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COLLECTION  
OF  
SCOTS POEMS,

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*Quha dar presume thir Poetis to impung,  
Quhais Sentence sweit throw ALBION bin sung.  
St. D. LINDSAY.*

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A  
New Year Gift

To Queen MARY, when she came  
first Hame, 1562.

I.



Welcum, illustrat Lady, and our Quene;

Welcum our Lyone with the *Floure*  
*de-Lyce*;

Welcum our Thistle with the *L.*  
*rane Grene*;

Welcum our Rubent Rose upon the Ryce,

Welcum our Jem, and joyfull Gentryce;

Welcum our Beil of AIBION to beir;

Welcum our plesand Princes maist of Pryce,

GOD give you Grace agains this gude new Zeir.

*A New Zeir Gift*

## II.

THIS Gude New Zeir we hope with Grace of God,  
 Sall be of Peace, Tranquility and Rest;  
 This Zeir sal Richt and Reason rule the Rod,  
 Quhilk sae lang Season has bene fair suprest;  
 This Zeir firm Faith sall freily be confest,  
 And all eronious Questions put arreir  
 To labour that this Lyfe amang us left,  
 GOD give zou Grace agains this gude new Zeir.

## III.

HEIRFORE address thee duely to decore,  
 And rule thy Regne with hie Magnificence;  
 Begin at GOD to gar set forth his Glorie,  
 And of his Gospel get Experience;  
 Cause his true Kirk be had in Reverence,  
 So sall thy Name and Fame spreid far and neir;  
 Now this thy Det to do with Diligence,  
 GOD give thee Grace agains this gude new Zeir.

## IV.

FOUND on the first four Vertues cardinall,  
 On Wisdom, Justice, Force and Temperance,  
 Aplaud to prudent folk, and principall  
 Of verteous Lyfe, thy Worship to advance:

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to *Queen MART.*

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Wey Justice equal without Discrepance,  
Strengthen thy State, with Stedfastness to steir,  
To temper Tyme with true Continuance,  
GOD give thee Grace agains this gude new Zeir.

V.

CAST thy Consate by Council of the Sage,  
And cleave to Chryst has kept thee weil in Cure,  
Attingent now to twenty Zeirs of Age,  
Preservand thee from all Misaventure.  
Wald thou be served and thy Countrie sure,  
Still on the Common-weil haif Eye and Eir,  
Press ay to be Protectrix of the Pure,  
Sae GOD fall gyde thy Grace this gude new Zeir.

VI.

GAR stanche all Stryfe, and stable thy Estates,  
In Constance, Concord, Charity and Luve:  
Be bisly now to banish all Debates,  
That twixt Kirk-men and tempral Men dois move,  
The pulling down of Policy reprove,  
And let perverfed Prelates live perquier,  
To do the best beseikand GOD abuve,  
To give thee Grace agains this gude new Zeir.

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## VII.

AT Crofs gar cry be opin Proclamation,  
 Undir grit Pains, that nowther he nor scho  
 Of haly Writ have ony Disputation,  
 But letterd Men or learned Clerks thertó ;  
 For Lymmer Lads and little Lasses lo,  
 Will argue baith with Bishop, Preist and Freir :  
 To danton this thou has enouch to do,  
 GOD give thee Grace agains this gude new Zeir.

## VIII.

BUT wyte the wickit Pastors wald not mend  
 Their vicious Living, all the World prescryves ;  
 They tuke nae tent their Traik sould turn till end,  
 They were sae proud of their Prerogatyves,  
 For wantones they wald not marrie Wyves,  
 Nor zit live chaste, but chop and change their Cheir ;  
 Now to reform their lecherous leud Lyves,  
 GOD give thee Grace agains this gude new Zeir.

## IX.

THEY brocht thair Bastards with the Skruse they skraip  
 To blande their Elude with Barrons by Ambition,  
 They purchest pithless Pardons frae the Paip,  
 To cause fond Fuils confyde he hes Fruition,

As GOD, to give for Sins a full Remission,  
And Sauls to saif from suffering Sorrow seir :  
To set asyde sic Sort of Superstition,  
GOD give thee Grace agains this gude new Zeir.

X.

THEY Benifice and Pention tint that marriet ;  
On *Frydays* quha eit Flesh was fyr-fangt ;  
It made nae Miss quhat Maydens they miscarriet ;  
Or Fasting Days, they were not brunt or hangt.  
Licence for Lechry frae their Lord belangt,  
To give Indulgence as the Deil did leir,  
To mend that Menzie has sae mony mangt,  
GOD give thee Grace agains this gude new Zeir.

XI.

THEY lute the Leiges pray to Stocks and Stanes,  
And paintit Papers, wats nocht quhat they mein :  
They bad them beck and bingie to deid Mens Banes,  
Offer on Kneis to kifs, syne saif their Kin,  
Pilgrims and Palmers past with them between,  
Sanct *Blais*, Sanct *Boit*, blate Bodies Ene to blcir ;  
Now to forbid this grit Abuse hes bene,  
GOD give thee Grace agains this gude new Zeir.

## XII.

THEY tyart GOD with Trifles tume and Trantals,  
 And deivd him with their daft and daylie Dargeis,  
 With owklike Abits to augment their Rentals,  
 Mantand, Mort, Mumbelings, mixt with mony Lies.  
 Sic Sanctitude was Sathans Sorceries,  
 Chrysts filly Sheip and sobir Flock to smeir,  
 To ceise all findric Sects of Herefseis,  
 GOD give thee Grace agains this gude new Zeir.

## XIII.

WITH Mefs and Mattins nae ways will I mell,  
 To jüge them justly passes my Ingyne,  
 They gyde not ill that governs weil themfell,  
 And honestly on Lawtie lays their Lyne,  
 Doubts to discus, for Doctors are divyne,  
 Canning in Clergie to declar them cleir:  
 To order this the Office now is thyne,  
 GOD give thee Grace agains this gude new Zeir.

## XIV.

As Beis tak Wax and Honey of the Floure,  
 So dois the Faithful of GOD's Word tak Fruit,  
 As Wasps receive frae aft the same but sour,  
 Sae Reprobates the Scripture dois rebute.

to *Queen MART.*

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Words without Warks availeth not a Cure,  
To seis thy Subjects sae in Luv and Feir,  
That Richt and Reason in thy Realm may rute,  
God give thee Grace agains this gude new Zeir.

XV.

THE Epistles and Evangells now are Preicht,  
Bot Sophestrie or Ceremonys vain;  
Thy People, maist Part, truely now are teicht  
To put away Idolatrie prophane,  
But in sum Hearts is graven new again,  
An Image callit cursd Covetice of Geir,  
Now to expell that Idol stands up plain,  
God give thee Grace agains this gude new Zeir.

XVI.

FOR Sum are sene at Sermons sum sa haly,  
Singand Sanct *David's* Psalter on their Buiks,  
And are but Biblists fairsing full their Belly,  
Backbytand Nybours noying them in Nuiks,  
Ruggand and reivand up Kirk Rents lyke Rukes;  
Lyke very Wasps against God's Word mak Weir;  
Now sic Christians, to kifs with Chanters Kuiks  
God give thee Grace agains this gude new Zeir.

XVII. DEWTIE

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DEWTIE and Detts are driven by Doubleness,  
 And Folks are flemit frae zung Faith Professors,  
 The greatest ay the greidyar I gess,  
 To plant quhere Preists and Parsons were Possessors  
 Teinds are uptane by Testament Transgressors,  
 Credence is past of Promise thocht they sweir,  
 To punish Palmers, and reproach Oppressors,  
 GOD give thee Grace agains this gude new Zeir,

## XVIII.

PUIR Folk ar famist with their Fassions new,  
 They fail for Falt that had before at fouth,  
 Leil Labourers lament and Tennants trew,  
 That they ar hurt and herriet North and South:  
 The Heidsmen have *Cor mundum* in their Mouth,  
 But nevir mynd to give the Man his Meir,  
 To quench thir quent Calamities so cowth,  
 GOD give thee Grace agains this gude new Zeir.

## XIX.

PROTESTANDS tak the Friers auld Antetewme,  
 Ready Refavers, but to render nocht,  
 So Lairds uplift Mens Leiving, ower thy Rewme,  
 And are richt crabit quhen they crave them ocht.

Be they unpaid, thy Pursevants are socht,  
 To pund pure Commons Corn and Cattle keir,  
 To vissy all thir wrangous Warks are wrocht,  
 God give thee Grace agains this gude new Zeir.

## XX.

PAUL bids nane deal with Thing Idolatheit,  
 Nor quhair Hypocrasie hes bene comittit;  
 But Kirk-mens cursed Substance aft seims sweit,  
 Till Land-men that with leud Bird Lyme are lyttit.  
 Gif thou persave sum Senzior it has smittit,  
 Solist them fastly not to perseveir;  
 Hurt not their Honour, tho thy Hieness wit it,  
 But graciously forgive them this new Zeir.

## XXI.

FORGIVNES grant with Gladness and Gude-will,  
*Gratis* to all into zour Parliament,  
 Syne stablisch Statutes, stedfast to stand still,  
 That Barone, Clerk and Burges be content,  
 Thy Nobles, Earls, and Lords in consequent,  
 Treit tender to obtain their Hearts inteir,  
 That they may serve, and be obedient  
 Unto thy Grace this new and mony a Zeir.

## XXII. SEN

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SEN sae thou fits in Seat superlative,  
 Cause every State to their Vocation go,  
 Scolaſtick Men the Scriptures to diſcryve,  
 And Majeſtrates to uſe their Sword alſo,  
 Merchands to trade and trafick to and fro,  
 Mechanicks Work, Huſbands to ſaw and Sheir,  
 So ſhall be Wealth and Weelfare without Woe,  
 Be Grace of God againſt this gude new Zeir.

## XXIII.

LET all thy Realme be now in Readyness,  
 With coſtly cleathing to decore thy Corſs,  
 Zung Gentlemen for dauncing them addreſs,  
 With courtlie Ladys coupled in Conſorſs,  
 Frak feirce Gallands the Feild Games to enforſs,  
 Enarmed Knychts at Liſts with Scheild and Speir,  
 To ſeicht in Barrows baith on Fute and Horſs,  
 Agane thy Grace get a Gude-man this Zeir.

## XXIV. THIS

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THIS Zeir fall be Embassies heir belyve,  
 For Marriage, from great Princes, Dukes and Kings,  
 This Zeir within thy Region fall aryse  
 Rowts of the Rankest that in *Europe* rings;  
 This Zeir baith Blythness and Aboundance brings,  
 Navies of Schips outhrow the Sea to sneir,  
 With Riches, Rayments and all Royal Things,  
 Agane thy Grace get a Gude-man this Zeir.

## XXV.

GIF Saws be suthe to schaw thy Celsitude,  
 Quhat Bairn sould bruke all *Britain* be the Sie,  
 The Prophecie expresly dois conclude,  
 The *French* Wyfe of the BRUCEs Blude sould be,  
 Thou art the Lyne frae him the Nynth Degree,  
 And was King *Francis* Partic maik and Peir.  
 Sae by Descent the same sould spring of thee,  
 By Grace of GOD agane this gude new Yeir.

## XXVI. Now

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*Gif Saws be suthe.* By this Verse it appears that the Prophecy of JAMES the VI. succeeding to the Crown of *England*, and being the first King of *Great Britain*, was not as some would alledge, made after his Accession; this Poem being wrote in 1562, some Years before his Birth.

## XXVI.

Now to conclude, on Chryst cast thy comfort,  
 And cherish them that thou has under Charge,  
 Supone maist sure he fall send thee support,  
 And len the lusty Liberos at large,  
 Believe that Lord can Harbary so thy Bairge,  
 To mak braid *Britain* blyth as Bird on Brier,  
 And thee extol with his triumphand Targe,  
 Victoriously again this gude new Zeir.

*L' Envoy.*

## XXVII.

PRUDENT, maist gent, taktent, and prent the Words  
 Intill this Bill, with Will, them still, to face,  
 Quhilk ar, not skar, to bar, on far, frae Baurds,  
 But seal, bot seal, may heal, avael thy Grace,  
 Sen lo, thou show, this to, now do, has Place,  
 Receive and saif, and haif, ingrave it heir,  
 This now, for Prow, that you, sweit Dow, may brac  
 Lang Space, with Grace, solace, and Peace this Zeir.

*L E C T O R I.*

## XXVIII.

FRESH, fulgent, flurist, fragrant, Flower formose  
 Lantern to Luve, of Ladys Lamp and Lot,  
 Cherry, maist chaste, cheif Carbuncle and, Choise,  
 Sweit smyling Sovraign shining bot a Spot,

Blest, beautiful, benygn, and best, begot;  
 To this Indyte please to inelyne thine Eir,  
 Sent be thy simple Servant *Sanders Scot*,  
 Greiting great GOD to grant thy Grace gude Zeir.

*Quod ALEX<sup>r</sup>. SCOT.*

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## *To his H E A R T.*

### I.

**R**ETURN Hamewart my Heart again;  
 And byde quhair thou was wont to be;  
 Thou art a Fule to suffer Pain,  
 For Luve of her that luves not thee;  
 My Heart let be sic Fantesie,  
 Luve nane but quhair thou has gud Cause,  
 And let hir seik a Heart for thee;  
 For Feynd a Crum of thee scho faws.

### II. To

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The Chronology of the Poems contained in this and the former Volume, is not to be expected, some of older date having come to Hand after others, some hundred years later have been printed, besides most of them having no Dates; the endeavouring to place them according to the Order of Time they were wrote in, and Incidents which they related, was judged as useles as it would have proven difficult.

## To his Heart.

## II.

To quhat Effect sould thou be thrall,  
 But thank sen thou has thy free Will;  
 My Heart be nocht sae bestial;  
 But know quha dois thee Gude or Ill;  
 At Hame with me then tarry still,  
 And se then quha playis best thair Pawis,  
 And let the Fillock sling hir fill;  
 For Feynd a Crum of thee scho faws.

## III.

THOCHT scho be fair I will not fenzie,  
 Scho is the Kynd with utheris mae;  
 For quhy thair is a Fellon Menzie,  
 That seimeth gude, and are not sae:  
 My Heart tak nowther Pain nor Wae  
 For *Meg*, for *Marjory* or *Mawis*;  
 But be thou glad, and let her gae,  
 For Feynd a Crum of thee scho faws.

## IV.

REMEMBER how that *Medea*  
 Wyld for a Sicht of *Jason* zeid,  
 Remember how that *Cressida*,  
 Left *Troilus* for *Diomedes*.

Remember *Helen*, as we reid,  
Brocht *Troy* from Blifs unto bare Waws;  
Then let her gae quhair scho may speid,  
For Feynd a Crum of thee scho faws.

V.

BECAUSE I find scho tuke in ill,  
At hir departing mak nae Care;  
But all beguyld, go quhair scho will,  
A schrew the Heart that mane makes mair;  
My Heart be mirry late and air.  
This is the final End and Clawse,  
And let her feid and fullzie fair,  
For Feynd a Crum of thee scho faws.

VI.

NEIR dunt 'again within my Breist,  
Neir let hir Slichts thy Courage spill,  
Nor gie a Sob abeit scho sneist,  
Schois fairest payd that gets hir Will:  
Scho gecks as gif I meind her Ill,  
Quhen scho glaiks pauchty in hir Braws;  
Now let hir snirt; and fyk hir fill,  
For Feynd a Crum of thee scho faws.

*Quod* ALEX<sup>r</sup>. SCOT.



## *A Brash of WOIVING.*

### I.

**I** N secret Place this hinder Nicht,  
 I heard a Bairn say till a Bricht,  
 My Hinny, my Howp, my Heart, my Heil,  
 I haif been lang zour Luivar leil,  
 And can of zou get Comfort nane,  
 How lang will ze with Danger deil?  
 Ze brek my Heart, my bony ane.

### II.

His bony Baird was kemd and cropit,  
 But all with Kail it was bedropit,  
 Comich he was, fulish and goukit,  
 He clapit fast, he kist, he chukit,  
 As with the Glaicks he were oergane,  
 Zit be his Feirs he wald have ———  
 Ze brek my Heart, my bony ane.

### III. Quor

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QUOD he, my Heart, sweit as the Hinny,  
Sen that I born, was of my Minny,  
I nevir wouit an uther but zou,  
My Wame is of your Luve fac fou,  
That as a Ghaist I glowr and grane,  
I trymil fac ze wadna trow,  
Ze brek my Heart, my bony ane.

## IV.

TEHER, quod scho, and gae a Gawf,  
Be still my Cowfyne, and my Cawf,  
My new spaind Howphyn frae the Souk,  
And all the Blythness of my Bouk,  
My swanky sweet, saif thee alane,  
Nae Leid haif I luid all this Owk,  
Fow leis me on that gracles gane.

## V.

QUOD he, my Claver, my Curledody,  
My Hinnyfopps, my sweit Possody,  
Be not owre bowstrous to your Billy,  
Be warm hertit, not illwilly;

*A Brash of Wouing.*

Zour Hals as whyt as Quhalis Bane,  
 Gars rise on Loft my Quilly-lillie,  
 Ze brek my Heart, my bony ane;

## VI.

Quod scho, my Clip, my unspaynd Lam;  
 With Mithers Milk zit in your Gam,  
 My Belly Hudrom, my Hurle Bawfy,  
 My Honneyguks, my Siller Tawfy,  
 Zour Pleins wad perss a Heart of Stane;  
 Tak Comfort, my great headed Gawfy,  
 Fou leis me on zour graceless gane.

## VII.

Quod he, my Kid, my Capercalzeane;  
 My bony Bab with the ruch Brilzeane,  
 My tender Girdil, my Wally Gowdy,  
 My Tirly Mirly, my Sowdy Mowdy,  
 Quhen that our Mouths do meit in ane,  
 My Stang dois cork in with your Towdy,  
 Ze brek my Heart, my bony ane.

## VIII. Quod

VIII.

Quod scho then tak me be the Hand,  
Welcom my Golk of *Maryland*,  
My Chirrry and my maiklefs Mynzion,  
My Sucker sweit as ony Unzeon,  
My Strummil Stirk zit new to spane,  
I am applyd to your Opinzion,  
Fou leis me on that gracles gane.

IX.

He gaif till hir ane Aple-ruby,  
Gramerce, quod scho, my kind Cowhubby,  
Syne thay twa till a Play began,  
Quhilk that they call the Dirrydan.  
Quhile baith thair Fancies met in ane,  
O wow! quoth she, quhair will ye Man,  
Leil leis me on that gracles gane.

*Quod CLERKE*





T H E  
G O L D I N T E R G E.

I.

**R** ICHT as the Stern of Day began to schyne,  
 Quhen gone to Bed was *Vesper* and *Lucyne*,  
 I raise, and by a Roseir did me rest;  
 Upsprang the goldin Candill maculyne,  
 With cleir depurit Beims Christalyne,  
 Glading the mirry Fowlis in thair Nest,  
 Or *Phebus* was in purple Kaip revest;  
 Up sprang the Lark, the Hevenis Minstral syne,  
 In *May* intill a Morrow mirthfullest.

II. FULL

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The finding of this Poem amongst the old Manuscripts, gives a great Pleasure, it being particularly quotted by Sir *Jacob Lindsay* in his Prologue to the Complaint of the *Tapere*, where he mentions many of the old Poets. In Commendation of Mr. *Dunbar*, he says,

Mr of *Dunbar* cuha Language had at large,  
 As may be seene into his Goldin Terge.

II.

FULL Angelyk thir Birdis sang thair Hours,  
Within thair Courtings grene within thair Bours,  
Apperellit quhyte and reid with Blumys sweit,  
Enamalit was the Feild with all Collours,  
The Perlit Dropis schuke in silver Schours,  
Quhyle all in Balm did brench and Levis Fleit,  
Depairt frae *Phebus* did *Aurora* greit,  
Hir cristal Teirs I saw hing on the Flours,  
Quhilk he for Lufe drank all up with his Heit;

III.

FOR Mirth of *May*, with Skippis and with Hopps,  
The Birds sang upon the tendir Cropps,  
With Curious Nottis as *Venus* Chapell Clarks;  
The Rosses reid, now spreiding aff thair Knopps,  
Wer powderit full bricht with hevinly Dropps,  
With Rayis reid, lemying as ruby Sparks,  
The Skyis rang with Schouting of the Larks,  
The Purple Hevin owre skailt in Silver Slopps,  
Owre gilt the Treis Branchis Leivs and Barks.

## IV.

Down throwch the Ryfs an River ran, quhois Streims  
So lustely upon the lykand Leims,

That all the Laik as Lamp did leim of Licht,  
Quhilk schadowit all about with twynkland Gleims,  
The Bewis baithit were in secound Beims,

Throw the Reflex of *Phebus* Visage bricht,  
On every Syde the Ege raise on hicht:

The Bank was grene, the Sun was full of Beims,  
The Streimers cleir as Sternis in frosty Nicht.

## V.

THE Cristal Air the Saphier Firmament,  
The Ruby Skyes of the reid Orient,

Kest Berial Gleims on Emerant Bewis grene,  
The Rosy Garth depaynt and redolent,  
With Purpore, Asure, Gold and Gowlis gent,  
Arrayit was be Dame *Flora* the Quene,  
Sae nobilie that Joy was for to sene,  
The Roche against the River resplendant,  
As low illuminate the Levis schene.

## VI. QUHAT

VI.

QUHAT throw the mirry fowls fast Harmony,  
Quhat throw the Rivers Sound that ran me by,  
On *Floras* Weid I slepit quhair I lay,  
Quhair sune into my dreimand Fantisy,  
I saw approuche agane the Orient Sky,  
Ane Schip on sail as blosome on the Spray,  
With Mast of Gold, bricht as the Stern of Day,  
Quhilk tendit to the Land full lustely,  
With swiftest Motion throu a Crystal Bay.

VII.

AND hard on Burd unto the blumit Meids,  
Amangs the Grene Rispies and the Reids,  
Aryvit scho quheirfrae annon thair Lands,  
Ane hundreth Ladeis lustie intill Weids,  
Als fresh as Flours that in the *May* upspreids,  
In Kirtills grene, withouten Kell or Bands,  
Thair shynand Hair hang glitterand on the Strand  
In Trefis cleir wytpit with goldin Threids,  
With Pawps quhyte, and Middills small as Wands.

VIII. Dis

## VIII.

DISCRYVE I wald but quha culd weil indyte,  
 How all the Flours with all the Lillies quhyt,  
 Depaint was bricht, quhilk to the Hevin did gleit,  
 Nocht *Homer* thou als fair as thou couth wryte,  
 For all thy ornat Style the maist perfyte,  
 Nor zet, thou *Tullus*, quhais Oratiouns sweit  
 In Rethorick did intill Terms fleit,  
 Zour aureat Tungs had baith bene all to lyte,  
 For to compyle that Paradyce compleit.

