a Scotifh word that has no correfpondent term in Englifh. It implies that fort of fear which is excited in a perfon apprehenfive of apparitions.

[^12]:    * Rouffeau, fous le mot genie.