## IX.

There saw I *Nature*, and als Dame *Venus* Quene,  
*Aurora* fresh, and Lady *Flora* schene,  
*Juno*, *Latona*, and *Proserpina*,  
*Diane* the Goddeß of Chest and Wods grene,  
 My Lady *Clio*, that Help of *Makers* bene,  
*Thetis* se grene and prudent *Minerva*,  
 Fair faynt Fortune, and lemand *Lucina*,  
 Thir mighty Quenis, with Crownis might be sene,  
 With Beims bricht, and blyth as *Lucifera*.

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X.

HAIR saw I *May* of mirthfull Moniths Quene,  
etwix *Apryl* and *June* her Sisters schene,  
Within the Garden walkand up and down,  
Quhom of the Fowls resais Gladness bedene,  
cho was full tendir in hir Zeirs Grene;  
Thair saw I Nature give till hir a Goun,  
Rich to behald, and, noble of Renown,  
Of ilka Hew that undir Hevin has bene  
Depaynt and braid be gude Proportioun.

XI.

FULL lusticly thir Ladyis all in Feir,  
Enterit into this Park of maist Pleseir,  
Quhair that I lay heilit with Leivs Rank;  
The mirry Birds blisful of Cheir;  
Nature salust methocht in thair Maneir,  
And every Blume on Brench and on the Bank,  
Openit and spred thair balmy Levis donk,  
Full Law inclynand to thair Quene full cleir,  
Quhom for thair noble nurising they thank.

XII. SYNB

## The Goldin Terge.

### XII.

SINE to Dame *Flora*, on the samyne Ways,  
They salust and they thank a Thousand Syis,  
And to sweit *Venus* neist, Luvis bony Quene,  
They sang Ballatis of Luve, as was the Gyis,  
With amorous Nottis maist lusty to devyis,  
As that they had Luve in thair Heartis grene,  
Thair Hony Throtts they openit frae the Splen  
With Warbills sweit they perft the Hevinly Skyis,  
Quhyle loud resount the Firmament serene.

### XIII.

ANE uther Court thair saw I subsequent,  
*Cupid* the King, with Bow in Hand ay bent,  
And dreidfull Arrows grundin sherp and squhair,  
Thair saw I *Mars* the God armipotent,  
Awful and stern, braid, strong and corpulent.  
Thair saw I crabit *Saturn* auld and Hair,  
His Luke was lyke for to perturb the Air.  
Thair was *Mercurius*, wyse and eloquent  
Of Rethorick that fand the Flouris sae fair.

### XIV. THAIR

# *The Goldin Terge.*

## XIV.

HAIR was the God of Gardens *Priapus*;  
Thair was the God of Wildernes *Phanus*;  
And *Janus* God of Entries delectable.  
Thair was the God of Oceans *Neptunus* :  
Thair was the God of Winds bauld *Eolus*;  
With variand Blasts lyke to an Lord unstable;  
Thair was blyth *Bachus* glader of the Table;  
Thair *Pluto* was, that elritch *Incubus*,  
In Cloke of Grene, his Court was clade in Sable.

## XV.

AND every aine of thir in grene arrayt,  
In Harp and Lute full mirreyly they playt;  
And Ballats sang with mighty Nottes cleir:  
Maidys to daunce full sobirly assyit,  
Andlang the trotting River so they mayit;  
Thair Observance richt hevinly was to heir;  
Then crap I throw the Branches and drew neir,  
Thair that I was richt suddenly affrayit,  
All throw a Luke that I haif cost full deir.

## XVI. AND

*The Goldin Terge.*

XVI.

AND schortlie for to speik, by Luves fair *Queen*  
I was espyit, scho bad hir Archers kene

Go me areist; and they nae Tyme delayit;  
Then Ladies fair lute fall thair Mantils grene,  
With Bowis big, in trassit Hairs schene,  
Richt suddenly they had a Feild arrayit;  
And zit richt gritly was I nocht affrayit:  
The Party was fae plesand to be sene,  
A Wondir lusty Bikar me assayit.

XVII.

AND first of all with Bow in Hand ay berit,  
Came Bewty's *Dame* richt as scho wald me schen  
Syne followit all her Damosells in Feir,  
With mony divers awfull Instrument,  
Into the preiss fair *Having* with hir went,  
Syne *Portrator*, *Plesante* and lusty *Cheir*,  
Then *Resoun* came with SCIELD of GOLD so clei  
In Plait of Mail as *Mars* armipotent,  
Defendit me that noble Chevalier.

XVIII. SY

## XVIII.

*He tendir Zouth came with hir Virgins zing,  
The Innocence and schamefull Abasing,  
And quaking Dreid, with humbyl Obedience,  
GOLDIN TERGE it armit them naithing,  
Rage in them was nocht begun to spring;  
Full sure they dreid to do a Violence:  
Weit Wemanheid I saw come in Prefence,  
Warld of Artelzie scho did in bring,  
And servit Ladyis full of Reverence.*

## XIX.

*So with hir led Nurtour and Lawlieness,  
Continuance, Patience, gude Fame and Stedfastness,  
Discretion, Gentilness, Considerans,  
And Company, and honest Business,  
Benign Luke, myld Cheir, and Sobirness,  
All thir bure Genzies to do me Grivans;  
But Resoun bure the TERGE with sic Constans,  
Thir scharp Assay nicht do me no Deirence,  
For all their Preis and awful Ordinans.*

## XX. UNTO

## XX.

UNTO the Preiſs purſewit *Hie Degrie,*

Hir followit ay *Eſtair* and *Dignitee,*

*Compariſon, Honour* and *nobill Array,*

*Will, Wantoneſs, Renown* and *Libertie,*

*Riches* and *Fredome* and *Nobility;*

Wit ze they did thair Banner hie Display.

A Clud of Flanes lyke Hail-ſchot lowſit they,

And ſchot till waſtit was thair Artelzie,

Syne went abak rebutit of the Prey.

## XXI.

QUHEN *Venus* had perſavit this Rebute,

Scho bad *Diſſembance* gae mak a Perſute

With all her Power to preſs the GOLDIN TERG

And ſcho that was of Doubleneſs the Rute,

Askit hir Choifs of Archers in Refute:

*Venus* the beſt bad hir to wale at lerge;

Scho tuke *Preſente* plicht Anker of the Berge;

And *Fair Calling* that weil a Flane can ſchute,

And *Cheriſſing* for to compleit hir Charge.

## XXII.

DAME *Hamelinefs* scho tuke in Company,  
That hardy was and heynd in Archery,  
And brocht in *Bewtie* to the Feild again,  
With all the Choise of *Venus* Chevelly,  
They came and bikkart unabaisitly:  
The Showris of Arrows rappit on lyke Rain,  
*Perrelus Presence*, that mony a Syre has flain;  
The Battill brocht on Bordour hard me by,  
The Asfalt was all the fairer Suth to fane.

## XXIII.

THICK was the Schot of grundin Arrows kene,  
But *Reffoun* with the GOLDIN SCHEILD sae schene,  
Weirly deffendit quhoseir assayit;  
The awfull Schower he manly did sustene,  
Till *Presence* kest a Powdir in his Ene,  
And then as drukken Man he all forwayit,  
Quhen he wes blind, the Fule with him they playit,  
And bahnist him amang the Bewis Grene;  
That Sicht sae fair me suddenly affrayit.

## XXIV.

THEN was I woundit, till the Deth full neir,  
And zoldin as ane woefull Prisoneir

To Lady *Bewtie*, in a Moments Space,  
Methocht scho seimit lustyer of Cheir,  
Aftir that *Reffoun* had tynt his Ene cleir,  
Than of befoir, and lovarly of Face;

Quhy was thou blindit, *Reffoun*? quhy? allace!  
And gart ane Hell my Paradyce appeir,  
And Mercy seim quhair that I fand nae Grace.

## XXV.

DISSIMULANCE was bissy me to assyle,  
And *Fair Calling* did aft upon me smyle,  
And *Cherissing* me fed with Words fair,  
*Acquantage new* embrasit me a quhyle,  
And favourt me, till Men nicht gae a Myle,  
Syne tuke hir Lief, I saw hir nevir mair;  
Then saw I *Denger* towart me repair,  
I cowth eschew hir Presence be nae Wyle,  
On Syde scho lukit with a fremit Fare.

## XXVI.

AND at the last deperting couth hir Dress,  
And me delyverit unto *Havyness*,  
For to remane, and scho in Cure me tuke;  
Be this the Lord of Winds with fell Wodness,  
God *Eolus* his Bougill blew, I gess,  
That with the Blast the Aiks in Forest schuke,  
And suddenlic in the Space of a Luke,  
All was hyne went, ther was but Wilderness,  
Ther was nae mair but Bird and Bank and Bruke.

## XXVII.

IN twynckling of an Ec to Schip they went,  
And swift up Sail unto the Tap they stent,  
And with swift Course out owre the Flude they frak;  
They fyrit thair Guns with Powdir violent,  
Till that the Reik raise to the Firmament,  
The Rochis all resoundit with the Rak,  
For Reird it semit that the Rain-brow brak;  
With Spreit affrayit upon my Feit I sprent  
Amangs the Clewis, sae cairfull was the Crak.

AND as I did awake off this Swowning,  
 The joyfull Minstralls mirryly did sing,  
 For Mirth of *Phebus* tendir Beims schene;  
 Sweit wer the Vapouris, fast the Morrowing,  
 Hailsum the Vail, depaynt with Flowirs zing,  
 The Air atemperit, sobir and amene;  
 In quhyte and reid was all the Eard besene,  
 Throw Natures nobill fresch enamaling,  
 In mirthfull *May*, of every Moneth Quene.

## XXIX.

O reverend \* *Chawser*, Rose of Rethouris all,  
 As in our Tounge the Flowir imperiall,  
 That evir raise in *Brittane*, quha reids richt,  
 Thou beirs of Makars the Triumphs ryall,  
 The fresch enamellit Termes celestially;  
 This Matter thou couth haif ilumint bricht,  
 Was thou not of our *Inglis* all the Licht?  
 Surmounting every Tounge terrestriall,  
 As far as *Mayis* fair Morning dois Midnight.

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\* This Panygyrick on *Chawser*, as 'tis perfectly generous and handsome from a *Scots* Poet, it likewise shew that the Lowland *Scots* Language and the *English* at that Time were the same.

XXX.

O morale Gower and Lidgate laureat,  
Zour suggurat Toungs and Lipps aureat  
Bene till our Eirs Cause of grit Delyte;  
Zour Mouths angelick, maist mellissuat,  
Our rude Language hes cleir ilumynat,  
And has owre-gilt our Speich, that imperfyte  
Stude, or zour goldin Pens did schupe to wryt,  
This Yle befoir was bair and disolate  
Of Rethorick, or lusty fair indyte.

XXXI.

THOU litle Quair be evir obedient,  
Humbyl, subject, and semple of Intent,  
Befoir the Face of every cunning Wicht,  
I knaw quhat thou of Rethorick has spent,  
Of hir maist lystie Roscs redolent  
Is nane into thy Garland set on Hicht;  
O Schame thairfor, and draw the out of Sicht:  
Rude is thy Weid, bare, destitute and rent,  
Weil aucht thou be affeirit of the Licht.

*Quod* DUNBAR.



Lorges, lorges, lorges ay,  
 Lorges of this new Zeirs Day.

## I.

**F**IRST Lorges of the King my Cheif,  
 Quhilk came as queitly as ane Theif,  
 And in my Hand slaid Schillings twae,  
 To put his Lergnes to the Preif,  
 For Lorges of this new Zeir Day.

## II.

SYNE Lorges of my Lord Chancelar,  
 Quhen I to him ane Ballat bare,  
 He sonziet not, nor said me nay,  
 But gaif me quhyle I wald had mair,  
 For Lorges of this new Zeir Day.

## III.

OF Gallaway the Bischop new,  
 Forth of my Hand ane Ballat drew,  
 And me delivert bot Delay,  
 A fair Hacknay bot Hyd or Hew,  
 For Lorges of this new Zeir Day.

IV.

AND syne of Croce the Abbot zing,

I did to him ane Ballat bring;

But or I past a Pice him frae,

I gat nae less than Deil a thing,

For *Lerges* of this new Zeir Day.

V.

THE Secretar baith war and wyse,

Hecht me a Cast of his Office;

And for to reid my Bill alsway,

He said for him that nicht suffice,

For *Lorges* of this new Zeir Day.

VI.

THE Treasurer and Comptrollair,

They bad me cum I wait not quhair,

And they wald gar, I wait not quhae,

Gife me, I wait not quhat, full fair,

For *Lerges* of this new Zeir Day.

VII.

Now *Lorges* of my Lordis all

Baith temporall State and spirituall,

My self fall evir sing and say,

I haif them fund fac liberall

Of *Lerges* on this new Zeir Day.

## VIII.

FOUL fa this Frost that is sae snell,  
 It hes the Wyt, the Trewth to tell,  
     Baith Hands and Purfs it binds up sae,  
 They may gife naithing bye themself,  
     For *Lerges* of this new Zeir Day.

## IX.

NOW *Lerges* of my Lord *Bothwell*,  
 The quhilk in Fredome did excell;  
     He gaif to me a Cursour gray  
 Worth all this Sort, that I with Mell,  
     For *Lerges* of this new Zeir Day.

## X.

GRIT GOD releif *Margaret* our Quene,  
 For gif scho wer as scho hes bene,  
     Scho wald be lenger of Lufray  
 Than all the laif that I of mene,  
     For *Lerges* of this new Zeir Day.

*Quod* STEWART.

Dumbars

# DUMBARS DREGY;

*Made to K. JAMES V. being  
in Stirvling.*

WE that ar heir in Heavens Glory,  
To zou that ar in Purgatory,  
Commends us on our hearty Ways,  
Mene we Folk in Paradyce,  
In *Edinbrugh* with all Mirryness,  
To zou in *Stirvling* in Distress,  
Quhair nowther Pleasance nor Delyt is,  
Thus pittying anc Apostle wryts.

O ze Hermits and Hankerfaidlis,  
That tak zour Penance at zour Tables,  
And eit nae Meit restorative,  
Nor drink the Wyne comfortative,  
But Ale that is baith thin and small,  
Vith but few Courses in zour Hall,

Bot Company of Lords or Knychts,  
 Or ony uther guidly Wichts,  
 Solitar walkand zour alane,  
 Seing naething but Stock or Stane  
 Out of zour painfull Purgatory,  
 To bring zou to the Bless of Glory:  
 Of *Edinbrugh* the mirry Toun  
 We sall begin a carefull Soun,  
 Ane *Dregy* kynd, devout and meik,  
 The Bless abunc we sall beseik  
 Zou to delyvir out of zour Noy,  
 And bring zou sune to *Edinbrugh's* Joy,  
 Thair to be mirry amang zour Freins,  
 And sae the *Dregy* thus begins.

## LECTIO I.

THE \* \* \*

The mirthfull *Mary*, Virgin chaste,  
 Of Angels all the Orders nyne,  
 And all the heavenly Court divyne,  
 Sune bring ze frae the Pyne and Wae  
 Of *Stirling*, ilka Court Mans Fae,

gain to *Edinbrugh's* Joy and Bliss,  
 uhair Worschip, Wealth and Weifair is,  
 lay, Pleasance, and eik Honesty,  
 ay ze *Amen*, for Charity.

*Responsio, tu autem Domine.*

TAK Consolation in zour Pain,  
 n Tribulation, tak Consolation,  
 Out of Vexation cum hame again,  
 Tak Consolation in zour Pain;

*Fube Dom. benedicite.*

Out of Distress of *Stiruling* Toun  
 To *Edinbrugh* bless GOD mak ze boun.

## LECTIO II.

PATRIARCHS, Prophets and Apostles deir,  
 Virgins, Confessouris, Martyris cleir,  
 And all the Seat celestially,  
 Devoutly we upon them call,  
 That sune out of zour Pains fell,  
 Ze may in Heaven heir with us dwell,

To eat Cran, Pertrick, Swan and Pliver,  
 And every Fiſch that ſwymes in River,  
 To drink with us the new freſch Wyne  
 That grew upon the River Ryne,  
 Freſch fragrant Clarits out of *France*,  
 Of *Angiers* and of *Orliance*,  
 With mony Comforts of grit Dainty,  
 Say ze *Amen*, for Charity.

*Reſponſum, tu autem Dom.*

GOD and Sanct Jeil heir zou convoy  
 Baith ſune and weil, GOD and Sanct Jeil,  
 To Sonce and Seil, Solace and Joy,  
 GOD and Sanct Jeil heir zou convoy,  
 Out of *Stirvlings* Pains fell,  
 In *Edinbrugh* Joy ſune mot ze dwell.

### LECTIO III.

WE pray to all the Saints in Heaven,  
 That ar abune the Starns ſeven,  
 Zou to bring out of zour Penance,  
 That ze may ſune ſing, play and daunce

an *Edinbrugh* heir, and mak gude Cheir,  
Quher Wealth and Weillfare is bot Weir;  
and I that do your Pains discryve  
intend to vissy you belyve,  
an Desart not with you to dwell,  
but as the Angel Saint *Gabriell*  
Dois go betwē, frae Heavens Glory,  
To them that ar in Purgatory,  
cum Consolation them to give,  
Quhyle they in Tribulation live,  
And schaw them, quhen thair Pains ar past,  
They fall cum up to Heaven at last;  
Hou nane deserves to haif Sweitness,  
That nevir tastit Bitterness;  
And therfor hou suld ze consider  
Of *Edinbrughs* Bless, quhen you cum hidder:  
But gif ze tastit had befor  
Of *Stirling* Toun, the Pains soir,  
And therefore tak in Patience  
Your Penance and your Abstinence,  
And ze fall cum or *Zule* begin  
Into the Bless that we ar in;

Quhilk grant we pray to all on Hy;  
Say ze *Amen*, for Charity.

*Respons. tu autem Dom.*

Cum hame and dwell nae mair in *Stirvling*,  
Frae hydious Hell cum hame and dwell,  
Quhair Fisch to sell ar nane but *Spirrling*,  
Cum hame aud dwell nae mair in *Stirvling*.

*ET ne nos inducat in temptationem de Stirvling  
Sed libera nos à malo illius.*

*Regiam Edinburgi dona iis, Domine,  
Et lux ipsius luceat iis;*

*A porta tristitia de Stirvling,*

*Orna, Domine, animas eorum:*

*Credo gustare statim vinum Edinburgi,*

*In villa Vinentium,*

*Requiescant Edinburgi. Amen.*

*DEUS, qui justos in corde humiles  
Ex omnium eorum tribulatione liberare dignatus e  
Liberà famulos tuos apud villam Stirling versantes  
A pœnis & tristitiis ejusdem,  
Et ad Edinburgi gaudia eos perducas,  
Ut requiescat Striviling. Amen.*



*The Flyting of Dunbar and Kennedie  
Hereafter follows, jocund and merrie.*

## I.

R. *John the Ross*, ane Thing ther is compyl'd

In generall, by *Kennedie* and *Quinting*,  
Whilk has themselves abune the Sterns styld;  
But had they made of Menace ony mynting  
In special, then sic Stryfe suld ryse bot stynting:  
Howbeit with Boist thair Bosoms wer as bendit  
Lucifer, quha frae the Heavens descendit;  
Hell suld not hyd thair Harnis frae Harms hynting.

## II.

THE Eard suld tremble, Firmament suld schake,  
And all the Air invenomt sudden stink,  
And all the Deils in Hell for Redour quake  
To heir quhat I suld wryte with Pen and Ink;  
For gif I flyt, sum Sage for Schame suld sink,  
The Se suld burn, the Mune suld tholl Eclips,  
Roches suld ryve, the World suld hald nae Grips;  
Sae loud of Carc the common Bell suld clink.

## III. BUT

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BUT Wonder laith wer I to be a Baird,  
 Flyting to use, for gritly I eschame;  
 Sen it is nowther Winning nor Rewaird,  
 Put Tinsell baith of Honour and of Fame,  
 Increase of Sorrow, Sklander and ill Name;  
 Zit nicht they be sae bauld in thair Back-bytin  
 To gar me ryme and raise the Feynd with Flyt  
 And throw ilk Place, and Kinrick them procla

*Quod* DUNBAR to KENNEDIE

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Kennedie to Dunbar.

## I.

**D**IRTEN *Dunbar*, on quhome blaws thou  
 Boist?

Pretendand thee to wryte sic scaldit Skrows,  
 Thou raw-moud Rebald, fall doun at the Roist  
 My Laureat Liems at thee, and I lows,

Mandir,

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Mandrag, Mymmerkin, maid Maister but in Mows,  
Thou thryce scheild Trumpir, with a threid-bare  
Goun,

Say *Deo* Mercy, or I cry the doun,  
And leave thy ryming, Rebald, and thy Rows.

II.

DREID, dirtfast Dearch, that thou has disobeyt  
My Cousin *Quintine*, and my Commissar,  
Fantaſtick Fule, trust weil thou ſall be fleyt,  
Ignorant Elf, Ape, Owl, irregular,  
Skaldit Skaitbird and common Skandelar;  
Wanfukkit Funnling, that Nature maid an Yrle,  
Baith *John* the *Rofs* and thou ſall ſqueil and ſkirle,  
Gif eir I heir ocht of zour making mair.

III.

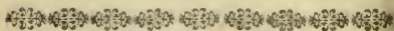
HERE I put Silence to thie in all Parts,  
Obey and ceise the Play that thou pretends;  
Weak Waly-draig and Werlot of the Carts,  
Se ſune thou mak my Commissar Amends,

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And let him lay sax Leischis on thy Lends,  
Meikly in recompencing of thy Scorn,

Or thou fall ban the Tyme that thou was born,  
For *Kennedie* to thee this Schedule sends.

*Quod KENNEDIE unto DUNBAR,*  
*Fuge in the nixt quha gat the war.*



*Dunbar to Kennedie.*

I.

**E**RSCH brybour Baird, vyle Beggar with thy  
Bratts,

Sunt-bittin *Kennedie*, Coward of Kynd,  
Ill-fart and dryit, as *Densman* on the Ratts,  
Lyke as the Gleds had on thy gule Snow  
dynd;

Monster mismaid, ilk Munc out of thy Mynd,  
Rebald renounce thy ryming, thou but royis,

Thy trechour Tung has tane a heland Strynd;  
A lawland Erse wald mak a better Noyis.

H. RIVER

II.

RIVEN, raggit Ruke, and full of Rebaldrie,  
Scart Scorpion, scaldit in Scurilitie,  
I se the haltane in thy Harlotrie,  
And into uther Science nothing flie,  
Of every Vertew wyd, as Men may se;  
Quyt claim with Clergy, cleik to thee a Club,  
Blasphemar Baird, in Brybrie ay to be;  
Wisdom and Wit a Wisp frae thee may rub.

III.

DASTARD, thou speirs, Gif I dare with thee fecht?  
Ze *Dagone*, dowbart, therof haif thou nae Dout;  
Quhair eir we meit therto, my Hand I hecht  
To redd thy Rebald ryming with a Rout:  
Throw *Britain* braid it fall be blawn about,  
Hou that thou, poyfond Pelour, gat thy Paiks.  
With a Dog-Leisch, I schepe to gar the schout,  
And nowther to thee tak Knyfe, Swerd or Aix.

IV.

THOU Crop and Rute of Traytor treasonable,  
Fader and Muder of Morthor and Mischeif,  
Deceitfull Tyrand, Serpent tungd, unstable,  
Cuckald, Cradoun, Couard and common Theif;  
Thou

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Thou purposed anes to undo our Lord and Chief  
In *Paislay*, with a Poyson that was fell,

For quhilk Brybour zit fall thou thole a Breif;  
Pelor, I fall it prieve on thee my sell.

V.

THO I wald lie, thy frawart Phisnomy

Dois manifest thy Malice to all Men;

Fy Traytour Theif, fy Glengore Loun, fy, fy,

Fy Feyndlyke Front, far fouler than a Fen,

My Freynds thou hast reprovit with thy Pen,

Traytour thou leis, quhilk I fall on thee preive;

Suppose thy Heid wer armit Tymis ten,

Thou fall recryit, or I thy Crown fall cleive.

VI.

OR thou durst move thy Mynd malicious,

Thou saw the Sail abune my Heid updraw;

But *Eolus* full wid, and *Neptunus*,

Mirk and Muneless, was met with Wind and Wave

And mony a hundreth Myles hynd coud us bla

By *Holand*, *Zetland* and the *Northway* Coast,

In Deserts vast, quhair we wer famist aw,

Zit cum I hame, fals Baird, to lay thy Boast.

VII. THE

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VII.

THOU callis thee Rethory with thy goldin Lipps :

Na, glowrand, gapeand Fule, thou art begyld,  
Thou art but Glunfchoch with the giltit Hipps,  
That for thy Lounrie mony a Leisch has fyld;  
Vain Widdifow, out of thy Wit gane wyld.

Laithly and lowfy, lathand as a Leik,

Sen thou of Worschip wad fae fain be styld;  
Hail Sovraign Schir, thy B----s hing throw thy Breik.

VIII.

FOR WORTHIN Fule, of all the Warld Refuse,

Quhat Ferly is thocht thou rejoyce to flyt?  
Sic Eloquence as they in *Earfry* use,

In sic is set thy trawart Appityte;  
Thou has full litle Feil of fair Indyte,  
I haif on me a Pair of *Lowthiane* Hipps,  
Sall fairer *Inglis* mak, and mair perfyte,  
Than thou can bleber with thy *Carrick* Lipps.

IX.

BETTER thou gains to leid a Dog to skomer,  
Pynd Pyck-purse Pelour, than with thy Maister  
pingle;

Thou lay richt prydles in the Peis this Sommer,  
And fain at Evin for to bring hame a Single,

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Syne rubbd it at ane uther auld Wyfis Ingle:  
In Winter now for Purthith thou art trakit,

Thou has nae Breiks to let thy Hawlocks gingle;  
Gae beg a Club, for Bard thou fall gae nakit.

X.

LEAN, lounger, lowsy, baith in Lisk and Lunzie,  
Fy, skowdert Skyn, thou art but Skyre and Skrumple;  
For he that rosted *Laurance* had thy Grunzie,  
And he that hid Saint *Johns* Een with a Wimple,  
And he that dang Saint *Augustyne* with a Rumple,  
Thy foul Front had he that *Bartilmo* flayd;

The Gallows gapes after thy graceles Gruntle,  
As thou wald for a Haggies, hungrey Gled.

XI.

COMERWALD Crawdon, nane compts the a Kerfs,  
Sweir swapit, swanky Swyne, Kepar ay for Swats:  
Thy Commissar *Quintyne* bids the cum kis his Erfs,  
He lykes not sic a forlane Loun of Laits;  
He says, Thou skaffs and begs mair Beir and Aits.  
Nor ony Cripple in *Carrick* Land about:

Uther pure Beggars thole with thee Debates,  
Carlings decript on *Kennedie* cry out.

XII.

MATTER enough I haif, I neid not fenzie,  
Thocht thou foul Trumper has upon me lied,  
Carrion corrupt, hich fall I cry thy Senzie;  
Thinks thou not hou thou came into grit Neid,  
Greitand in *Galloway*, lyke *Gallow Breid*,  
Ramand and rowpand, beggand Ky and Ox,  
I saw thee there into thy Watchmans Weid,  
Quhilk was not worth a Pair of auld gray Socks.

XIII.

ER SCH Katherene with thy Polk, Breik and Rilling,  
Thou and thy Quean as greidy Gleds ze gang  
With Polks to Mill, and begs baith Meil and Schilling,  
Thair is but Lyce and lang Nails zou amang,  
Foul Heggerbald, for Hens this will ze hang,  
Thou has a perilus Face to play with Lambs;  
A Thousand Kids wer they in Falds full strang,  
Thy Limmer Luke wald fley them and thair Dams.

XIV.

INTILL a Glen thou has, out of Repair,  
A laithly Ludge that was the Lipper Mens,  
With thee a Soutars Wyfe of Blifs as bair,  
Ze lyke twa Stalkers steils in Cocks and Hens,

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Thou pluks the Poultry, scho pulls aff the Pens.  
 All *Carrick* crys, God gin this Dowf wer drown'd;  
 And quhen thou heirs a Gusc quaik in the Glens,  
 Sweiter thou thinkst than Mattins Bell of Sound.

XV.

THOU *Lazarus*, thou laithly lein Tramort,  
 To all the Warld thou may Example be,  
 To luke upon thy gryslie pitious Port,  
 For hydious, how and holkit is thine Ee,  
 Thy Cheik bane bair, and blaikint is thy Blie,  
 Thy Chop, thy Chol, gars mony Men live chaste,  
 Thy Gane it gars us mynd that we maune die;  
 I conjure thee, thou hungert hyland Ghaist.

XVI.

THE larbar Lukes of thy lang leinest Craig,  
 Thy pure pynd Throple peilt, and out of Ply,  
 Thy skoldirt Skin, hewd lyke a Saffron-bag,  
 Gars Men dispyt thair Flesch, thou Spreit of Gy:  
 Fy! feyndly Front, Fy! Tyks Face, Fy! O Fy!  
 Ay Loungand, lyke 'a Lock-man on a Ladder;  
 Thy ghaistly Luke fleys Folks that pas thee by,  
 Lyke a deid Theif thats glowrand in a Tedder.

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XVII.

N YSE Nagus, Nipcaik, with thy Schuldern narrow,  
Thou lousy lukes, and tume of Lumis Aw,  
Hard Hurcheon, hirpland, hippit like an Harrow;  
Thy Rig-bane ratles, and thy Ribs on raw,  
Thy Hanches hurklis with Hukebanes harsh and haw,  
Thy laithly Lymms are lein as ony Treis :  
Obey, Theif Bard, or' I fall brek thy Gaw,  
Thou Carrybald, cry Mercy on thy Kneis.

XVIII.

T HOU scowry hippit, ugly Averil,  
With hurkland Banes, ay howkand throu thy Hyde,  
Leistit and crynd, as hangit Man on Hill,  
And aft beswakit with an owre hie Tyde,  
Quhilk brews richt meikle Barret to thy Bryd,  
Thir Care is all to clenge thy Cabroch Hows,  
Quhair thou lyes sawfly in Saffron back and Syde,  
Powdert with Primrose, swarmand all with Clows.

XIX.

V ORLIN Wanworth, I warn thee it is written,  
Thou skyland Skarth, thou has the Hurle behind,  
Van wraigland Wasp, mae Worms thou has beshten  
Than there is Grass on Ground or Beist on Lind;  
Tho

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Tho thou did first sic Folly to me find;  
 Thou fall again with me Witnes than I,  
 Thy Gulschoch Gane does on thy Back it bind  
 Thy whostand Hipps let neer thy Hose be dry.

XX.

THOU held the Burch lang with a borrowit Gow,  
 And an Caprowfsy barkit all with Sweit;  
 And quhen the Lads saw thee sae like a Loun,  
 They bickert thee with mony a Bae and Bleit,  
 Now upland thou lives rife on rubit Quhier,  
 Aft for ane Cause thy Burdclaith neids nae spreddi,  
 For thou has nowther for to drink or eit,  
 But like a berdless Bard that had nae Bedding.

XXI.

STRAIT Gibbons Air, that neir owrestrade a Hog,  
 Blae barefut Bairn, in bare Tyne was thou bo;  
 Thou brings the *Carrik* Clay to *Edinburgh* Cross,  
 Upon thy Boetings hobbland hard as Horn,  
 Strae Wisps hing out quhair that the Wats ar we,  
 Cum thou again to skar us with thy Straes,  
 We fall gar skale our Schulis all rhee to skorn  
 And stane thee up the Cawfsy as thou gacs.

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XXII.

THE Boys of *Edinburgh*, as the Beis out thraws,  
And ay crys out, *Heir cumis our awin quier Clerk*;  
Then fleis thou lyk a Houlat chaist with Craws,  
Quhyle all the Bitches at thy Buitings bark.  
Then Carlings cry, Keip Curches in the merk,  
Our Gallows gapes, lo quhair a graceless gaes:  
Anither says, I se him want a Sark,  
red ye Kimmer tak in your Linning Clais.

XXIII.

THEN rins thou down the Gate, with Gild of Boys;  
And all the Town-Tykes hingand at thy Heils;  
Of Lads and Lowns ther ryfes sic a Noyse,  
Quhyle Wenches rin away with Cards and Quheils,  
And Cadgers Avers cast baith Coals and Creils;  
For Reird of thee, and rattling of thy Butes.  
Fish Wyves cry fy, and cast down Skulls and skeils;  
sum clashes thee, some clods thee on the Cutes.

XXIV.

Loun lyke *Mahoun*, be boun me till obey;  
Thief, now in Greif, Mischeif fall betyde,  
Cry Grace, Tyks Face, or I thee chase and fley,  
Owl, rair and zoul, I fall defoul thy Pryde;

Peild

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Peild Gled, baith fed, and bred of Bitches Syde,  
Sae lyke a Tyke, Purspyke, quhat Man sets by thee,  
Forflitten, Sunt-bitten, besh—— barkit Hyde.  
Climb Ledder, fyle Tedder, foul Edder, I defy thee.

XXV.

MAUCH Mutton, byle Button, percht Glutton, A  
ro Hillhouse;

Rank Beggar, Oyfter-dreggar, foul fleggar in the  
Fleit;

Chitter-lilling, Ruck-rilling, Lick-schilling in the  
Mill-house :

Bawd Rehator, Thief of Nature, false Traytor  
Feynds Get,

Filling of Tauch, Rak sauch, Cry Crauch thou  
art owrefet;

Mutton Dryver, Giral Ryver, zad Skyvar foul fel  
thee;

Herityck, Lunatyck, Purspyk, Carlines Pet,

Rotten Crok, dirten Dok, cry Cok, or I fall quell thee





*Kennedies Answer to Dunbar.*

I.

**D**OTHANE Deils Son, and Dragon dispytous,  
Abirams Birth, and bred with Beliall,  
Vod Werwouf Worm, and Scorpion vennemous  
Lucifers Laid, and foul Feynds Face Infernal;  
Thou Sodomite seperate frae Saints Celestial;  
Put I not Silence to the Shiphird Knave,  
Gin thou of new begins to ryme and rave,  
Thou fall be made baith blate and bleir Eied Bestial.

II.

How thy Forbeirs are come, I have a Feil,  
Of Cockburns-Peth, the Writ makes me awar,  
Generit betwixt a scho Beir and a Deil;  
Sae he was calld *Deilber* and not *Dunbar*:  
This *Deilber* generit of a Meir of *Mar*.  
*Corspatrick* Earl of *Merch*, and be Ilusion,  
The first that eir pat *Scotland* in Confusion,  
Was that false Traytor firmly say I dare.

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III.

QUHEN BRUCE and *Baliol* differt for the Crou  
*Scots* Lords could not obey the *Inglis* Laws;  
This *Corspatrick* betrayed *Berwick* Town,  
And slew Seven thousand *Scots* within thae Wa  
The Battle syne of *Spottsmuir* he gart cause,  
And came with *Edward Langshanks* to the Fe  
Where Twelve thousand true *Scottish* Men w  
killd,  
And *Wallace* chaist, as the *Chronicle* shaws.

IV.

SCOTS Lords and Chiftains he gart hald and Chess  
In *Firmance* fast, till all the Feild was done,  
Within *Dumbar* that auld Spelunk of Treason;  
Sae *Inglis* Tykes in *Scotland* was abune;  
Then spulziet they the Haly Stane of *Scone*;  
The Cross of *Halyroodhouse*, and sic Jewells  
He birns in Hell, Body, Banes and Bowells,  
This *Corspatrick* that *Scotland* has undone.

V.

WALLACE gart cry an Counsale into *Perth*;  
And calld *Corspatrick* Traytor be his Style,  
But that damnd *Dragon* drew him in Diserth,  
And said he kend but *Wallace* King in *Kyle*,

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Out of *Dunbar* that Theif he made Exyle,  
Unto *Edward* and *Inglis* Ground again :  
Serpents and Taids and Tigers fall remain,  
In *Dunbar* Waws, Tods, Woufs and Beifts vyle.

VI.

THE Fowles of Effect, now amange thae Binks,  
Biggs nor abydes, for nothing that may be,  
By Stanes of Treason as the Bruntstane stinks,  
Of *Deilbers* Mother casten in the Se.

The Variet Aple of the forbidden Tree,  
That *Adam* eit quhen he tint Paradyce,  
Scho eit envennom'd like a Cockatryce,  
yne marriet with the Deil for Dignitie:

VII.

For of new Treason I can tell the Tales,  
That cums on Nicht by Vision in my Sleip;  
*Whbould Dunbar* betrayd the House of *Hales*,  
Because the zung Lord had *Dunbar* to keip,  
Throu that pretendand to their Rowms to creip;  
Richt crewely his Castle he purseuet,  
Brought him forth boundin, and the Place re-  
skewt,

et him in Fetters in a Dungeon deip.

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VIII.

IT were against baith Nature and gude Reason,  
 That *Deilbers* Bairns were true to GOD or Man  
 Quhilk were baith gotten, born and bred in Treas  
*Belzebubbs* Oys and curst *Corspatricks* Clan.  
 Thou was prescryvt and ordaind be Sathan,  
 Now to be born to do thy Kin Defame,  
 And gar me shaw thy Antecessours Schame,  
 Thy Kin thar lives may wary thee and ban.

IX.

SEN thou on me thus Lymmer leis and trattlis,  
 And sends sic Sentence foundit of Envy;  
 Thy Elders Banes ryse ilka Nicht and ratle;  
 And on thy Corss, Vengance, Vengance they  
 Thou art the Cause they may not rest nor ly;  
 Thou says for them few *Paters*, Salms or Cr  
 But gars me tell their Rentells and Misde  
 And thair auld Sin with new Schame certefy.

X.

INSESWAT SOW, ccis fals *Eustaces* Air,  
 And knaw, kein Scald I hald of *Alathia*,  
 And gar me not the Cause lang to declair,  
 Of thy curst Kin *Deilber* and his *Alia*;

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Cum to the Corfs on Kneis and mak a *Cria*,  
Confess thy Cryme, hald *Kennedie* thy King,  
And with a Hawthorn scourge thy sell and ding,  
Thus drie thy Pennance *dele quisti quia*.

XI.

PASS to my *Commisar* and be confest,  
Before him cour on Kneis and cum in Will;  
And syne gar *Stobo* for thy Lyfe protest:  
Renunce thy Rymes, baith ban and burn thy Bill,  
Heive to the Heaven thy Hands and hald thee still.  
Do thou not this Brigane thou fall be brint  
With Pik, Tar, Fyre, Gun-powder and Lint,  
On *Arthur-Satè*, or ony hicher Hill.

XII.

haif ambulate on *Parnaso* the Mountain,  
Inspyrt with *Hermes* frae his golden Sphere,  
and dulcely drunk of Eloquence the Fountain,  
Quhen purifect with Frost, and flowand cleir,  
And thou hast cum in *Merch* or *Februeir*;  
There till ane Pule and drunk the Padock Rude,  
That gars thee Ryme in Terms of Sence denude,  
and blaber Things that wyse Men hate to heir.



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XIII.

THOU luves nae *Erish*, Elf, I understand,  
 But it suld be all true *Scotismens* Beid;  
 It was the first gude Language of this Land,  
 And SCOTIA gart it multiplye and spreid,  
 Till *Corspatrick* that we of Treason reid,  
 Thy Fore-fader, made *Ersche* and *Erschmen* this  
 Throu his Treason brocht *Inglis* Falsouns in,  
 Sae wald thyself, might thou to him succeed.

XIV.

FULE Ignorant, in all thy Mowis and Makks,  
 It may be verryfeit thy Wit is thin,  
 Quhen thou wryts *Densmen* dryd upon the Ratts,  
*Densmen* of *Denmark* are of the Kings Kin,  
 The Wit thou suld have had was casten in,  
 Even at thy *Ersche* backward with an Staw-flun;  
 Therefore, fals Harlot Hure-son, hald thy Tun  
*Delhier* thou deives the Deil thy Einc with Din.

XV.

QUHATRAS thou says, that I steil Hens and Lamn  
 I let thee Wit I haif Land Store and Staks,  
 Thou wald be fain to gnaw Law with thy Gamn  
 Under my Burde frush Banes behind Dogs Bac

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Thy Purse its tume, I haif baith Steids and Caiks,  
Thou tint the Sok, I Coulter haif and Pleuch;  
Thy Geir and Substance is a Widdy teuch,  
On *Saltone* Mount, about thy Craig to rax.

XVI.

AND zit mount *Saltone* Gallows is owre fair,  
For to be fleyt with sic a frontles Face;  
Cum hame and hing under an Trie of *Air*,  
To eard thee under it, I fall purchase Grace,  
To cit thy Flesh the Dog fall haif nae Space.  
Ravens fall ryve naething but thy Tung Rutes;  
For thou sic Malice of thy Master mutes,  
It is weil set that thou sic barret brace.

XVII.

A small Fynance amang thy Freinds thou beggit,  
To stanche thy skorne with haly Mulds thou lost  
Thou saild to get a Dowkar for to dreggit;  
It lyes closd in a Clout on *Northway* Coast,  
Sic Revel gars thee be servt with cauld Roast,  
And aft sit supperless beyond the Se,  
Cryand at Doris, *Caritas amore DEI*,  
Breikles, Barefute, and all in Duds up doft.

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XVIII.

DEILBER has noch ado with a *Dunbar*;  
 The Earls of *Murray* bure that Surname richt,  
 That to their King ay true and constant war;  
 Of that Kin came *Dunbar* of *Westfield* Knicht,  
 That Succession is hardy, wyse and wicht;  
 And has naithing ado now with the Deil,  
 But *Deilber* is thy Kin, and kens the Weil,  
 And has in Hell for thee a Chalmer dicht.

XIX.

CURST crupand *Craw*, I fall gar crop thy Tung,  
 And thou fall cry *Cormundum* on thy Kneis,  
 Derch I fall ding thee till I gar thee dung,  
 And thou fall lick thy Lipps and sweir thou lies:  
 I fall degrad the graclefs of thy Greis,  
 Scald thee for Skorn, and scor thee af thy Sul,  
 Gar round thy Heid transform thee as a Fule,  
 And with Treason gar trone thee on the Treis.

XX.

RAWMOUD Rebald, and Ranegald Rehator,  
 My Lynage and Forbeirs war evir leil,  
 It cums aft to thy sell to be a Traytor,  
 To ryde by Nicht, to rin, to reive and steil,

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Quhen thou puts Poyson to me I appeil

Thee in that Place, and prive it on thy Person,

Claim not to Clergy, I defy thee, *Garfoun*,

Thou fall buy it deir enouch, Derch of the Deil.

XXI.

*In* *England*, Owl, sould be thy Habitation ;

Homage to *Edward Langshanks* made thy Kin,

*Into Dunbar* resauit him thy fals Nation :

They sould be exylt *Scotland* mair and myn,

Ane stark Gallows, a Widdy and a Pin :

The Heid Poynt of thy Elders Arms are

Written abune in Poyfie, Hang *Dunbar*,

Quarter and draw, and make that Surname thin.

XXII.

I am the Kings Blude, his trew and special Clerk,

That nevir zit imagind his Offence,

Constant in Mynd, in Thocht, in Word, and Wark,

Dependand only on his Excellence,

Trestand to have of his Magnificence,

Gwairdoun, Reward, and Benyfice bedein,

Quhair that the Ravins fall ryve out baith thy Ein

And on the Rattis fall be thy Residence.

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XXIII.

FRAE *Atrick* Forest forward to *Domfreife*,  
 Thou beggit with a Pardon in all Kirks,  
 Collaps, Cruds, Butter, Meil, Grots, Gryce, and Geis,  
 And undernicht quhyles thou stall Staigs and Stirks,  
 Because now *Scotland* of thy begging irks,  
 Thou shaips in *France* to be Knight of the Feild,  
 Thou has thy Clam Shells and thy Burdoun keild,  
 Ilk Ways unhonest, Wolrun, that thou works.

XXIV.

THOU may not pass Mont *Bernard* for wild Beists,  
 Nor win throw Mount *Scarpary* for the Snaw,  
 Mount *Nicholas*, Mount *Godard* thee arreists,  
 Sic Beis of Briggand blinds them with a Blaw.  
 In *Paris* with thy Master *Burreau*,  
 Abyde and be his Prentise neir the Bank,  
 And help to hang *Fripons* for half a *Frank*,  
 And at the last thy self maun thole the Law.

XXV.

THOU haltand Harlot neir a gude thou hais,  
 For Falt of Puffance, Peilor, thou may pak thee;  
 Thou drank thy Sark, and als wedset thy Clais;  
 There is nae Lord in Service that will tak thee.

A Pack of Flac-Skins Fynance for to mak thee,  
Thou fall receive at *Danskyn* of my Tailzie,  
With *de profundis* set thee and that failzie,  
And I fall send the blak Deil for to bak thee.

XXVI.

INTO the *Katherine* thou made a foul Kahute;  
For thou bedrait hir down frae Stern to steir,  
Upon her Sydes was sein that thou could schute,  
The Dirt cleaves till hir Tows this Twenty Zeir,  
The Firmament nor Firth was never cleir,  
Quhile thou, Deils Birth *Deilber*, was on the Sic,  
Ilk Saul had funkin throu the Sin of thee,  
War not the People made fae mickle Prayer.

XXVII.

QUHEN that the Schip was saynt and under Sail,  
Foul Brow in Hoil thou purpost for to pass,  
Thou schot and was not sicker of thy Tail,  
Beshait the Steir, the Compas and the Glas,  
The Skiper bad gar land thee at the Bass,  
Thou spewd and custe mony a laithly Lump,  
Faster nor all the Mariners coud pump,  
And zit thy Wame is war nor eir it was.

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XXVIII.

HAD they been sae provided of Schot of Gun  
 By Men of Weir, bot perell they had past;  
 As thou was lowfe and ready with thy Bun,  
 They neid haif tane nae towing at the last,  
 For thou could cuke a Cartful at a Cast;  
 Ther is nae Ship that thee will now resaif,  
 Faster thou fylt than Fyftensum might laife,  
 And myrd them with thy Muck to the mid Mast.

XXIX.

THROW *Ingland* theive, and tak thee to thy Fute,  
 And bo nd to haif with thee a fals Botwand,  
 Ane Horsmanshell thou call thee at the Mute,  
 And with that Craft convoy thee throw the Land;  
 Be naithing airch, but fairly tak in Hand;  
 Happen thou to be hangit in *Northumber*,  
 Then all thy Kin are well quit of thy Cumber,  
 For that maun be thy Dume I understand.

XXX.

HIE soverain Lord, let neir this sinful Sor  
 Do Schame frae hame unto zour Nation;  
 Let neir again sic an be calld a *Scot*,  
 A rotten Crok Lowfe of the Dok ther down.

Fra

Frae honest Folk devyde the laithly Loun,  
On sum wyld Desert quhair ther is no Repair,  
For fyling and infecting of the Air,  
Carry this cankert corrupt Carion.

XXXI.

THOU was consavit in the grit Eclipps,  
Ane Monster maid be grit *Mercurius*,  
Jae Hald-again or Ho is on thy Hipps,  
Infortunate, curst, false and furious,  
Ill-schreven, wan-thriven, not clein nor curious,  
A Myting for flyting, the Flurdome maist lyke,  
A crabbit, scabbit, ill-facit Messen-tyke,  
A Schit, bot Wit, schrewt and injurious.

XXXII.

GREIT in the Glaiks, gude Maister Gwiliame Gowkks,  
Maist imperfyte in Poetrie and Prose,  
All clos under the Cloud of Nicht thou coukks;  
Rymes thou of me, of Rethory the Rose!  
Lunatick Lymmar, Luschbald, lous thy Hose,  
That I may touch thy Tung with Tribulation,  
In recompensing of thy Conspiracy,  
Or turfs thee out of *Scotland*, tak thy Choice.

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XXXIII.

A Benefice quha wald gif sic a Beist,  
 But gif it wer to jingle *Judas* Bells,  
 Tak thee a Fiddle or a Flute to jest,  
 Undocht thou art, ordaind for naithing ells,  
 Thy clouted Cloak, thy Scrip and Clam-schells  
 Cleik on thy Cross, and fair on into *Franc*  
 And cum thou neir again without Mischance  
 The Feynd fair with the forward ower the Fells.

XXXIV.

CANKERT Cayne, tryd Trowane, *tute-villous*,  
 Marmadin, Mynmerkin, Monster of all Men,  
 I sall gar bake thee to the Laird of *Hillhouse*,  
 To swelly thee instead of a pullt Hen;  
 Fazart Fowmart, fostert in Filth and Fen,  
 Foul frontit Feynd, Fule upon thy Physnomy,  
 Thy Dok ay dreips of Dirt, and will not dry  
 To rume thy Tun wald tyre Carlings ten.

XXXV.

CURST Conspirator, Cockatrice, Hells Ka,  
 Turk, Trumper, Traytor, Tyranne, intemperate,  
 Thou yrefull Attercap, Pylat, *Apostata*,  
*Judas*, Jew, Janglor, lollard Lawreat,

*Sarazen*

*arazen*, *Symonite*, proud Pagan, pronunceat,  
*Mahomeit*, mansworn, Atheist abominable,  
Deil dampint Dog, in Vyce insatiable;  
Wh Gog and *Magog* greit Glorificat.

XXXVI.

RO thy Nevoy, *Goliath* thy Grandsyre,  
*Pharo* thy Fader, *Egyppa* thy Dame,  
Beir thir ar, the Cause that I conspyre  
Gainst thee, and ilka futie Deil thy Eme;  
*Selzebub* thy full Brudder he will claim  
To be thy Air, and *Cayphas* thy Sector,  
*Pluto* Heid of thy Kin and thy Protector,  
Leid the doun to Hell frae Licht and Leme.

XXXVII.

DILBEIR, thy Speir of Weir, bot Feir, thou zeild,  
Hangit, Mangit, Edder-stangit, *Stryndie Stultorum*,  
Me, maist hie, *Kennedie*, and flie the Feild;  
Picket, wicket, stricket, convickit, Lump *lullardorum*,  
Defamit, schamit, blamit, *primus Paganorum*;  
Out out, I schout upon that Snout that snevils,  
Tale-teller, Rebeller, Indweller with the Divels;  
Sink, sink, with Stink *ad Tartara termagorum*.

The merry Testament of Master Andro Kennedy,  
Maid by Master William Dunbar, when he was like to d

## I.

**I** Master Andro Kennedy,  
A curio quando sum vocatus,  
Begotten with sum Incuby,  
Or with sum Freir infatuatus;  
I cannot, Faith, tell redely,  
Unde aut ubi fui natus,  
But this in Truth I trow trewly,  
Quod sum Diabolus incarnatus.

## II.

CUM nihil sit certius morte,  
We maun all die quhen we haif done;  
Nescimus quando, vel qua forte,  
Nor blind allane wait of the Mone;  
Ego patior in pectore,  
Throw Nicht I could not sleip a Wink,  
Licet ager in corpore,  
Zit wald my Mouth be wat with Drink.

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III.

*UNC condo Testamentum meum,*

I leave my Saul for evirmair,

*er omnipotentem Deum,*

Into my Lordis gude Wyne Cellar,

*emper ibi ad remanendum,*

Till Dumesday cum without Dissever;

*onum vinum ad bibendum,*

With sweit Cuthbert that luv'd me nevir.

IV.

*PSE est dulcis ad amandum,*

He wald aft ban me in his Braith,

*et mihi modò ad potandum,*

And I forgave him laith and wraith,

*quia in Cellar cum cervisia,*

I had leur ly baith air and late,

*ludus solus in camisia,*

Than in my Lords braw Bed of State.

V.

Barrell being at my Bosom,

Of warldly Gude I bad nae mair.

*et corpus meum ebriosum,*

I leif unto the Toun of Air,

78 *Testament of Mr. Andro Kennedie.*

In a Draff Midding eir and ay,

*Ut ibi sepelire queam;*

Quhair Drink and Draff may ilka Day

*Be custen super faciem meam.*

VI.

I leif my Heart that neir was sicker,

*Sed semper variabile,*

That evermair wad flow and flicker,

*Consorti meo Jacobi;*

Thoch I wald bind it with a Wicker,

*Verum Deum renui,*

But and I hecht to tume a Bicker,

*Hoc pactum semper tenui.*

VII.

SYNE leif I the best Aucht I bochr,

*Quod est Latinum propter cape*

To my Kin-heid, but waite I nocht,

*Quis est ille, than Ichrew my Skape :*

I tald my Lord my Heid but hiddle,

*Sed mille alii hoc sciverunt,*

We wer as sib as Sive and Riddle,

*In una silva qua creverunt.*

VIII.

*UIA mea solatia,*

They wer but Leifings all and anc,

*um omni fraude & falacia,*

I leif the Maister of Sanct *Anthane,*

o *William Gray ein sine gratia,*

My ain deir Cusine, as I wene,

*ui nunquam fabricat mendacia,*

But quhen the Holand-tree grows grene.

IX.

My fenzeing and my false Winning,

*Relinquo falsis fratribus,*

or thats conform to Gods ain Bidding,

*Disparsis dedit pauperibus;*

or Mens Sauls they say and sing,

*Mentientes pro muneribus,*

ow God give them an evil Ending,

*Pro suis pravis operibus.*

X.

o Jok the Fule, my Folly frie,

*Lego post corpus sepultum,*

Faith I am mair Fule than he,

*Licet ostendo bonum multum,*

80 *Testament of Mr. Andro Kennedie.*

Of Corn and Cattle, Gold and Fie,

*Ipse habet valde multum,*

And zit he bleiris my Lordis Ee,

*Fingendo eum fore stultum.*

XI.

To Master *Johny Clerk* syne,

*Do & lego intime,*

Gods braid Maleson and myne,

*Nam ipse est causa mortis mee,*

Wer I a Dog, and he a Swyne,

*Multi mirantur super me,*

But I suld gar that Lurdane quhryne,

*Scribendo dentes sine D.*

XII.

*RESIDUUM omnium bonorum*

Rests to dispone my Lord fall haif,

*Cum tutela puerorum,*

Baith *Edie*, *Katie*, and all the laife;

In Faith I will nae langer raife,

*Pro sepultura ordino,*

On the new Gyse, sae God me saife,

*Non sicut more solito.*

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XIII.

*IN die mea sepultura,*

I will haif nanè but our ain Gång,

*Et duos rusticos de rure,*

Bearand ane Barrell on a Stang,

Drinkand and playand Cap-out evin,

*Sicut egomet solebam,*

Singand and greitand with the Stevin,

*Potum meum cum fletu miscebam.*

XIV.

will nae Priests for me shall sing,

*Dies illa dies ira,*

Nor zit nae Bells for me to ring,

*Sicut semper solet fieri,*

ut a Bag-pyp to play a Spring,

*Et unum Ale-wisp ante me,*

instead of Torches for to bring,

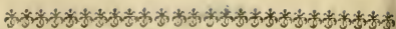
*Quatuor lagunas cervisie,*

Within the Grave to set sic Thing

*In modum crucis juxta me,*

o fley the Feynds, than hardly sing

*De terra plasmasi me.*



## *Discretion in Asking.*

### I.

**O**F every Asking follows nocht  
 Reward, but gif sum Cause wer wrocht :  
 And quhair Cause is Men weil may se,  
 And quhair nane is, it will be thocht  
 In Asking suld Discretion be.

### II.

**A**NÆ Fule, thocht he haif Cause or nane,  
 Cryis ay, Gife me, unto a Drene ;  
 And he that dronis ay lyke an Bie,  
 Suld haif ane Heirar dull as' Stane ;  
 In Asking suld Discretion be.

### III.

**S**UM askis mair than he deservs,  
 Sum askis far less than he servs,  
 Sum schames to ask, and braids of me,  
 And all without Reward he sterves ;  
 In Asking suld Discretion be.

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IV.

To ask bot Service hurts gude Fame,  
To ask for Service nane suld blame,  
To serve and leif in Beggartie,  
To Man and Maister baith is Schame;  
In Asking suld Discretion be.

V.

HE that dois all his best Servyis,  
May spill it all with Crakks and Cryis,  
And be foul Importunitie;  
For fewest Words may serve the wyis;  
In Asking suld Discretion be.

VI.

NOCHT neidfull is Men suld be dum,  
Nathing is gotin without Words sum,  
Nocht speids bot Diligence we se;  
For nathing it alane will cum;  
In Asking suld Discretion be.

VII.

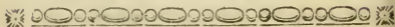
ASKING wald haif convenient Place,  
Convenient Tyme, Laifar and Space,  
Bot Haist or Preis of grit Menzie,  
Bot Heart abaist, bot Tung reckles;  
In Asking suld Discretion be.

## VIII.

SUM nicht haif (ze) with little Cure,  
 That hes aft (nay) with grit Labour  
 All for, that Tyme not byde can he,  
 And tyns baith Eirand and Honour;  
 In Asking fuld Discretion be.

## IX.

SUPPOSE the Servand be lang unquit,  
 The Lord sumtyme reward will it,  
 Gif he dois not quhat Remedie;  
 To fecht with Fortune is nae Wit;  
 In Asking fuld Discretion be.

*Discretion in Giving.*

## I.

**T**O speik of Gifts or almous Deids,  
 Sum gives for Merit, sum for Meids,  
 Sum warldlie Honour to up hic,  
 Gives aft to them that nathing neids;  
 In giving fuld Discretion be.

## II.

SUM gives for Pryd and Glory vain,  
Sum gives with Grudging and with Pain,  
Sum gives in Prattick for Supplie,  
Sum gives for twyis as gude again;  
In Giving fuld Discretion be.

## III.

SUM gives for Thank, sum Cheritie,  
Sum Money gives, and sum gives Meit,  
And sum give Words baith fair and flie;  
But Gifts frae sum can nae Man treit;  
In Giving fuld Discretion be.

## IV.

SUM gives so littil full wretchedly,  
That all his Gifts ar not set by,  
And for a Hude-pyk haldin his he,  
That all the Warld cryis on him, Fy!  
In Giving fuld Discretion be.

## V.

SUM in in his Giving is sae large,  
That all owre-laidin is his Berge,  
Throw Vyce and Prodigalitie;  
Thairof his Honour dois discharge;  
In Giving fuld Discretion be.

## VI.

SUM to the rich Man gives his Geir,  
 That nicht his Gifts richt weil forbeir,  
 Zit thoct the Pure for Falt suld die,  
 His Cry nocht enteris in his Eir;  
 In Giving suld Discretion be.

## VII.

SUM gives to Strangeris with Face new,  
 That zisterday frae *Flanderis* flew,  
 And auld Servands lists not se,  
 Wer they neir of sic grit Vertew;  
 In Giving suld Discretion be.

## VIII.

SUM gives to them can ask and plenzie,  
 Sum gives to them can fleich and fenzie,  
 Sum gives to Men of Honestie,  
 And halds all Jangelars at Disdenzie;  
 In Giving suld Discretion be.

## IX.

THAIR sum gets Gifts and rich Arrayis,  
 To sweir all that his Maister sayis,  
 Thoct all the contrair weil kens he;  
 Ar mony sic now in our Dayis;  
 In Giving suld Discretion be.

## X.

SUM gives gude Men for thair gude Kewis,  
Sum gives to Trumppers and to Schrews,  
Sum gives to schaw his Auctoritie;  
But in thair Office gude foundin few is;  
In Giving fuld Discretion be.

## XI.

SUM gives Parochines full wyde,  
Kirks of Saint *Bernard* and Saint *Bryde*,  
To teich, to rule, and to owresie,  
To sum richt skant of Grace to gyde;  
In Giving fuld Discretion be.

*Follows Discretion in Taking.*

## I.

**N**OW after Giving I speik of Taking,  
But littill of ony Gude forsaiking;  
Sum taks owre scrimp Autoritie,  
And sum owre-mekle, and that is glaiking;  
In Taking fuld Discretion be.

## II.

THE Clerks tak Benefices with Brawls,  
 Sum of Saint *Peter*, sum of Saint *Pauls*,  
 Take he the Rents, nae Cair hes he,  
 Abeit the Deil tak all thair Sauls;  
 In Taking suld Discretion be.

## III.

BARONS tak frae thair Tennants pure  
 All Fruit that grows upon the Feure,  
 In Mails and Gersomes raist owre hic,  
 And gars them beg frae Dore to Dore;  
 In Taking suld Discretion be.

## IV.

AND sum tak uther Mens Takks,  
 And on the Pure Oppression maks,  
 And nevir mynds that he maun die,  
 Quhyle that the Gallows gar him rax;  
 In Taking suld Discretion be.

## V.

SUM taks be Sic and sum be Land,  
 And nevir frae Taking hald thair Hand,  
 Till they be tyit up to a Tric;  
 And syn they gar them understand  
 In Taking suld Discretion be.

VI.

SUM wald tak all his Nichbours Geir,  
Had he of Man as little Feir,

As he hes Dreid that GOD him se,  
To tak then fould he nevir forbeir;  
In taking fuld Discretion be.

VII.

SUM wald tak all this Warlds Breid,  
And zet nocht fatisfiet thair Neid,

Throw Heart unsatiabie and greidie,  
Sum wald tak littill, and cannot speid;  
In taking fuld Discretion be.

VIII.

GRIT Men for Taking and Oppression,  
Ar sett full famous at the Session,

Quhile pure Takkars are hangit hie,  
Schamit for evir and thair Succession;

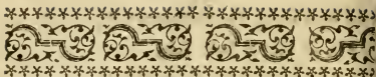
In taking fuld Discretion be.

IX.

SUM taks the Makkaris ruifing kynd,  
But a Rewaird dois nevir mynd,

Few Pairts with Pelf for Poetry,  
That gars my poutch be aft ill lynd;  
In Taking fuld Discretion be.

*The foregoing three quod Mr. W<sup>m</sup>. DUNBAR.*



*On Detraction and Deming.*

I.

**M** USING alane this hinder Nicht,  
 Of mirry Day, quhen gane was Licht,  
 Within a Garth undir a Trie,  
 I hard ane Voce that said on Hicht,  
 May nae Man now undemit be:

II.

FOR thocht I be an crownit King,  
 Zit fall I not eschew Deming ;  
 Sum calls me gude, sum says I lie,  
 Sum craifs of GOD to end my Ring,  
 Sae fall I not undemit be.

III.

BE I a Lord, and not Lord lyke,  
 Than every Pelour and Purse-pyke,  
 Says, Land wer better waird on me,  
 Thocht he dow nocht to leid a Tyke,  
 Zit can he not let Deming be.

IV.

I a Lady fresch and fair,  
Wh Gentlemen makand repair,  
When will they say baith scho and he,  
That I am japit late and air,  
Thus fall I not undemit be.

V.

I an Courtman or a Knycht,  
Chiefly cled that sets me richt,  
The prydfull Man syne call they me:  
God send them a Widdy wicht,  
That cannot let sic Deming be.

VI.

I but little of Stature,  
They call me Cative, Droich Creature,  
And be I large of Quantity,  
They call me monstrous of Nature;  
Thus can they not let Deming be.

VII.

And be I ornat in my Speich;  
The Towfey sayis I am sae streich,  
Speik not lyke thair House Menzie,  
Suppose her Mouth mifters a Leich,  
It can scho not let Deming be.

VIII. But

## VIII.

BUT wist thir Folk that uther deims,  
 How that their Saws to uthers seims,  
 Thair vicious Words and Vainity,  
 Thair trattling Tungs that all furth teims,  
 Tharis sum wald let thair Deming be.

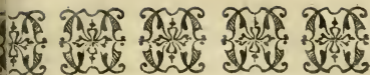
## IX.

Gude JAMES the Ferd our nobill King,  
 Quhen that he was of Zeirs zing,  
 In Sentence said full subtilie,  
*Do weil and set nocht by Deming,*  
*For nae Man fall undemit be.*

## X.

AND sae I fall with God his Grace,  
 Keip his Command into that Case,  
 Besickand ay the TRINITY,  
 In Hevin that I may haif a Place,  
 For thair fall no Man demit be.

*Quod Mr. W. DUNBAR.*



*Sons exylt by Pryde.*

I.

ONs hes bene ay exylit far out of Sicht,  
 Sen ilka Knaif was cled in silken Goun,  
 Alfare and Welth ar gane without gude Nicht,  
 And in thair Rowms remains dull Derth and Neid,  
 Pryd is amang us enterit, bot G O D s̄eid,  
 Al leird our Lords to gang now less and mair,  
 Wh silken Gouns, and Cellars tume and bair.

II.

OW a small *Barons* rich Abulzement,  
 In silkin Furrings, Chenzies and sic Geir,  
 Richt furnis Fourty into *Jack* and Splent,  
 Weil bodin at his Back with Bow and Speir  
 It wer full meit gif it happens be Weir,  
 That all this Pryd of Silk wer quyt laid down.  
 And changit in *Jack Knapska* and *Abergown*.

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## III.

WALD all the Lords lay up thair rich Arrays,  
 And gar unfulziet keip them clene and fair,  
 And weir them but on hie triumphand Days,  
 And quhen Strangers do in this Realme repa  
 They neidit not buy Silk Rayments mair,  
 This Twenty Zeir for them, and thair Successie  
 Gif sinfull Pryde nocht blindit thair Discretion.

## IV.

THAIR Men also maun be bot Smyt or Smot.  
 Frae his Caprousy be with Ribbons laist,  
 With Velvet Bord about his threid-bare Coit:  
 On Woman Wayis weil tyit about his Wait  
 His Hat on Syde set up for ony Haist,  
 For Hichtines the Culroun dois misken,  
 His awin Maister as weil as uther Men.

## V.

QUHA sinns in Pryd, does first to God Grivan  
 Quha out of Hevin to Hell gaif it a Fall;  
 Syne of himself westis fast his Substance,  
 Sae lerge, that it owrepasses his Rentall,  
 His Tennants pure he dois oppress with all;  
 His coistly Gown, with Tail sae wyde out sprec  
 His nakit Farmours gars hungry gae to Bed.

*Quod CLERI*



## *SATIRE on Covetousness.*

### I.

REIDOM, Honour and Nobillness,  
 Meid Manbeid, Mirth and Gentillness;  
 now in Court repute as Vyce,  
 all for Cause of Covetyce.

### II.

Weilfare, Welth and Wantoness;  
 hangit into Wretchedness,  
 Play is set at little Pryce,  
 all for Cause of Covetyce.

### III.

KING, Hunting and swift Horse rining,  
 hangit all in wranous winning,  
 'tis nae Play but Cards and Dyce,  
 all for Cause of Covetyce.

## IV.

HEARTY House-halding is all laid down,  
A Laird has with him but a Loun,  
That leids him after his Devyce,  
And all for Cause of Covetyce.

## V.

IN Burghs to Landwart and to Sic,  
Quhair Plefour was and grit Plentie,  
Venison Wyld-foul Wyn, and Spyce,  
Ar now decayd throw Covetyce.

## VI.

HUSBANDS that Grangis had full greit,  
Cattle and Corn to sell and eit,  
Hes now nae Beists but Cats and Myce,  
And all throw Cause of Covetyce.

## VII.

HONEST Zemen in every Toun,  
Quha wont to weir baith Red and Broun,  
Ar now arrayt in Raggs with Lyce.  
And all throw Cause of Covetyce.

A

## VIII.

AND Lairds in Silks harle to the Deil,  
For quhilk thair Tennants sald Summer Meil,  
and lives on Ruits under the Ryfs,  
and all for Cause of Covetyce.

## X.

QUHA that dois Deids of Pietie,  
and lives in Pece and Cheritie,  
is haldin a Fule, and that full Nyce,  
and all, &c.

## X.

AND quha can reive uther Mens Rowms,  
and upon pure Men gadder Sowms,  
thocht an active Man and Wyse,  
and all, &c.

## XI.

HAN, pleis thy Maker, and be merry,  
and value nocht this Warld a Cherry;  
work for a Place in Paradyce,  
for thairin rings nae Covetyce.

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## *The* CHERRIE *and the* SLAE,

*Compylt into Scottis Meeter by Captain Alexander Montgomery.*

### I.

**A** BOUT an Bank with Balmy Bewis,  
 Quhair Nychtingales thair Notis renewis  
 With gallant Goldspinks gay;  
 The Mavis, Merle, and Progne proud,  
 The Lintquhyt, Lark and Lavrock loud,  
 Salutit mirthful May.  
 Quhen *Philomel* had sweetly sung,  
 To Progne scho deplord,  
 How *Tereus* cut out hir Tung,  
 And falsly her deflourd;  
 Quhilk Story so sorie  
 To schaw hir self scho seint,  
 To heir hir so neir hir,  
 I doutit if I dreimt.

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II.

THE Cushtat crouds, the Corbie crys,  
The Coukow couks, the prattling Pyes,  
To geck hir they begin :

The Jargoun or the jangling Jayes,  
The craiking Craws, and keckling Kays,  
They deavt me with thair Din.

The painted pawn with *Argos* Eys,  
Can on his Mayock call;

The Turtle wails on witherit Tries,  
And Eccho answers all,

Repeting with Greiting,  
How fair *Narcissus* fell,  
By lying and spying  
His Schadow in the Well.

III.

I saw the Hurcheon and the Hare  
In Hidlings hirpling heir and thair,  
To mak thair Morning mange.

The Con, the Cuning and the Cat,  
Quhais dainty Downs with Dew were wat.  
With stit Mustachis strange.

100      *The Cherrie and the Slae.*

The Hart, the Hynd the Dae, the Rae,  
     The Fulmart and false Fox;  
 The Beardit Buck clam up the Brae;  
     With birrly Bairs and Brocks;  
     Sum feiding, sum dreiding  
     The Hunters subtile Snairs,  
     With skipping and tripping,  
     They playit them all in Pairs.

IV.

THE Air was sobir, saft and sweit,  
 Nae misty Vapours, Wind nor Weit,  
     But quyit, calm and clear,  
 To foster *Floras* fragrant Flowris,  
 Quhairon *Apollos* Paramouris;  
     Had trinklit mony a Teir;  
 The quhilk lyke Silver Schaikers shynd,  
     Embroydering Bewties Bed,  
 Quhairwith their Heavy Heids declynd,  
     In *Mayis* Collouris cled,  
     Sum knoping, sum droping,  
     Of balmy Liqueur sweit,  
     Excelling and smelling,  
     Throw *Phebus* hailsum Heit.

## V.

METHOCHT an heavenlie heartsum Thing,  
Quhair Dew lyke Diamonds did hing,  
Owre twinkling all the Treis,  
To study on the Flurist Twists,  
Admiring Natures Alchymists,  
Laborious bussie Bies,  
Quhair of sum sweitest Honie socht,  
To stay thair Lyves frae Sterve,  
And sum the waxie Veschells wrocht,  
Thair Purchase to preserve;  
So heiping, for keiping  
It in thair Hyves they hyde,  
Precisely and wysely,  
For Winter they provyde.

## VI.

To pen the Pleasures of that Park,  
How every Blossom Branch and Bark,  
Against the Sun did shyne,  
I pass to Poetis to compyle,  
In high heroick staitlie Style,  
Quhais Muse surmatches myne.

102      *The Cherrie and the Slae.*

But as I lukit myne alane,

I saw a River rin

Outowre a steipie Rock of Stane,

Syne lichtit in a Lin,

With tumbling and rumbling

Amang the Roches round,

Devalling and falling,

Into a Pit profound.

VII.

THROW rowting of the River rang,

The Roches founding lyke a Sang,

Quhair Das Kane did abound;

With Triple, Tenor, Counter, Mein,

And Ecchoe blew a Base betwene,

In Diapason Sound,

Set with the *C-sol-fa-uth* Cleif,

With Lang and Large at list;

With Quaver, Crotchet, Semibreif,

And not an Minum mist,

Compleitly mair sweetly

Scho fridound flat and schairp,

Nor Muses that uses

To pin *Apollo's* Harp.

VIII.

QUHA wald haif tyrt to heir that Tune,

Quhilk Birds corroborate ay abune,

With Lays of luvesum Larks,

Quhilk clim sae high in Chrystal Skys,

Quhyle *Cupid* walkens with the Crys,

Of Natures Chappel Clerks,

Quha leving all the Hevins abuve,

Allichted on the Eird,

Lo how that little Lord of Luve,

Before me thair appeird,

Sae myld lyke and Chyld lyk,

With Bow three Quarters scant,

Syne moylic and coylic,

He lukit lyke ane Sant.

IX.

ANE cleinly Crisp hang owre his Eysis,

His Quaver by his nakit Thyis

Hang in an Silver Lace;

Of Gold betwixt his Schoulders grew,

Twa pretty Wings quhairwith he flew,

On his left Arm ane Brace.

This God sone aff his Geir he schuke,

Upon the grassie Grund ;

I ran als lichtly for to luke,

Quhair Ferlies micht be fund:

Amasit I gasit

To see his Geir sae gay,

Perfaising myne Haveing,

He countit me his Prey.

X.

HIS Zouth and Stature made me stout,

Of Doubleness I had nae Doubt,

But bouëded with my Boy:

Quod I, How call they thee my Chyld,

*Cupido*, Sir, quod he, and smyld,

Please you me to imploy;

For I can serve you in your Suite,

If you please to impyre,

With Wings to flie, and Schafts to schute

Or Flamis to set on Fyre.

Mak Choice then of those then,

Or of a thousand Things,

But crave them and have them,

With that I wewd his Wings.

## XI.

QUHAT wald thou gif my Freind, *quod he*,  
To haif thir wanton Wings to flie,

To spoirt thy Sprit a quhyle;

Or quhat gif I suld lend the Heir,  
Bow, Quaver, Schafts and Schuting Geir,  
Sum Body to begyle:

That Geir, *quod I*, cannot be bocht,

Zit I wald haif it fain;

Quhat gif, *quod he*, it cost thee noch,  
But rendering all again:

His Wings then he brings then,

And band them on my Back,

Go flie now, *quod he*, now,

And sae my Leif I tak,

## XII.

I sprang up with *Cupidoes* Wings,

Quha Bow and Schuting Geir resigns,

To lend me for a Day:

As *Icarus* with borrowit Flicht,

I mountit hichar nor I nicht,

Owre perrelous ane Play;

Then

Then furth I drew that double Dart

Quhilk sumtyme schot his Mother,

Quhairwith I hurt my wanton Hairt,

In Hope to hurt ane uther:

It hurt me or burnt me,

Quhyle either End I handill;

Cum se now in me now

The Butter-flie and Candill.

• XIII.

As scho delysts into the Low,

Sae was I browdin of my Bow,

Als ignorant as scho;

And as scho flies quhyl scho be fyrt,

Sua with the Dart that I desyrt,

My Hand has hurt me to;

As fulish *Phaeton* be Sute

His Fathers Cart obtaind,

Sa langt I in Lufis Bow to schute,

Not marking quhat it meind;

Mair wilfull than skilfull,

To flie I was sae fond,

Desyring, aspyring;

And sae was sene upond.

## XIV.

Too late I knew quha hewis to Hie,  
The Spail fall fall into his Eie,

Too late I went to Schuils;

Too late I heard the Swallow preich,  
Too late Experience dois reich,

The Schuil-maister of Fuils;

Too late to fynd the Nest I seik,

Quhen all the Birds ar flowin;

Too late the Stabil-dore I steik,

Quhen all the Steids ar stowin;

Too late ay thair State ay,

All fulish Folk espy,

Behind fae, they find fae

Remeid, and fae do I.

## XV.

IF I had ryplie bene advyft,

had not raschly enterpryft,

To soir with borrowit Penns ;

or zit had sey'd the Archer-craft,

to schute my sell with sik a Schaft,

As Reason quyte miskenns:

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Frac Wilfullness gaif me my Wound,

I had nae Force to flie,

Then came I grainand to the Ground,

Freind, Welcum hame, *quod he*;

Quhair flew ze? Quhome flew ze?

Or quha brings hame the Buiting?

I se now, *quod he*, now,

Ze haif bene at the Schuting.

XVI.

As Skorne cums commonlie with Skaith,

Sa I behuift to byde them baith,

Sae flakkering was my Stait!

That undir Cure I gat sik Chek,

Quhilk I nicht nocht remuif nor nek,

But eyther flail or mait;

My Agony was fae extreme,

I fwelt and fwound for Feir,

But or I walkynt of my Dreame,

He spulzied me of my Geir;

With Flicht then on Hicht then

Sprang *Cupid* in the Skyis,

Forzetting and setting

At nocht my cairfull Cryis.

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SE lang with Sicht I followit him,  
Chyle baith my dazelit Evis grew dim  
    With stairing on the Starns,  
Chilk flew fae thick befor my Ein,  
Sn reid, sum zellow, blew, sum grene,  
    Quhilk trublit all my Harns,  
That every Thing apperit twae  
    To my barbulzeit Brain,  
E: lang nicht I ly luiking fae,  
    Or *Cupid* came again;  
    Quhais Thundering, with Wondering,  
    I hard up throw the Air,  
    Throw Cluds so he thuds so,  
    And flew I wist not quhair.

XVIII.

THEN frae I saw thar God was gane,  
Ad I in Langour left allane,  
    And fair tormentit to;  
Suntyme I sichr, quhyl I was sad,  
Suntyme I musit and maist gane mad,  
    I wist not quhat to do;

Sumtyme

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Suntyme I ravit, half in a Rage,

As ane into Dispair,

To be opprest with sic a Page,

Lord gif my Heart was fair;

Lyke *Dido*, *Cupido*,

I widdill and I warie,

Quha rest me and left me

In sic a Feirie-farie.

XIX.

THEN felt I *Curage* and *Desyre*

Inflame my Heart with uncouth Fyre,

To me befoir unknown;

But now nae Blude in me remains

Unbrunt and boyld within my Vaines,

By Luvè his Bellies blawin;

To quench it or I was devorit,

With Sichts I went about,

But ay the mair I schupe to smorit,

The baulder it brak out;

Ay preising bot ceising,

Quhyl it nicht breik the Bounds,

My Hew so furth schew so

The Dolour of my Wounds.

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With deidly Visage, pail and wan,  
As lyke Anatomy than Man,

I widdert clein away,  
As Wax befoir the Fyre, I felt  
My Heart within my Bosom melt,

And Peice and Peice decay,  
My Veines with brangling lyk to brek,  
My Punsis lap with Pith;  
My Fervency did me infek,

That I was vext thairwith :

My Heart ay did start ay,  
The fyrie Flamis to flie,  
Ay howping, throw lowping,  
To leap at Libertie.

## XXI.

O alace ! it was abusit,  
My cairfull Corps kept it incluisit,

In Presoun of my Breist;

My Sichts sae sowpit and owre-set,  
Lyk to ane Fisch fast in the Net,  
In Deid thraw undeceist.

Quha thocht in vain scho stryve by Strenth

For to pull out hir Heid,

Quhilk profits naething at the length,

But haistning to hir Deid;

With wristing and thursting,

The faster still is scho,

Thair I so did ly so,

My Death advancing to.

## XXII.

THE mair I wrestlit with the Wind,

The faster still my self I find,

Nac Mirth my Mynd nicht meise;

Mair Noy, nor I, had nevir nane,

I was sae alert and owre-gane,

Throw Drowth of my Discise:

Zit weakly as I nicht; I raise,

My Sicht grew dim and dark;

I stakkerit at the Windill-straes,

Nac Takin I was stark;

Baith sichtles and nichtles

I grew allmaist at ains,

In Angwische I langwische,

With mony grievous Grains.

## XXIII.

WITH sober Pace I did approche

Hard to the River and the Roche,

Quhair of I spak befor;

The River sic a Murmur maid,

As to the Sea it fastly flaid,

The Craig hich, stay and schoir :

Then Pleasure did me sae provok

Thair partly to repair,

Erwixt the River and the Rock,

Quhair Houp grew with *Dispaire*;

A Trie than I sic than

Of *CHERRIES* on the Bracs,

Belaw to I saw to

Ane Bus of bitter *SLAES*.

## XXIV.

THE Cherries hang abune my Heid,

Lyke twynkland Rubies round and reid,

Sae hich up in the Hewch,

Quhais Schaddowis in the River schew,

As graithly glancing as they grew

On trimbling Twistis, and tewch,

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Quhilk bowed throw burding of thair Birth,

Declyning doun thair Toppis,

Reflex of *Phebus* aft the *Firth*,

New colourit all thair Knoppis;

With danſing and glanſing,

In Tyrles dornik champ,

Quhilk ſtreimaned and leimed

Throw Lichtneſs of that Lamp.

XXV.

WITH earneſt Eie, quhyl I eſpy

The Fruit betwixt me and the Sky,

Half-gaite almaiſt to Hevin;

The Craig ſae cumberſum to clim,

The Trie ſae tall of Growth, and trim,

As ony Arrow evin:

I call'd to mynd how *Daphne* did

Within the Laurell ſchrink,

Quhen from *Appollo* ſcho hir hid

A thouſand Tymes I think;

That Trie thair to me thair,

As he his Laurell thocht,

Aſpyring, bot tiring,

To get that Fruit I ſocht.

## XXVI.

To clim the Craig it was nae Buit,  
Let be to preifs to pull the Fruit  
In Top of all the Trie;  
I saw nae Way quhairby to cum,  
Be ony Craft to get it clum,  
Appeirandlie to me :  
The Craig was ugly, stay and dreich,  
The Trie lang, found and small,  
I was affrayd to clim sa hich,  
For Feir to fetch a Fall;  
Affrayit to sey it,  
I luikit up on loft,  
Quhyls minting, quhyls stinting,  
My Purpose changit oft.

## XXVII.

THEN Dreid, with Danger and Dispair,  
Forbad my minting onie mair  
To rax abune my Reiche;  
Quhat, Tusche, quod Curage, Man go to,  
He is but daft that has to do,  
And spairs for every Speiche:

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For I haif aft hard suith Men say,

And we may see ourfells,

That Fortune helps the hardy ay,

And Pultrones plain repells;

Then feir nocht nor heir nocht;

*Dreid, Danger or Dispair,*

To Fazarts hard Hazarts

Is deid or they cum thair.

XXVIII.

Quha speids, but sic as heich aspyris,

Quha triumphs nocht, but sic as tryes

To win a nobill Name;

Of schrinking, quhat but Schame succids,

Then do as thou wald haif thy Deids

In Register of Fame :

I put the Cais thou nocht prevaild,

Sae thou with Honour die;

Thy Lyfe, but not thy Courage, faild,

Sall Poets pen of thee:

Thy Name than from Fame than

Sall nevir be cut aft,

Thy Graif ay fall haif ay

That honest Epitaff.

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QUHAT can thou losse, quhen Honour lives?

Known (thy Vertew) ay revives,

Gif valiauntlie thou end:

Quod *Danger*, Huly, Freind, tak heid,

Jntymous Spurring spills the Steid;

Tak tent quhat ze pretend:

Thocht *Courage* counsell thee to clim,

Beware thou kep nae Skaith,

Haif thou nae Help but *Hope* and him,

They may begyle thee baith:

Thysell now may tell now

The Counsell of thae Clerks,

Quhairthrow zit I trow zit

Thy Breist dois beir the Marks.

XXX.

BRUNT Bairn with Fyre the *Danger* dreids,

sa I belief thy Bosome bleids,

Sen last that Fyre thou felt:

Befyds that, seindle Tymes thou seis

That evir *Courage* keips the Keis

Of Knowledge at his Belt;

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Thocht he bid fordwart with his Guns,  
     Small Powder he provyds,  
 Be not ane Novice of that Nunnes,  
     That saw nocht baith the Syds;  
     Fule-haist ay almaist ay,  
     Owre-fails the Sicht of sum,  
     Quha huiks not, nor luiks not  
     Quhat eftirward may cum.

XXXI.

ZIR Wisdom wifches thee to wey  
 This Figure in Philosophy,  
     A Lessoun worth to leir,  
 Quhilk is in Tyme for to tak tent,  
 And not quhen Tyme is past, repent,  
     And buy Repentance deir;  
 Is thair nae Honour eftir Lyfe,  
     Except thou flay thyself,  
 Quhairfoir has *Atropos* that Knyfe?  
     I trow thou cannot tell:  
     Quha bot it wald cut it,  
     Quhilk *Clotho* skairs has spun,  
     Distroying thy Joying  
     Befoir it be begun.

XXXII.

ALL Owres ar repute to be Vyce,  
Owre hich, owre law, owre rasch, owre nyce,

Owre het or zit owre cauld;

Thou seims unconstant, be thy Signs,  
by Thocht is on a thousand Things,

Thou wats not quhat thou wald;  
et Fame hir Pitie on the poure,

Quhen all thy Banes ar brokin,  
one SLAE, suppose thou think it soure,  
May satisfie to flokkin

Thy Drouth now, of Zouth now,  
Quhilk dryes thee with Desyre,  
Aswage than thy Rage, Man,  
Foul Watter quenches Fyre.

XXXIII.

QUHAT Fule art thou to die of Thrift,  
and now may quench it, gif thou list,  
Sae easylic bot Pain;

Fair Honour is to vanquish ane  
than feicht with tensum and be tane,  
And owther hurt or flain:

The Prattick is to bring to pas,  
     And not to enterpryse,  
 And als gude drinking out of Glas  
     As Gold in ony Ways;  
     I levir haif evir  
     A Foul in hand or tway,  
     Nor sicand ten sicand  
     About me all the Day.

## XXXIV.

LUKE quhair thou licht befoir thou lowp,  
 And slip na Certainty for Howp,

    Quha gyds thee but begets.

Quod *Courage*, Cowards tak nae Cure  
 To sit with Schame, sae they be sure,

    I lyke them all the less;

Quhat Plesure purchest is bot Pain,

    Or Honour win with Eise,

He will not ly quhair he is flain,

    That douttis befoir he 'dies:

    For *Feir* then I heir then,

    But only ane Remeid,

    Quhilk latt is, and that is

    For to cut aff the Heid.

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QUHAT is the Way to heil thy Hurt?

Quhat is the Way to stay thy Sturt?

Quhat meins may mak thee merrie?

Quhat is the Comfort thar thou craivs?

Suppose thir Sophists thee defaivs:

Thou knaws it is the *Cherrie*;

en for it only thou but thrists,

The *Slae* can be nae Buit;

in it also thy Helth consists,

And in nae uther Fruit;

Quhy quaiks now, and schaiks thou?

And studys at our Stryfe,

Advyse thee, it lyes thee,

On nae less than thy Lyfe.

XXXVI.

IF any Patient wald be panst,

Quhy suld he lowp quhen he is lanst,

Or schrink quben he is schorn;

or I haif hard Chirurgians say,

oftymes defferring of a Day,

Micht not be mend the Morn,

Tak

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Tak Tyme in Time, or Tyme be tint;

For Tyme will not remain:

Quhat forces Fyre out of the Flint,

But als hard match again.

Delay not, and fray not,

And thou fall sic it sae,

Sic gets ay that setts ay, !

Stout Stomaks to the Brae.

XXXVII.

THOCHT all Beginnings be maist hard,

The End is pleland afterward;

Then schrink not for a Schowre;

Frae anes that thou thy Greining get,

Thy Pain and Travel is forzet,

The Sweit exceids the Soure;

Gae to then quicklie, feir not thir,

For *Howp* gude Hap hes hecht.

Quod *Danger* be not sudden, Sir,

The Matter is of Wecht;

First spy baith, and try baith,

Advysment does nane Ill,

I say then, ye may then,

Be willfull quhen ze will.

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But zit to Mynd the Proverb call,

*Qua uses Perrils perish fall,*

Schort quhye thair Lyfe them lasts.

Al I haif hard, *quod Howp*, that he

nevir schaip to sail the Se,

That for all Perrills casts.

Ev many throw Dispair are Deid,

That nevir Perrills preivt?

Ev many also, gif thou reid,

Of Lyves have we releivt?

Quha being evin dieing,

Bot Danger, but dispaird;

A Hunder, I wonder,

But thou hast hard declaird.

XXXIX.

Ge we twa hald not up thy Heart,

Quilk is the Cheif and noblest Part,

Thy Wark wald not gang weil,

Considering thae Companions can

Dvade a filly simple Man,

To hasard for his Heil,

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Suppose they haif defavit sum,  
                  Or they and we nicht meit;  
 They get nae Credence quhair we cum;  
                  With ony Man of Spreit,  
                  By Reasoun thair Treasoun  
                  Be us is first espyt,  
                  Reveiling thair Deiling,  
                  Quhilk dow not be denyt.

XL.

WITH fleikit Sophisms seiming sweit,  
 As all thair Doings war discreit,  
                  They wish thee to be wyse,  
 Postponing Tyme frae Hour to Hour;  
 But Faith in underneath the Flowr,  
                  The lurking Serpent lyes;  
 Suppose thou seis her not a Styne,  
                  Till that scho stings thy Fute:  
 Persaivs thou nocht quhat precious Tyme,  
                  Thy slewthing does owreschute.  
                  Allace Man! thy Case Man,  
                  In lingring I lament,  
                  Go to now and do now,  
                  That Courage be content.

## XLI.

WHAT gif Melancholy cum in,  
and get ane Grip or thou begin,  
Than is thy Labour lost;  
or he will hald thee hard and fast,  
all Tyme and Place and Fruit be past,  
And thou give up the Ghost:  
man fall be graivd upon the Stanè,  
Quhilk on thy Graif is laid,  
umtyme thair lived sic a ane;  
But how fall it be said?  
Here lyes now, but pryse now  
Into Dishonours Bed,  
An Cowart as thou art,  
That from his Fortune fled:

## XLII.

MAGYNE Man, gif thou wer laid  
in Graif, and syne micht heir this said,  
Wald thou not sweit for Schame?  
es, Faith I doubt nocht but thou wald:  
herefoir gif thou has Ene behald,  
How they wald smoir thy Fame.

Gae to and mak nae mair Excuse,

Or Lyfe and Honour lose,

And outhier them or us refuse,

There is nae uther Chose.

Consider togidder,

That we can nevir dwell,

At length ay by Strenth ay

Thae Pultrones we expell.

XLIII.

QUOD *Danger*, Sen I understand,

That Counsell can be nae Command,

I have nae mair to say,

Except gif that he thocht it good;

Tak Counsell zit or ze conclude

Of wyser Men nor they.

They are but racklefs, zung and rasche,

Suppose they think us fleid;

Gif of our Fellowship zou fasche,

Gang with them hardly beit.

GOD speid zou, they leid zou,

That has not meikle Wit.

Expell us, zeil tell us,

Heirastir comes not zit.

XLIV.

CUHYLE *Danger* and *Dispair* retyrt,  
Experience came in and speirt

Quhat all the Matter meind;  
With him came *Reason*, *Wit* and *Skill*,  
And they began to speir at *Will*,

Quhair mak ze to my Freind?  
To pluck zone lusty Cherrie loe,

Quod he, and quyte the Slae:  
Quod they, Is there nae mair ado,  
Or ze win up the Brae?

But to it, and do it,  
Perforce the Fruit to pluck,  
Weil, Brother, sum uther  
Were better to conduct.

XLV.

E grant ze may be gude aneuch;  
At zit the Hazard of zon Heuch,

Requyris ane graver Gyde;  
wyse as ze are may gae wrang;  
hairfore rak Counsail or ze' gang  
Of sum that stand befyde.

But quha war zon three ze forbad

Zour Company richt now;

Quod *Will*, three Prechours to perswad

The poyfond Slae to pow.

They trattlit and prattellit,

A lang half Hour and mair;

Foul fall them, they call them

*Dreid, Danger and Dispair.*

XLVI.

THEY are mair faschious nor of Feck,

Zon Fazards durst not for thair Neck

Clim up the Craig with us;

Frae we determinit to die,

Or else to clim zon Cherrie Trie,

They baid about the Buß.

They are conditiond lyk the Cat,

They wald not weit thair Feit,

But zit gif ony Fisch ze gat,

They wald be fain to eit.

Thocht they now, I say now;

To hazard haif nae Heart,

Zit luck we and pluck we,

The Fruit they wald haif part.

XLVII.

Our frae we get our Voyage wuin,  
They fall not than a Cherrie cun;

That wald not enterpryse;

Zeil, quod *Experience*, ze boist;

But he that counts without his Oist,

He astentymes counts twyse:

He sell the Beirs Skin on his Back,

But byde quhyle ze it get;

When ze have done, its Tyme to crack

Ze fish befoir the Net;

Quhat haist, Sir, ze taist, Sir;

The Cherry or ze pou it;

Bewar zit, ze ar zit

Mair talkative nor trowit.

XLVIII.

ALL Danger back again, quod *Skill*;

He se quhat he can say to *Will*,

We see him schod sae strait:

We may nocht trow quhat ilk ane tells;

Good *Courage* we concludit ells,

He servis not for our Maist;

For I can tell zou all perqueir

His Counsail or he cum:

*Quod Will* quhairto foud he cum heir,

He cannot hald his himdum;

He speiks ay, and seiks ay

Delay of Tyme be Drifts;

He grievis us, and deivs us,

With Sophistries and Schifts.

XLIX.

*Quod Reasoun*, quhy was he debard?

The Tale is ill may not be hard,

Zet let us heir him anis.

Then *Danger* to declair began,

How *Hope* and *Courage* took the Man,

To leid him all thair lains;

For they wald haif him up the Hill,

Bot owther Stap or Stay:

And quha was welcomer than *Will*,

He wald be formost ay;

He could do, and fould do,

Quha evir wald or nocht,

Sic speiding proceiding

Unlyklie was I thocht.

L.

HAIRFOR I wisht them to bewar,  
and rashly not to run owre far,

Without sic Gyds as ze.

Good *Courage*, Freind, I heir zou fail,  
ak bettir tent unto zour Tale,

Ze said it could not be;

esydis that ze wald not consent,

That evir we suld clim:

Good *Will* for my Pairt I repent,

We saw them mair than him;

For they are the Stayer

Of us, as weil as he;

I think now they schrink now,

Go forwart let them be.

LI.

So, go, we naithing do but gucks;

They say the Voyage nevir luks,

Quhair ilk ane has a Vote.

Good *Wisdom* gravely, Sir, I grant,

We were nae warfe zour Vote to Want,

Sum Sèntance heir I note.

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Suppose ze speak it but begets,

Sum Fruit thairin I fynd;

Ze wald be forward I confels,

And cums aftymis behynd.

It may be that they be

Defavit that nevir dourit;

Indeid, Sir, that Heid, Sir,

Has mekle Wit about it.

LII.

THE N willfull *Will* began to rage,

And sware he saw naithing in Age,

But Anger, Yre and Grudge;

And for my fell, quod he, I sweir

To quat all my Companzions heir,

Gif they admit zou Judge.

*Experience* is grown sae auld,

That he begins to rave;

The laif but *Courage* are sae cauld,

Nae Hazarding they haif;

For *Danger*, far stranger

Has made them than they war,

Gae frae then, we pray then,

That nowther dow nor dar.

LIII.

WHY may not these three leid this ane,  
led an hunder myne alane,  
Bot Counsal of them all.

grant quod *Wisdom* ze haif led;  
but I wald speir how mony sped,  
Or furdert bot a Fall.

but owther few or nane I trow,  
*Experience* can tell;

he says the Man may wyte but zou  
The first Tyme that he fell.

He kens then, quhais Penns then,  
Thou borrowit him to flee;  
His Wounds zet, that stounds zet,  
He gat them then throu thee.

LIV.

HAT, quod *Experience*, is trew;  
will flatterit him quhen first he flew;  
Will set him in a Low.

Will was his Counsell and Convoy,  
• borrow frae the blindit Boy

Baith Quaver, Wings and Bow;

Quhairwith before he seyde to shute,

He nowther zield to Zouth,

Nor zet had Neid of ony Fruit,

To quench his deidlie Drouth.

Quhilk pyns him and dwyns him

To Deid, I wate not how,

Gif *Will* then did ill then,

Himself remembers now.

LV.

FOR I *Experience* was thair

Lyke as I use to be all quhair,

Quhat Tyme he wytit *Will*

To be the Grund of all his Greif,

As I my self can be a Preif

And Witnefs thairuntill:

Thair are nae Bounds but I haif bene,

Nor Hidlings frae me hid,

Nor secret Things that I haif sene

That he or ony did:

Thairfoir now, no moir now,

Let him think to conceild;

For quhy now, even I now

Am Det bound to reveild.

LVI.

My Custome is for to declair  
The Truth, and nowther eik nor pare,  
For ony Man a Jot:  
Gif wilful *Will* delyts in Leis,  
Example in thy self thou feis  
How he can turn his Coat;  
And with his Language wald allure  
Thee zet to brek thy Bains:  
Thou knaws thy self, gif he was sure,  
Thou usd his Counsell anes,  
Quha wald zet be bauld zet,  
To wrak thee war not we,  
Think on now of zon now,  
Quod *Wisdom* then to me.

LVII.

WEIL, quod *Experience*, gif he  
Submits himself to you and me,  
I wate quhat I sould say,  
Our gude Advyse he fall not want,  
Provyding always that he grant  
To put zon *Will* away,

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And banisch baith him and *Dispair*,  
That all gude Purpose Spills;

Sae he will mell with them nae mair,

Let them twa flyte thair fills,

Sic Coissing bot Loffing,

All honest Men may use;

That Change now were strange now,

*Quod Reason*, to refuse.

LVIII.

*Quod Will*, Fy on him quhen he flew,

That poud not Cherries then anew,

For to haif stayd his Sturt.

*Quod Reason*, thocht he bear the Blame,

He nowther saw nor neidit them,

Till he himself had hurt:

First quhen he mistert not, he micht,

He neids and may now

Thy Foly quhen he had his Flicht

Empashed him to pow.

Baith he now and we now

Perfaive thy Purpose plain

To turn him, and burn him,

And blaw on him again.

LIX. *Quod*

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Quod Skill, Quhy suld we langer stryve?  
Or better late than never thryve,

Cum let us help him zit;  
Nicht Tyme we may not get again,  
The wast but present Tyme in vain,

Beware with that, quod Wit:  
Sik on, Experience, lets se,

We think ze hald ze dum,  
Of Byganes I haif hard, quod he,

I knaw not Things to cum.

Quod Reason, The Seafon  
With Slowthing flyde away,  
First tak him and mak him  
A Man gif that ze may.

LX.

Quod Will, Gif he be not a Man,  
Pray zou, Sirs, quhat is he than?

He lukes lyke ane at leif.

Quod Reason, Gif he follow thee,  
And mynd not to remain with me,

Nocht but a brutal Beist:

A Man in Schape doth not consist,  
     For all zour taunting Tales;  
 Thairfoir, Sr *Will*, I wald ze wist  
     Zour Metaphysick fails;  
     Gae leir zit a Zeir zit  
     Zour Logick at the Schulis;  
     Sum Day then ze may then  
     Pass Master with the Mulis.

## LXI.

*Quod Will*; I marvell quhat ze mein,  
 Suld not I trow my ain twa Een,  
     For all zour Logick Schulis,  
 If I did not I war not wyse:  
*Quod Reason*, I haif tald zou thryse,  
     Nane ferlies mair than Fulis;  
 Thait be mae Sences than the Sicht,  
     Quhilk ze owre-hale for Haste;  
 To wit, gif ze remember richt,  
     Smell, Heiring, Touch, and Taste;  
     All quick Things haif sic Things,  
     I mein baith Man and Beist,  
     By Kynd then, we fynd then  
     Few laks them in the leist.

LXII.

BE be that Consequens of thyne,  
Syllogism said lyke a Swyne,  
A Cow may teach thee Lair;  
Thou uses only but thyne Eies,  
Who touches, tastes, smells, heirs, and seis,  
Quhilk matches thee and mair:  
It since to triumph ze intend,  
As presently appeirs,  
For zour Clergie, to be kend,  
Tak ze twa Asses Eirs;  
Nae Myter perfyter  
Gat *Midas* for his Meid,  
That Hude Sir is gude Sir  
To hap zour Brain-sick Heid.

LXIII.

haif nae Feil for to defyne,  
Loch ze haif Cunning to declyne  
A Man to be a Mule,  
With litle Wark zit ze may vowd  
I grow a galant Horse and gude,  
To ryde thairon at Zule:

But

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But to our Ground quhair we began,

For all zour guileless Jests,

I must be Master to the Man,

But thou to brutall Beists;

Sae we twae maun be twae,

To cause baith Kynds be knawn,

Keip thyne then frae myne then,

And ilk ane use thair awin.

LXIV.

THEN *Will* as angrie as an Ape,

Ran ramping sweiring rude and rape,

Saw he none other Schift;

He wald not want ane Inch of Will,

Quhither it did him Gude or Ill,

For thirty of his Thrift;

He wald be formoist in the Feild,

And Maister gif he micht,

Yea he suld rather die than zield,

Though *Reason* had the richt:

Shall he now mak me now

His Subject or his Slaif,

Na rather, my Father

Shall quick gang to his Graif.

LXV.

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hecht him quhyle my Heart is heal,  
to perisch first or he prevail,

Cum after quhat so may:

Quod Reason, Doubt ze not indeed,  
e hit the Nail upon the Heid,

It fall be as ze say.

Suppose ze spur for to aspyre,

Zour Brydle wants a Bit,

That Meir may leif zou in the Myre,

As sicker as ze sit.

Zour Sentance, Repentance,

Sall learn zou, I believe,

And anger zou langer,

When ze that prattick prieve.

LXVI.

As ze haif dyted zour Decreit,

Zour Prophecie to be complete,

Perhaps, and to zour Pains,

Has bein said, and may be sae,

A wilfull Man wants nevir Wae,

Thocht he gets litle Gains.

But

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But sen ze think it easy Thing

To mount aboif the Mune,

Of zour awin Fidle tak a Spring,

And daunce quhen ze haif done;

If than Sir the Man Sir

Lykes of zour Mirth, he may,

But speir first and heir first

Quhat he himsell will say.

LXVII.

THE N all together they began

To say, Cum on, thou martyrit Man; |

Quhat is thy Will, advyse?

Abaifd a bony quhyle I baid,

And musd or I my Answer maid,

I turnd me anes or twyse,

Behalding ilky ane about,

Quhais Motions muvit me maist;

Sum feimd affurd, sum dred for Dout,

Will ran reid-wod for Haist,

With wringing and flinging,

For Madnes lyke to mang;

Dispair to, for Care to,

Wald neids himsell gae hang.

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WILK quhen *Experience* persavit;  
God he, Remember gif we ravit,  
As *Will* alledgt of lait,  
When that he sware he naithing saw  
Age, but Anger, flak and slaw,  
And cankert of Consait;  
Could not luck as he aledgt,  
That all Opinions speirt;  
Was sae frak and fyrie edgt,  
He thocht us four but feirt:  
Quha pansis, quhat chanfis,  
Quod he, nae Worschip wins;  
To sum best fall cum best  
That hap weil rak weil rins.

## LXIX.

, quod *Experience*, behald,  
Call the Tales that he has tald,  
How he himsell behaifs,  
Cause *Dispair* could not cum speid;  
Quhair he hangs all but the Heid,  
And in a Widdy waifs:

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Gif zou be sure anes thou may se,  
 To Men that with them mells,  
 Gif they had hurt or helpit thee,  
 Consider be themfells.

Then chuse thee to use thee,  
 By us, or sic as zone,  
 Say sone now, haif done now,  
 Mak owther aff or on.

LXX.

PERSAVES thou not quhairfrae proceedis  
 The frantick Fantasie that feids,

Thy furious flaming Fyre,  
 Quhilk dois thy bailfull Breist combuir,  
 That nane but we, quod they, can cuir,  
 Or help thy Hearts Disyre:

The persing Passion of thy Spreit

That waists thy vital Breath,  
 Has holit thy heavy Heart with Heit,  
 Desyre draws on thy Death.

Thy Puncis renouncis

All kynd of quiet Rest,

That Fever has ever

Thy Person sae oppress.

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COULD thou cum anes acquaint with *Skill*,  
He kens quhat Humors dois the ill,  
And how thy Cair contracks;  
He knaws the Ground of all thy Greife,  
And Recipies for thy Releife,  
All Medicines he maks:  
Cum on, quod *Skill*, content am I  
To put my helping Hand,  
Providing allways he apply  
To Counsell and Command;  
Quhyle we than, quod he, than,  
Ar mindit to remain,  
Gife Place now, in case now  
Thou get us not again.

LXXII.

ASSURE thyself, gif that we sched,  
Thou fall not get thy Purpose sped,  
Tak tent we haif thee tald;  
Naif done, and dryve not aff the Day,  
The Man that will not quhen he may,  
He fall not quhen he wald.

Quhat wald thou do, I wald we wist,

Accept or gife us owre:

Quod I, I think me mair than blift

To find sic famous four

Besyde me, to gyde me,

Now quhen I haif to do,

Considdering the swiddering

Ze fand me first into.

LXXIII.

QUHEN *Courage* craift a *Stamok* stout,

And *Danger* draif me into *Dout*,

With his *Companzion Dreid*:

Quhyls *Will* wald up aboif the *Air*,

Quhyls I was dround in deip *Dispair*,

Quhyls *Hope* held up my *Heid* :

Sic pithy *Refouns* and *Replys*

On ilka *Syde* they schew,

That I quha was not verie wyfe

Thocht all thair *Tales* wer trew

Sae mony and bony

Auld *Problemes* they propound

Baith quicklie and liklie,

I marveld mekle ond.

LXXIV.

IT Hope and Courage wān the Feild,  
thocht Dreid and Danger neir wald zeild,

But fled to find Refuge;

Nā, fra zou Four met, they wer fain,  
because ze gart us cum again,

They greind to get ze Juge:

Whair they wer Fugitive befoir,

Zou maid them frank and fre,

to speik and stand in Aw nae moir,

Quod *Reason*, Swa suld be:

Aft Tymes now, bot Crymes now,

But even *per Force* it falls

The Strang ay, with Wrang ay,

Put Weaker to the Walls.

LXXV.

WHILK is a Fault ze maun confess,

length is not ordaind to oppress

With Rigour, bye the richt;

on the contrair, to sustein

the waik-anes that owreburdent bein,

Als mekle as they micht.

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Sae *Hope* and *Courage* did, quod I,

Experimented lyke

Schaw skilld and pithie Resouns quhy

That *Danger* lap the Dyke.

Quod *Dreid*, Sir, tak heid, Sir,

Lang speiking Part maun spill,

Infist not, ze wist not

We went against our Will.

LXXVI.

WITH *Courage* ze wer sae content,

Ze nevir socht our small Consent,

Of us ze stude nae Aw :

Thair Logick Lessons ze allowt,

Ze wer determined to trowit,

Alledgence past for Law ;

For all the Proverbs we perusd,

Ze thocht them skantly skilld,

Our Reasons had bein als weil rûsd,

Had ze bein als weil willd

Till our Syde as zour Syde,

Sae trewlie I may term it,

We see now in thee now

Affection dois affirm it.

LXXVII.

EXPERIENCE then smyrkling smyld,  
We are na Bairns to be begyld,  
Quod he, and schuke his Heid;  
For Authors quha alledges us,  
They wald not gae about the Buß  
To foster deidlie Feid:  
For we ar equall for ze all,  
Nae Person we respect,  
We haif bene sae, ar zit, and fall  
Be found sae in Effect.  
Gif we wer as ze wer,  
We had cumd unrequyrd,  
But we now, ze see now,  
Do naithing undesyrd.

LXXVIII.

THAIR is a Sentence said be sum,  
Let nane uncalld to Counsell cum  
That welcum weins to be;  
Zea I haif hard anither zit,  
Quha cum uncaltt, unservd suld sit,  
Perhaps, Sir, sae may ze.

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Gudeman, Gramercy for zour Geck,

Quod *Hope*, and lawly louts,

Gif ze wer sent for, we suspect,

Because the Doctour douts:

Zour Zeirs now appeir now

With Wisdom to be vext,

Rejoycing in glossing,

Till ze haif tint zour Text.

LXXIX.

QUHAIR ze wer sent for, let us se

Quha wald be welcomer than we,

Pruve that, and we ar payd.

Weill, quod *Experience*, beware,

Ze ken not in quhat Case ze are,

Zour Tung has zou betrayd:

The Man may ablens tyne a Stot

That cannot count his Kinsch,

In zour awin Bow ze ar owre-schot

Be maig than half ane Inch:

Quha wats, Sir, if that, Sir,

Be sour, quhilk seimeth sweit;

I feir now ze heir now

A dangerous Decreit.

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SIR, by that Sentence ze haif sayd,  
I pledge, or all the Play be playd,  
That sum fall lose a Laike;  
Sen ze but put me for to pruve,  
Sic heids as help for my Behuve,  
Zour Warrant is but waik:  
Speir at the Man zour self, and se,  
Suppose ze stryve for State,  
Gif he regarded not how he  
Had learnd my Lesson late;  
And granted he wanted  
Baith *Reason, Wit* and *Skill*,  
Compleining and meining  
Our Absence did him ill.

LXXXI.

CONFRONT him further Face to Face,  
Gif zit he rews his rackles Race,  
Perhaps, and ze fall heir;  
For ay since *Adam* and since *Eve*,  
Quha first thy Leifings did believe,  
I fald thy Doctrine deir:

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Quhat has bein done, even to this Day

I keip in Mynd allmaist,

Ze promise furder than ze pay,

Sir, hope for all zour Haist;

Promitting, unwitting,

Zour Hechts zou nevir huiked,

I schaw zou, I knaw zou,

Zour Byganes I haif buiked.

LXXXII.

I could, in Case a Count wer craivt,

Schaw Thousands Thousands thou defaivt,

Quhair thou was trew to ane;

And by the contrair I may vaunt,

Quhilk thou maun, thocht it greive thee, grant

I trumpit nevir a Man,

But trewly tald the nakit Truth

To Men that mclld with me,

For nowther Rigour nor for Rueth,

But only laith to lie:

To sum zit, to cum zit,

Thy Suckour will be slicht,

Quhilk I then maun try then,

And register it richt.

LXXXIII.

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Ha, ha! quod *Hope*, and loudlie leuch,  
We are but a Prentise at the Pleuch,

Experience ye prieve;

Suppose all Byganes as ze spak,  
We are nae Prophet worth a Plak,

Nor I bund to believe.

We suld not say, Sir, till ze se,

But quhen ye se it say;

Fit, quod *Experience*, at thee

Mak mony Mints I may,

By Signs now, and Things now

Quhilk ay befoir me beirs,

Expressing by guesing

The Perril that appeirs.

LXXXIV.

THEN *Hope* replyd, and that with Pith,

And wyselie weyd his Words thairwith,

Sententiouſlie and ſhort:

Quod he I am the Anchor Grip

That ſaifs the Sailours and thair Ship,

Frae Perril to thair Port.

Quod

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Quod he, aft times the Anchor dryves,

As we haif fund befoir,

And lofes mony thousand Lyves,

By Shipwrack on the Shore.

Zour Grips aft, but flips aft

Quhen Men haif maift to do,

Syne leivs them and reivs them

Of thy Companzions to.

LXXXV.

THOU leif them not thy felf alane,

But to thair Grief quhen thou art gane,

Gars Courage quhat them als;

Quod *Hope*, I wald ze understude,

I grip faft gif the Grund be gude,

And fleit quhair it is false;

Ther fuld nae Fault with me be fund;

Nor I accusd at all,

Wyte sic as fuld haif plumd the Grund,

Befoir the Anchor fall,

Their Leid ay at Neid ay,

Micht warn them if they wald,

Gif they thair wald stay thair,

Or haif gude Anchor ha<sup>ld</sup>.

LXXXVI.

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Fze reid richt it was not I,  
only Ignorance quhairby  
Thair Carvells all wer cloven.  
n not for a Trumper tane,  
, quod *Experience*, is ane,  
I haif my Procefs proven,  
wit, that we wer cald ilk ane  
To cum before we came;  
at now Objection ze haif nane,  
Zour self may say the same :  
Ze ar now owre far now,  
Cum forward for to flie;  
Persave then ze haif then,  
The warst End of the Trie.

LXXXVII.

WHEN *Hope* was gawd into the Quick,  
thod *Curage*, kicking at the Prick,  
We let ze weil to wit.  
Tak he zou welcomer than we,  
Then Byganes, Byganes, fareweil he,  
Except he seik us zit:

He

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He understands his awn Estate,

Let him his Chiftains chuse;

But zit his Battill will be blate,

Gif he our Forfs refuse;

Refuse us or chuse us,

Our Counsell is he clim;

But stay he or stray he,

We haif nae Help for him.

LXXXVIII.

EXCEPT the Cherrie be his Chose;

Be ze his Freinds we are his Foes,

His Doings we dispyte;

Gif we persave him settled sae,

To satisfie him with the Slae,

His Companie we quyte:

Then *Dreid* and *Danger* grew full glad,

And wont that they had won;

They thocht all seild that they had said,

Sen they had first begun;

They thocht then they moucht ther

Without a Party pleid,

But zit thair, with Wit thair,

They wer dung down with Speid.

LXXXIX.

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As, *Dreid* and *Danger* then, quod *Wit*,

did zour fells to me submit,

*Experience* can proife.

at, quod *Experience*, I past,

air awin *Confessions* make them fast,

They may nae mair remoife;

Gif I richt remember me,

This *Maxime* then they made,

wit, the Man with *Wit* sould wey

Quhat *Philosophs* haif said;

Quhilk *Sentance* *Repentance*

Forbad him deir to buy,

They knew then how trew then;

And presd not to reply.

XC.

HOCHT he dang *Dreid* and *Danger* doun,

Zit *Courage* could not be owrecum;

*Hope* hecht him sic a Hyre;

e thocht himsell, how sone he saw

is *Enemies* were laid sae law,

It was nae *Tyme* to tyre:

He

He hit the Yron quhyle it was het,

In case it sould grow cauld;

For he esteemt his Faes defate,

Quhen anes he fand them fald;

Thoch we now, quod he now;

Haif bein sae frie and frank,

Unsocht zit he mocht zit,

For Kyndness cund us thank.

XCI.

SUPPOSE it sae as thou hast said,

That unrequyrd we proffert Aid,

At leist that came of Luve.

*Experience* ze start owre sone,

Ze naithing dow till all be done,

And then perhaps ze pruve,

Mair plain than pleasant to perchance,

Sum tell that have zou tryt,

As fast as ze zour fell advance;

Ze cannot weil denyt:

Abyde then zour Tyde then,

And wait upon the Wind,

Ze knaw Sir, ze aw, Sir,

To hald ze ay behind.

XCII.

WEN ze haif done sum duchtie Deids,  
ze suld se how all succeids,  
To wryt them as they wer:  
ad, huly, haft not half sae fast,  
quod *Experience*, at last,  
Ze buy my Doctrine deir;  
puts that Haste into zour Heid,  
Quhilk Boyls zour barmy Brain;  
beit Fulis haft cums huly Speid,  
Fair Hechts will mak Fulis fain.  
Sic Smyling begyling  
Bids feir not any Freits;  
Zit I now deny now,  
That all is Gold that gleits.

XCIII.

OSE not Silver all that shynes,  
yes a tentless Merchand tynes,  
For bying Geir begets;  
l the Vantage and the winning,  
Buyers get at the Beginning,  
Quod *Courage* nocht the less.

Quhys as gude Merchants tynes as wins,

Gif auld Mens Tales be trew,

Suppose the Pack cum to the Pins,

Quha can his Chance eschew.

Then gude Sir, conclude, Sir,

Gude Buyers haif done baith,

Advance then, tak Chance then,

As fundrie gude Ships hath.

XCIV.

QUHA wist quhat wald be cheip or deir,

Should neid to traffique but a Zeir,

Gif Things to cum were kend:

Suppose all bygane Things be plain,

Zour Prophecie is but prophane,

Ze had best behald the End;

Ze wald accuse me of a Cryme,

Almaist befoir we met,

Torment zou not befoir the Tyme,

Since Dolour pays nae Det,

Quhats bypast that I past,

Ze wot gif it was weil,

To cum zit by Dume zit,

Confess ze haif nae Feil.

XCV.

For, quod *Experience*, quhat then,  
Wha may be meitest for the *Man*,  
Let us his Answer haif;  
When they submitted them to *me*,  
*Reason* I was fain to flie,  
His Counsell for to craif.  
And he, since ze zoursells submit,  
To do as I decreit;  
Will advyse with *Skill* and *Wit*,  
Quhat they think may be meit;  
They cryd then, we byde then,  
At *Reason* for Refuge;  
Allow him and trow him,  
As Governour and Juge.

XCVI.

Then said they all with ane Consent,  
That he concludes we are content  
His Bidding to obey;  
With Authoritie to use,  
Will tak his Choice quhom he will chuse,  
And langer not delay:

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Then

Then *Reason* raise and was rejoyfd;

Quod he, myne Hearts cum hidder,  
I hope this Pley may be composd,

That we may gang togidder;

To all now I fall now

His proper Place assign,

That they heir fall say heir,

They think nane uther Thing.

XCVII.

Come on, quod he, Companzion, *Skill*,

Ze understand baith Gude and Ill,

In Phylick ze are fyne,

Be Mediciner to the Man,

And schaw sic Cunning as ze can,

To put him out of Pyne;

First gaird the Grund of all his Grief,

Quhat Sicknes ze suspect,

Syn luke quhat laiks for his Relief,

Or furder he infeck.

Comfort him, exhort him,

Give him zour gude Advyce,

And pance not, nor skance not,

The Perril nor the Pryce.

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W OCH it be cummersom quhat reck,  
And out the Cause by the Effect,  
And working of his Veins;  
Quhyle we grip it to the Grund,  
First quhat Fashion may be fund,  
To pacifie his Pains;  
Quhat ze dow to haif him haile,  
And for that Purpose preise,  
That aff the Cause, the Effect maun fail,  
Sae all his Sorrows ceise.  
His Fever fall nevir  
Frae thencefurth haif a Forfs,  
Then urge him to purge him,  
He will not wax the warse.

## XCIX.

W OTH Skill, his Sences are sae sick,  
Naw nae Liquor worth a Leik  
To quench his deidlie Drouth,  
Except the Cherry Help his Heit,  
Chais sappie Slokning sharp and sweit,  
Micht melt into his Mouth,

And his Melancholic remuve,

To mitigate his Mynd;

Nane hailfomer for his Behuve,

Nor of mair cooling Kynd.

Nae *Nectar* directar,

Could all the Gods him give;

Nor send him to mend him,

Nane lyke it I believe.

C.

FOR Drouth decayt, as it digests;

Quhy then, quod *Reason*, naithing rests,

But how it may be had?

Maist trew, quod *Skill*, that is the Scope;

Zit we matin haif sum Help of *Hope*.

Quod *Danger* I am red;

His Hastyness bred us Mishap;

Quhen he is highlie horst;

I wifs we lukit or we lap.

Quod *Wit*, that wer not warst.

I mein now convein now

The Counsell ane and all,

Begin then, call in then;

Quod *Reason*, fac I sall.

CI.

WHEN Reason raise with Gesture grave,  
elyve conveyning all the lave,

To heir quhat they wald say,

With Silver Scepter in his Hand,

As Chiftain chosen to command,

And they bent to obey.

He panted lang befor he spak,

And in a studie stude,

Myne he began and Silenſs brak,

Cum on, quod he, conclude

Quhat Way now we may now

Zon Cherrie cum to catch,

Speik our Sirs, about Sirs,

Haif done, let us Diſpatch.

CII.

WUOTH Courage, ſkurge him firſt that ſkars,

ſuch Muſing Memorie but mars,

I tell zou myne intent.

Quod Wit, quha will not partlie panſe,

In Perils periſhes perchance,

Owre rackles may repent.

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Then, quod *Experience*, and spak,

Sir, I haif sein them baith,

In Braidieness and lye aback,

Escape and cum to Skaith :

But quhat now of that now,

Sturt follows all Extreams ;

Retain then the Mein then,

The surest Way it seims.

CIII.

QUHAIR sum has furderrd, sum has faild ;

Quhair Part has perisht, Part prevaild,

Alyke all cannot luck ;

Then owther venture with the ane,

Or with the uther let alane,

The Cherrie for to pluck.

Quod *Houpp*, for Feir Folk maun not fash,

Quod *Danger* let not licht ;

Quod *Wit*, be nowther rude nor rash ;

Quod *Reason* ze haif Richt :

The Rest then thocht best then,

Q when Reason said it fac,

That roundlic and foundlic

They suld togidder gac.

CIV. To

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To get the Cherrie in all Hast,  
As for my Saffie serving maist,  
    Tho *Dreid* and *Danger* feird,  
The Perril of that irksom Way,  
Lest that thairby I sould decay,  
    Quha then sae weak appeird:  
Zit *Hope* and *Courage* hard besyde,  
    Quha with them wont contend,  
Did tak in Hand us all to gyde,  
    Unto our Journeys End,  
    Implaidging and waidging  
    Baith twa thair Lyves for myne,  
    -Provyding the Gyding  
    To them were granted sync.

CV.

THEN *Dreid* and *Danger* did appeal,  
Alledging it could neir be weil,  
    Nor zit wald they agrie;  
But said they sould sound thair Retrait,  
Because they thocht them nae Ways meit  
    Condueters unto me;

Nor to no Man in myne Estate,

With Sickneſs ſair oppreſt;

For they tuke ay the neireſt Gate,

Omitting of the beſt.

Thair neireſt perquaireſt,

Is always to them baith,

Quair they, Sir, may ſay, Sir,

Quhat recks them of your Skaith.

CVI.

BUT as for us twa now we ſweir

Be him beſolr we maun appeir,

Our full Intent is now

To haif ze hale, and always was,

That Purpoſe for to bring to paſs,

Sae is not thairs I trow:

Then *Hope* and *Courage* did atteſt,

The Gods of baith theſe Parts,

Giſt they wrocht not all for the beſt

Of me with upright Hearts:

Our Chiftain then liſtan

His Scepter did enjoyn

Nae moir thair Uproir there;

And ſae there Stryf was done.

CVII.

EBUIKING *Dreid* and *Danger* fair,  
suppose they meint weil evirmair

To me, as they had sworn;

because thair Nibours they abusit,

as swa far as they had accusit

Them, as ze hard befor.

Did he not els, quod he, consent

The *Cherrie* for to pou?

Quod *Danger*, We are weil content,

But zit the Manner how?

We fall now, evin all now,

Get this *Man* with us thair,

It rests then, ands best then

Zour Counsell to declair.

CVIII.

WEIL said, quod *Hope* and *Courage*, now

We thairto will accord with zou,

And fall abyde by them;

As befoir we did submit,

As we repeat the samyn zit,

We mynd not to reclaine:

Quhome

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Quhiome they fall chuse to gyde the Way;

We fall them follow straight,

And furdur this Man, quhat we may,

Because we haif sae hecht;

Promitting, bot flitting,

To do the Thing we can,

To pleise baith, and eise baith

This silly sickly Man.

CIX.

QUHEN *Reason* heard this, then, quod he,

I se zour cheifest Stay to be,

That we haif namd nae Gyde:

The worthy Counsell hath therfoir,

Thocht gude that *Witt* suld gae befoir,

For Perrills to provyde.

Quod *Witt*, Ther is but ane of thre,

Quhilk I fall to ze schaw,

Quhairof the first twa cannot be,

For ony thing I knaw:

The Way heir sae stey heir;

Is that we cannot clim,

Evin owre now, we four now,

That will be hard for him.

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E next, gif we gae down about,  
hyle that this Bend of Craigs rin out,  
The Streim is thair fae stark,  
al also passeth waiding deip,  
al braider far than we dow leip,  
It suld be ydle Wark :  
rows ay braider to the Sea,  
Sen owre the Lin it came,  
rinning Deid dois signifie  
The Deipness of the same :  
I leive now to deive now,  
How that it swiftly flyds,  
As sleiping and creiping,  
But Nature fae provyds.

## CXI.

R Way then lyes about the Lin,  
Quairby I warrand we fall win,  
It is fae straight and plain,  
Watter allso is fae schald,  
fall it pass, evin as we wald,  
With Plefour, and bot Pain :

For

For as we se a Mischeif grow

Aft of a feckles Thing,

Sae lykways dois this River flow

Forth of a prettie Spring;

Quhois Throt, Sir, I wot, Sir,

Ze may stap with zour Neive,

As zou, Sir, I trow, Sir,

*Experience* can preive.

CXII.

THAT, quod *Experience*, I can,

And all ze said sen ze began,

I ken to be a Truth.

Quod *Skill*, The samyn I apruve;

Quod *Reason*, Then let us remuve,

And sleip nae mair in Sleuth;

Witt and *Experience*, quod he,

Sall gae befoir a Pace,

The *Man* sall cum with *Skill* and *me*

Into the second Place;

Attowre now zou Four now

Sall cum into a Band,

Proceiding and leiding

Ilk uther be the Hand.

CXIII.

*Reason* ordert, all obèyd,  
None was owre rasch, nane was affrayd,  
Our Counsell was sae wyse,  
Of our Journey, *Witt* did note,  
I fand it trew in ilka Jot,  
God blifs the Enterpryse:  
For evin as we came to the Tree;  
Quhilk as ze heard me tell;  
Could not be clum thair suddenlie,  
The Fruit, for Rypeness, fell;  
Quhilk haisting and taisting,  
I fand my self reliev'd  
Of Cair's all and Sairs all  
That Mynd and Body griev'd.

CXIV.

PRAISE be to GOD my LORD thairfoir,  
Quha did myne Helth to me restoir,  
Being sae lang Tyme pynd;  
And blessed be His haly Name,  
Quha did frae Deith to Lyfe reclaim;  
Me quha was sae unkynd.

All Nations allso magnifie

This evirliving LORD,

Lat me with zou, and zou with me,

To laud Him ay accord;

Quhois Luve ay we pruve ay

To us abune all Things,

And kifs Him and blifs Him,

Quhois Glore eternall rings.

*F I N I S.*





## T H E

*rusting and Debate up at the Doun,  
twixt William Adamson and John Sym.*

## I.

Has grit Debate and Turnament,  
Of Truth nae Tongue can tell,  
As for a lusty Lady gent,  
Betwixt twa Frieks sae fell;  
Mars the God armipotent  
Was not sae ferfs himsell,  
Hercules, that Aiks uprent,  
And dang the Deil of Hell  
With Horns that Day.

## II. DOUBT.

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DOUBTLES was not sic duchtie Deide  
Amangst the dowfy Peirs,  
Nor zit nae Clerk in Story reids  
Of sae triumphand Weirs;  
To se hou stoutly on thair Steids  
The stalwart Knychtis steirs,  
Quhyle Bellies bair with brodding bleids  
With Spurs as scherp as Breirs,  
And kene that Day.

## III.

Up at the *Down* the Day was set,  
And fixed was the Feild,  
Quher baith thir noble Chiftains met  
Enarmit under Schield;  
They wer sae hasty and sae het,  
That nane of them wad zield,  
But to debair, or be down bait,  
And in the Quarrell kield,  
Or flane that Day.

IV.

HERE was ane better and ane worfs,  
I wald that it were wittin,  
or *William* wichtar was of Corfs  
Than *Sym*, and better knittin.  
*m* said, He set nocht by his Forfs,  
But hecht he suld be hittin,  
and he nicht counter *Will* on Horfs,  
For *Sym* was better sittin  
Nor *Will* that Day.

V.

To see the Stryfe came Zonkers stout,  
And mony a galziart Man,  
and Dainties deir was thair bot Dour,  
The Wynē on broch it ran:  
umpetts and Schalims, with a Schout,  
Playd or the Rink began,  
and equal Juges sat about  
To see quha tint or wan  
The Field that Day.

## VI.

WITH twa blunt Truncher-Speirs squair,  
 It was their Interprise,  
 To fecht with baith their Faces bair,  
 For Luv, as is the Gyse;  
 A Friend of theirs, throu hap cam thair,  
 And heard the Roumor ryse,  
 He stall away their Stings baith clair,  
 And hid in secret Wayes,  
 For Skaith that Day.

## VII.

STRANG Men of Armes and mickle Micht,  
 Wer set them for to furdur;  
 The Harald cryd, GOD schaw the richt,  
 Syn bad them go togidder.  
 Quhair is my Speir? says Sym the Knicht,  
 Sum Man go bring it hidder;  
 But wald they tarry thair all Nicht,  
 Thair Launces cam too lidder  
 And slaw that Day.

VIII.

YM flew as fery as a Fown,  
Down frae the Horfe he flaid,  
ys, He fall rew my Staff has stown,  
For I fall be his Deid.  
William his Vow plicht to the Powin;  
For Favour or for Feid,  
Is gude the Tric had nevir grown,  
Quherof my Speir was maid  
To just this Day.

IX.

HIR Vows now maid to Sun and Mune,  
They raikit baith to rest,  
hem to refresch with their Disjune,  
And aff their Armour kiest;  
ot knawing of the Deid was done,  
Quhen they suld haif fawn best,  
e Fyre was pischt out lang or Nune,  
Their Denner suld haif drest,  
And dicht up at the Down that Day.

## X.

THEN wer they movit out of Mynd,  
Far mair than of beforne,  
They wist not hou to get him pynd,  
That them had driven to Scorn:  
Ther was nae Death micht be devynd,  
But braid Aiths haif they sworn,  
He suld deir buy be they had dynd,  
And ban that he was born,  
Up at the *Down* that Day.

## XI.

THEN to *Dalkieth* they maid them boun,  
Reid-wod of this Reproaeth,  
There was baith Wyne and Venison,  
And Barrells ran on brotch.  
They band up Kyndnes in that Toun,  
Nane frae his Féir to fotch,  
For there was nowther Lad nor Loun  
Micht eat a Bakin-lotch  
For Fowness, up at *Dalkieth* that

XII.

NE after Denner raise the Din,  
And all the Toun on Steir,  
*William* was wyse, and held him in,  
For he was in a Feir.  
*m* to haif Bargain could not blin,  
But bukkit *Will* on Weir,  
ys, Gif thou wald this Lady win,  
Cum furth and break a Speir  
With me, up at *Dalkieth* this Day.

XIII.

HUS still for Bargin *Sym* abydes,  
And schoutit *Will* to Schame,  
*ill* saw his Faes on baith the Sydes,  
Full fair he dred for Blame:  
*ill* schortly to his Horfe he flydes,  
And says to *Sym* be Name,  
xter we baith were buyand Hydes  
And Wedder Skins at hame,  
Nor here, up at *Dalkieth* this Day.

## XIV.

Now is the Grume that was sae grim  
 Richt glad to live in Lie,  
 Fy, Thief, for Schame, cryes litle Sym,  
 Wilt thou not fecht with me!  
 Thou art mair large of Lyth and Lim,  
 Nor I am be sic thrie:  
 And all the Field cryd, Fy on him,  
 Sae cowardly tuke the Flie  
 For Feir, up at *Dalkieth* that Day.

## XV.

Then every Man gave *Will* a Mock,  
 And said, He was owre miek.  
 Says Sym, Send for thy Brither *Jock*,  
 I fall not be to siek;  
 For were ze foursum in a Flock,  
 I compt ze not a Lick,  
 Tho I had naithing but a Rok  
 To ga' zour Rumples reik  
 Behind, up at *Dalkieth* this Day.

XVI.

THERE was richt nocht but haif and gae,  
 With Lauchter loud they leuch,  
 Quhen they saw *Sym* sic Courage tae,  
 And *Will* mak it sae teuch:  
*Sym* lap on Horfe-back lyke a Rae,  
 And ran him till a Heuch,  
 Says, *William*, cum ryde down this Brae,  
 Thocht ze fuld brek a Beugh,  
 For Lufe, up at *Dalkieth* this Day.

XVII.

SYNE down the Brae *Sym* braid lyke Thunder,  
 And bad *Will* follow fast;  
 To Grund, for Feircenes, he did funder,  
 Be he Mid-hill had past.  
*William* saw *Sym* in sic a Blunder,  
 To gae he was agast;  
 For he affeird, it was nae Wonder  
 His Coursour fuld him cast,  
 And hurt him up at *Dalkieth* that Day.

## XVIII.

THEN all the Zonkers bad him zield,  
 Or doun the Glen to gang;  
 Sum cryd the Couard ſuld be kield,  
 Sum doun the Cleuch they thrang;  
 Sum ruſchd, ſum rumbled, and ſum rield,  
 Sum be the Bewis hic hang:  
 Thair Avers fyld up all the Field,  
 They were ſae fou and pang,  
 With Eiſe, up at *Dalkieth* that Day.

## XIX.

THEN jelly *John* came in a Jak,  
 To Field quhair he was feid it,  
 Abune his Brand a Buckler black,  
 Bail fell the Bairn that baid it;  
 He ſlipit ſwiftlv to the Slak,  
 And rudly doun he raid it,  
 Before his Curpall was a Crak,  
 Could nae Man tell quha maid it,  
 For *Laister*, up at *Dalkieth* that Da

## XX.

BE than the Bougil gan to blaw,  
For Nicht had them owretane:  
Alace, said Sym, for faut of Law,  
That Bargin get I nane.  
Thus hame with mony a Crack and Flaw  
They pass'd every ane,  
Byne partit at the *Potter-Raw*,  
And findry Gaits are gane,  
To rest them within the Toun that Nicht.

## XXI.

THIS *Will* was he beguild the *May*,  
And did hir Marriage spill;  
He promist hir to let him play,  
Hir Purpose to fulfill;  
Frae scho fell fow, he fled away,  
And came nae mair hir till;  
Quherfore he tint the Feild that Day,  
And tuke him to a Mill,  
To hyde him as a Coward false of Fay.

*Finis, quod Scot.*



## On M A Y.

### I.

**M**AY is a Month maist amene  
 For them in *Venus* Service bene,  
 To recreate their heavy Hearts :  
*May* causes Courage frae the Splene,  
 And evry Thing in *May* reverts.

### II.

IN *May* the pleasant Spray upsprings,  
 In *May* the mirthful Maveis sings,  
 And now in *May* to Maidens falls,  
 With Tymmer Wechts to trip and Rings,  
 And to play Upcoil with the Balls.

### III.

IN *May* gois Gallants bring in Symmer,  
 And trymmly occupy their Tymmer,  
 With hunt up evry Morning Plaid :  
 In *May* gois Gentlewomen gymmer,  
 In Gardens grene their Grumes to glade.

## IV.

IN May quhen Men zied everichone,  
 With Robene Haid and Littil-John,  
 To bring in Bows and birkin Bobbys;  
 Now all sic Game is fastlings gone,  
 But gif it be amangs clovin Robbys.

## V.

ABBOTTS by Rule, and Lords bot Reason,  
 sic Senzeors Tymes owerweil this Season,  
 Upon thair Vyce war lang to waik;  
 Quhen falsit Feibleness and Treason,  
 Has rung thryfs owre this Zodiack.

## VI.

IN May begins the Gowk to gail;  
 IN May Deir draw to Doun and Dale,  
 In May Men mells with Famynic,  
 and Ladys meit their Luvairs leil,  
 Quhen *Phebus* is in *gemini*.

## VII.

BUTTER, new Cheise, and Beir in May,  
 Connans, Cockles, Cruds and Whey,  
 Lapsters, Lempets, Mussels in Shells,  
 Greinleiks, and all sic Men may sey,  
 Suppose sumi of them sourly smells.

## VIII.

IN *May* grit Men within thir Bounds,  
 Sum hawks the Walters, sum with Hounds;  
 The Hares out throw the Forest catches,  
 Syne after them thair Ladeis Sounds,  
 To scent the Rynning of the Ratches.

## IX.

IN *May* frank Archers will affix  
 Anc Place to meit, syne Marrows mix,  
 To schute at Butts, at Banks and Braes,  
 At Revers sum, sum at the Prikks,  
 Sum laich and to beneth the Clais.

## X.

IN *May* Men of Amours suld gae  
 To serve their Ladies and nae mae;  
 Sen thair Relief in Ladies lyes;  
 For sum may cum in Favour sae,  
 To kifs their Luve on *Buchan* Ways.

## XI.

IN *May* gois Damofells and Dams  
 In Gardens grein to play lyke Lamms;  
 Sum at the Bars imbrace like Billers;  
 Sum rin at Barlabreiks like Rams,  
 Sum rounfd about the standing Pillars.

## XII.

IN May gois Maidens till *La Reit*,  
 And hes their Myuzecons on the Streit,  
 To horse them quhair the Gate is ruch:  
 Sum at *Inchbuckling-brae* they meit,  
 Sum in the Mids of *Musselbrugh*.

## XIII.

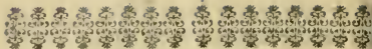
IN May and all thir Moneths three,  
 Are het and dry in thair Degrie;  
 Therefore ye wanton Men in Zouth;  
 For Health of Body now haif ze,  
 Not aft to mell with *thankles Mouth*.

## XIV.

IN evry Pastyme is at Pleasure,  
 Council you to sport with Measure,  
 And namely now *May, June* and *July*,  
 Delyt not lang in Luvers Leasure,  
 But weit your Lipps and labour huly.

Quod ALEX. SCOT.

JOHNIE



## JOHNIE ARMSTRAN

SUM speiks of Lords, sum speiks of Lairds,  
 And siclyke Men of hie Degrie,  
 Of a Gentleman I sing a Sang,  
 Sumtyme calld Laird of *Gilnockie*.

THE King he wrytes a luvyng Letter  
 With his ain Hand sae tenderly,  
 And he hath sent it to *Johnny Amstrang*,  
 To cum and speik with him speidily.

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This is the true old Ballad, never printed before, of famous *John Amstrang* of *Gilnockhall* in *Liddisdale*, a kinsman of a numerous Clan and Faction, who used to pass in Troöps to *England*, making continual IncurSIONS, making much Plunder in the bordering Parts. See an account of his being taken and executed, with many of his Followers (in his own Country, not contending with Prince at *Edinburgh*), as the vulgar Ballad falsely narrates in *Buchanan's History of JAMES the Vth*, about Year 1530. This I copied from a Gentleman's Memoir of the Name of *Amstrang*, who is the 6th Generation from this *John*. He tells me this was ever esteem'd the genuine Ballad, the common one, false.

THE *Eliots* and *Armstrangs* did convene;

They were a gallant Company,

Will ryde and meit our lawful King,

And bring him safe to *Gilnockie*.

THE *Kinnen* and *Capon* ready then,

And Venison in great Pléntry,

Will welcome Hame our Royal King,

Hope heill dyne at *Gilnockie*.

THEY ran their Horse on the *Langum Hoorn*,

And brake their Speirs with meikle main;

The Ladys lukit frae their lost Windows,

WOD bring our Men weil back again.

WHEN *Johnny* came before the King,

With all his Men sae bráve to see,

The King he movit his Bonnet to him,

He weind he was a King as well as He.

For I find Grace, my Sovereign Liege,

Grace for my loyal Men and me;

For my Name it is *Johnny Armstrang*,

And Subject of zours, my Liege, said he.

*Away*

*Away, away, thou Traytor Strang,  
Out of my Sicht thou mayst sune be,  
I grantit nevir a Traytors Lyfe,  
And now Ill not begin with thee.*

GRANT me my Lyfe my Liege, my King,  
And a bony Gift I will give to thee,  
Full Four and Twenty Milk whyt Steids,  
Were a foald in a Zeir to me.

I'll gie thee all these Milk whyt Steids,  
That prance and nicher at a Speir,  
With as mekle gude *Inglis* Gilt,  
As four of their braid Backs dow beir.

*Away, away thou Traytor, &c.*

GRANT me my Lyfe, my Liege, my King,  
And a bony Gift I'll gie to thee,  
Gude Four and twenty ganging Mills,  
That gang throw a the Zeir to me.

These Four and twenty Mills complete,  
Sall gang for thee throw all the Zeir,  
And as mekle of gude reid *Quheit*,  
As all thair Happers dow to bear.

*way, away thou Traytor, &c.*

RANT me my Lyfe, my Liege, my King,  
And a great Gift Ill gie to thee,  
uld Four and Twenty Sisters Sons,  
Sall for thee fecht tho all fould flee.

*way, away thou Traytor, &c.*

RANT me my Lyfe, my Liege, my King,  
And a brave Gift Ill gie to thee;  
l betwene heir and *Newcastle Town*,  
Sall pay thair zeirly Rent to thee.

*way, away thou Traytor, &c.*

le leid, ze leid now, King, he says,  
Althocht a King and Prince ze be;  
r I luid naithing in all my Lyfe,  
I dare well sayit but Honesty:  
t a fat Horse and a fair Woman,  
Twa bony Dogs to kill a Deir;  
t *Ingland* fuld haif found me Meil and Malt,  
Gif I had livd this hundred Zeir.

SCHOuld haif found me Meil and Malt,  
And Beif and Mutton in all Plentie;  
But neir a *Scots* Wyfe could haif said,  
That eir I skaithd her a pure Flic.  
To feik het Water beneath cauld Yce,  
Surely it is a great Folie;  
I haif asked Grace at a graceless Face,  
But there is nane for my Men and me.

BUR had I kend or I came frae Hame,  
How thou unkynd wadst bene to me,  
I wad haif kept the Border Syde,  
In spyte of all thy Force and thee.  
Wist *Englands* King that I was tane,  
O gin a blyth Man wald he be;  
For aues I slew his Sisters Son,  
And on his Breist-bane brak a Tree.

JOHN wore a Girdle about his Midle,  
Imbroiderd owre with burning Gold,  
Bespangled with the same Mettle,  
Maist beautifull was to behold.

hang nine Targats at Johnys Hat,  
 and ilk an worth Three hundred Pound,  
 it wants that Knave that a King suld haif,  
 at the Sword of Honour and the Crown.

Whair gat thou these Targats, Johnie,  
 that blink sae brawly abune thy Brieft  
 at them in the Field fechting,  
 Oher, cruel King, thou durst not be.  
 I my Horse and my Harness gude,  
 and Ryding as I wont to be,  
 wuld haif bene tald this hundred Zeir,  
 the Meiting of my King and me.

O be withee, Kirsty, my Brither,  
 lang live thou Laird of Mangertoun;  
 mayst thou dwell on the Border-Syde,  
 or thou se thy Brither ryde up and down.  
 O God be withee, Kirsty, my Sorn,  
 Whair thou sits on thy Nurses Knee;  
 and thou live this Hundred Zeir,  
 my Fathers better thoulst never be.

FARWEIL, my bonny *Gilnockhall*,  
Quhair on *Esk-syde* thou standest stout,  
Gif I had lived but seven Zeirs mair,  
I wald haif gilt thee round about.  
*John* muredred was at *Carlinrigg*,  
And all his galant Companie;  
But *Scotlands* Heart was never fae wae,  
To see fae mony brave Men die.

BECAUSE they savd their Country deir  
Frae *Englishmen*; nane were fae bauld,  
Quhyle *Johnie* livd on the Border-syde,  
Nane of them durst cum neir his Hald.





*f beidstrang Zouth ill to command,  
dwysd to keip a Hank in Hand.*

Gallants all, I cry and call,  
Keip Strenth, quhyle that ze haif it,  
repent ze fall, quhan ze are thrall,  
Frac Tyme the Dub be lavit.  
With wanton Zouth tho' ze be cowth,  
With Courage hic on loft;  
ppose great Drouth cum in zour Mouth,  
Beware drink not owre aft.

As but at List, suppose ze thrift,  
Zour Mouth at Leasure cule,  
our Mynd solist weil to resist,  
Langer lasts Zeir than Zule.

Tho ze ryd fast, cast not owre aft  
 Zour Speir into the Reist,  
 With Stuff uncóft, set upon loft,  
*Enouch is even a Feist.*

IN *Cupids* Grace suppose ze trace,  
 Thinkand zour sell abune,  
 Ze may percase cast *Daweis* Ace, !  
 And fac be lotchit fune.  
 Frae Tyme ze stank into the Bank,  
 And Drypoynt cumis in Play;  
 Ze tyne the Thank, Man, hald a Hank,  
 Or all be past away.

FRAE thou rin tume, as I presume,  
 Thou has baith Skaith and Scorn,  
 Thee to consume with Fyre allume,  
 That Bourd may be forborn.

Far in that Play, I suthly say,  
 Gude Will is not allowit;  
 Gif thou nocht may, gae Way, gae Way,  
 Then art thou all forhowit.

CONSIDDERANCE has no Luvance,

Frae thou be bair<sup>er</sup> thairben,

At that Semblance, is no Plesance,

Quhen pithles grows thy Pen.

Quhen thou has done thy Det abune,

Forfochten in the Feild,

Scho will say, fune get thee an Spune.

*Adieu*, baith Speir and Sheild.

FRAE thou inlaiks to lay on Straiks,

Frae Hyne, my Son, *adieu*;

Than thy Roum vaiks, an uther takes

That Solace to persue.

Quhyle Brauns are big, abune to lig,

Gude is in Tyme to ceise;

To tar and tig, fyn Grace to thig,

That is a pityous Preis.

THEREFORE bewar, hald the on far,

Sic Chafwair for to prys,

To tig and tar, then get the War,

It is ill Merchandyse.

200 *Advyce to a headstrong Zouth.*

Mak thou nae Vant, owre aft to hant  
In Places dern thair doun,  
Frae Tyme thou want, that Stuff is scant  
To borrow in the Toun.

Few Honour wins into that Inns,  
For shuiting at the Schells,  
Out of zour Shins the Substance rins,  
They get no Genzell Ells.  
In Tyme let be, I counsell thee,  
Use not that offerand Stok;  
When thee they see, they bleir thyne Ec,  
And mak at thee a Mok.

Tho thou suppose haif at thy Chois,  
I red thee for the Nains;  
Keip Stuff in Pose, tyne not thy hois,  
Wair not all in that wains.  
Frae Tyme scho see under thyne Ec,  
The Brawn away it munts:  
Thy Game and Glce gains nocht for thee,  
Thou maun let be sic Hunts.

FR AE thou luke cheft, *adien* that Faist,  
To hunt into that Schaw,  
Quhen on that Beist at thy requiest,  
Thy Kennets will not kaw.  
Within that Stoup frae Tyme thou sowp,  
And Wirdis to be sweir,  
And makes a Stop, when they sould hop,  
*Adien* the Thrissil deir.

THEREFORE albeit thy Hounds haif speid  
To rin owre aft let be,  
In thy maist Neid somertyme bot Dreid,  
They will rebuted be ;  
Owre aft to hound in uncouth Ground,  
Thou may tak up unbatit:  
Therefore had bound thocht scho be found,  
Or dreid thy Dogs be slaitit.

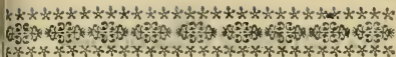
SCHO is not ill that sitteth still,  
Persewed in the Sait,  
That Beist scho will give thee thy fill,  
Till thou be even Chakmait.

Suppose thou range owre all the *Grange*,  
 And seik baith Syke and Sewch;  
 Still will scho menge, and make it strengc,  
 And give thee even eneuch.

THE WITH advyse, suppose scho ryse,  
 Laich underneth thy Fute;  
 But be thou wyse, scho will surpryse  
 Thy Hounds and them rebute.  
 In Tyme abyde, the Feilds are wyde,  
 I counsell thee, gude Bruther;  
 Ill is the Gyde that fails bot Tyde,  
 Syne rackless is the Ruthër.

HUNTERS, adieu, gif ze persue  
 To hunt at evry Beist,  
 Ze will it rew, ther is anew,  
 Thairto haif ze no Hastc.  
 With an O and an I, ze Hunters all and Sum,  
 Quhen best is Play, pass hame away,  
 Or Dreid, War after cum.

*Quod* BALNEVIS.



*The blate Luvair that fain wad,  
but fears to speik.*

## I.

**M**Y Heart is lost only for Luv of one,  
For Laik of Speich, and all for Shamefulness,  
dare not speik my Purpose to propone,  
Nor wat not how my Purpose I shall dress;  
Speik I till hir and scho be mercyless,  
And denzie not again to speik to me,  
Then haif I tint my Speiking mair and less,  
An unsped Speich had better unspoken be.

## II.

dar not speik for Dreid that scho dispyt!  
My rural Terms, and say I do but raif,  
And speik I not unto my Lady quhyte,  
Withouten Speich hir Luv I cannot haif:  
But gif I speik, quhat can I of hir craif?  
spare to speik for laik of Eloquence;  
O couth scho without Speich my Synis persais,  
wald nocht speik to hir Magnificens.

## III.

FAIN wald I speik, gif Speiking nicht avail,  
 Gif scho for Speich wald speik to me again:  
 I spare to speik for spilling of my Tale,  
 Then I my speiking spendit haif in vain:  
 To speik and speid not is an lestand Pain.  
 How fall I speik? I dare not speik for Dreid;  
 Be it gude or ill, scho speiks to me again,  
 Zit fall I speik, unspoken can noch speid.

## IV.

QUHAT fall I speik, sen I maun speik on foris  
 To hir that is of Speich maist eloquent?  
 Then I fall speik, how that my cairful Coris  
 Throw laik of Speich tholes Day and Hour Torme  
 Cause I cannot tell hir my hail Intent,  
 For want of Speich and ornat Termis plain,  
 Beseiking hir with speiking reverent,  
 That scho wald speik to comfort me again.

*Quod* STEWART

*L U V*

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## *LUVE a Leveler.*

### I.

[ LUVE pryfis, bot Comparifon,  
The Gentill and the Sempill all,  
and of Free-will gives Warefon,  
As Fortune chances to befall;  
For Luve maks nobill Ladyis thrall  
To bafier Men of Birth and Blude,  
Sae Luve gars fobir Women fmall  
and Favour with grit Men of Gude.

### II.

FIRM Luve for Favour, Feir or Feid,  
Of rich nor pure to fpeik fuld fpair;  
For Luve to Hienes hes nae Heid,  
Nor lichtlys Lawlines ane Hair,  
But puts all Perfons in compair;  
This Proverb plainly for to pruve,  
That Men and Women, lefs and mair,  
Ar cumd of *Adam* and of *Eve*.

### III. SAE

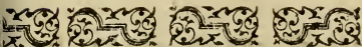
## III.

SAE thocht my Liking wer a Lady,  
 And I nae Lord, zit nocht the less,  
 Scho suld my Service fynd als redy,  
 As Duke to Dutches docht him dress;  
 For as hie Princely Luve express,  
 Is to haif Soverenitie,  
 Sae Service cums of Simpilness,  
 And lielst Luve of law Degrie.

## IV.

So Luvaris Lair no Leid suld lak,  
 A Lord to luve a sempill Lass,  
 A Lady als for Luve to tak  
 Ane proper Page hir Tyme to pass;  
 For quhy, as bricht bene birnist Brass,  
 As Silver wrocht in all Devyce,  
 And als gude drinking out of Glas  
 As Gold, thocht Gold gife gritter Pryce.

*Quod. Scot.**The*



## *The Floure of Womanheid.*

### I.

Hou Well of Vertew, Floure of Womanheid,  
 And Patroness of hevinly Patiens,  
 of Lawty baith in Word and Deid,  
 bir, serene, full of meik Eloquens,  
 ith gude and fair: To zour Magnificens.  
 commend, as I haif done befoir,  
 empill Heart for now and evirmoir.

### II.

evirmoir I fall zou Service mak,  
 , as befoir, into my Mynd I made;  
 rst I knew zour Ladyschip, bot Lak,  
 Bewtie, Zouth and Womanheid ze had,  
 houten Rest my Heart couth not evade.  
 am I zours, and ay sensyne haif bene  
 andit therto by zour twa fair Ené.

### III. ZOUR

## III.

ZOUR twa fair Ene maks me aft fyis to sing,  
 Zour twa fair Ene maks me to sich also,  
 Zour twa fair Ene maks me grit comforting,  
 Zour twa fair Ene is Wyt of all my Wo,  
 Zour twa fair Ene will not ane Heart let go  
 But links him fast that gets a Sicht of them,  
 Of every Vertew bricht ze beir the Name.

## IV.

ZE beir the Name of Gentilness of Blude,  
 Ze beir the Name, that mony for ze dies,  
 Ze beir the Name, ze are baith fair and gude  
 Ze beir the Name of every Sweit can pleis,  
 Ze beir the Name, Fortune and zou agreis,  
 Ze beir the Name of Lands of lenth and breid  
 The Well of Vertew and Floure of Womanheid



Donald Owyr's *Epitaph.*

I.

[ N Vyce maist vicious he excells,  
 That with the Vyce of Treasoun mells,  
 Thocht he Remission  
 Haif for Prodition,  
 Schame and Suspition  
 Ay with him dwells.

II.

[ E evir odious as ane Howle,  
 The Falt sae filthy is and foul,  
 Horrible to Nature  
 Is ane Traytour,  
 As Feynd in *Frater*  
 Undir a Coul.

## III.

QUHA is a Traytour or a Theif,  
Upon himsell turns the Mischeif;

His fraudfull Wylis

Himsell begylis,

As in the Ylis

Is now a Preif.

## IV.

THE fell strong Traytour *Donald Owyr*,  
Mair Falsset had nor udir four,

Round Ylis and Seis

In his Suplies,

On Gallow Treis

Zit dois he glowir.

## V.

FALSET nae Feit hes, nor Defens

Be Practick, Powir nor Pussiens,

Thocht it frae Licht

Be smoird frae Sicht,

GOD schawis the Richt

With soir Vengens.

VI.

OF the fals Fox diffimulator  
 Kynde, is ilka Theif and Traytour;  
     After Respyte  
     To mak Despyte,  
     Mair Appytyte  
         He has of Nature.

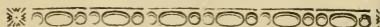
VII.

WER the Tod tane a thousand Faud;  
 And Grace him given as aft for Fraud;  
     Wer he on Plane,  
     All wer in vain,  
     Frae Henns again  
         Micht nane him had.

VIII.

THE Murtherer ay Murther mais,  
 and ay till he be flane he slays;  
     Wyvis thus mak Mokks  
     Spynand on Rokks.  
     Ay rynns the Fox  
     Quhyle he Fute hes.

*Quod* DUNBAR.



## C O M P A R I S O N E.

**T**HE Bramble growis, althocht it be obscure,  
 Quhylis Mountane Cederis tholes the bou  
 steous Winds,

And myld *Plebyan* Spirits may leif secure,  
 Quhylis mighty Tempestis tofs Imperial Myne

*The Solsequium, or the Lover co  
 pairing himself to Sun-Flowin*

## I.

**L**YK as the dum *Solsequium* with Cair owre  
 Dois sorrow, quhen the Sun gois out of Si  
 Hings doun his Heid, and droupis as deid, and  
 not spreid,

But lukis his Levis throw Langour all the N  
 Till fulisch *Phaeton* aryse with Quhip in Hand

To purge the Christal Skyis, and licht the I  
 Birds in thair Bower wait on that Hour,

And to thair King ane glade Gudemorrow  
 Frae than that Flowir lists not to lour,

But lauchis on *Phebus* lowling out his Leiv

## II.

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SWA stands with me, except I be quhair I may se  
My Lamp of Licht, my Lady and my Luve,  
Frac scho depairts, a thousand Dairts in findry Airts  
Thirle thruch my heavy Heart, bot Rest or Ruve,  
My Countenance declairs my inward Greif,  
And Howp almaist dispairs to find Relcif.  
I die, I dwyne, Play dois me pyne,  
loth on every Thing I luke, allace !  
Till *Titian* myne upon me schyne,  
That I revive thruch Favour of hir Face.

## III.

SWAE scho appeir, into hir Sphere begins to cleir  
The Dawing of my lang desyrit Day,  
Then Courage cryis on Howp to ryse, quhen he espyis  
The noysum Nicht of Absens went away ;  
No Noyis, frac I awalke, can me impesche,  
but on my staitly Stalk I flurische fresche,  
I spring, I sprout, my Leivs ly out,  
My Collour changis in ane hairtsum Hew ;  
Na mair I lout, but stand up stoue,  
as glad of hir for quhome I only grew.

## IV.

O happy Day! go not away, *Apollo* stay  
 "Thy Chair frae going down unto the West,  
 Of me thou mak thy *Zodiak*, that I may tak  
 My Pleſſour to behald quhome I luvè beſt:  
 Thy Preſens me reſtoris to Lyſe from Deth,  
 Thy Abſens lykways ſchoris to cut my Breth;  
 I wiſs in vain thee to remain,  
 Sen *primum mobile* ſays me always nay,  
 At leiſt thy Wane bring ſune again,  
 Fareweil with Patiens *per* Forſs till Day.

*Quod* MONTGOMER.



*The First* PSCHALME.

I.

W<sup>E</sup>IL is the Man,  
Zea blisit than,

Be Grace that can

Eschew ill Counsaile and the godless Gaits,

Quha walks not in

The Way of Sin,

Nor dois begin

To sit with Mokkaris in thair schamefull Saits,

But in JEHOVAHS LAW

Delyts aricht,

And studys it to knaw

Baith Day and Nicht.

That Man fall be lyke to ane Tre

That plantit by the rying River grows,

Quhilk Fruit dois beir in Tyme of Zeir,

Quhais Leivis fall nevir fade, nor Rute unlowse.

## II.

HIS Actions all  
Ay prosper fall:  
So fall not fall

To wicket Men; but as the Calf and Sand,  
Quhilk Day by Day  
Winds dryve away:  
Thairfore I say

The wicket in thair Jugment fall not stand,  
Nor Sinners cum nae mair,  
Quhome GOD dildains,  
In the Assembly quhair  
The Just remains.

For quhy? The LORD quha beirs Record,  
He knows the richteous Conversation ay,  
But godles Gaits, quhilk he so haits,  
Sall quickly perreifs, and bot Dout decay.





*The Twenty third P S C H A L M E.*

I.

**T**HE LORD maist hie,  
I knaw will be

An Hird to me,

cannot lang haif Strefs, nor stand in Neid;

He maks my Lair,

In Feilds maist fair,

Quhair I bot cair,

eposing at my Pleasure safely feid.

He sweetly me convoyis

To pleisand Springs,

Quhair naething me anoyis,

But Pleasour brings:

He brings my Mynd, fit to sic Kynd,

that Forfs or Feir of Fac cannot me grieve:

He dois me leid in perfyt Freid,

and for his Name he will me nevir leave.

II. T H O C H T

## II.

THOCHT I wald stray,

Ilk Day by Day,

In dcidly Way,

Zit will I not dispair, I feir none ill ;

For quhy thy Grace,

In every Place,

Dois me imbrace,

Thy rod and Shiphirds Cruke comfort me still.

In dispyt of my Foes,

My Tabill grows,

Thou balmis my Heid with Joy,

My Cup owreflows.

Kyndness and Grace, Mercy and Peice,

Sall follow me for all my wretched Days,

And me convoy to endless Joy

In Hevin, quhair I sall be with thee always.

*These two Pschalmes quod MONTGOMER*

*Description of Pedder Coffes  
their having no Regard to Ho-  
nesty in their Vocation.*

## I.

T is my Purpose to discryve  
This holy perfyte Genologie  
f Pedder Knaves superlatyve,  
Pretendand to Authoritie,  
That wate of nocht but Beggartie:  
e Burges Sons, prevene thir Louns,  
That wald distroy Nobilitie,  
nd bancifs it all Borrows Towns.

## II.

HEY are declarit in seven Parts,  
Ane stroppit Coffe, quhen he begins,  
y fornand all and findry Arts,  
To buy up Hens reidwod he rins;  
Syne locks them up into his Inns,  
Waiting a Derth, and sells their Eggs,  
Regretandly on them he winns,  
And secondly his Meit he beggs.

## III. ANE

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ANE Swyngcor Coffe amangst the Wyves,  
 In Landwart dwells with subtile Meins,  
 Exponand to them auld Saints Lives,  
 And fains them syne with Deid Mens Bains;  
 Like *Rome*-rakers with awsterne Grains,  
 Speikand Cur-lyke ilk'an till uther,  
 Peipand puirly with pityous Manes,  
 Lyke fenzeit *Symmie* and his Brother.

## IV.

THIR currish Coffes that fails owre fune,  
 And Thretiesum about a Pack,  
 With bair blew Bonnets and hobeld Shune,  
 And Beir Bannocks with them they tak,  
 The schamlels Shrews, GOD gie them lak;  
 At Nune quhen Merchants make guid Cheir,  
 Steil doun and ly behind a Sack,  
 Drinkand but Dreggs and barmy Beir.

## V.

KNAVATICK Coffe, miskens himsell,  
 Quhen he gets on a furrit Goun;  
 But *Lucifer* the Laird of Hell,  
 Is not less haly than that Loun;

As he cumes brankand throw the Toun,  
With his Keis clinkand on his Arme,  
That Calf clovin futed fleid Custroun,  
Vill wed nane but a Burges Bairn.

IV.

ANE Dyvour Coffe, that Worry-Hen,  
Distroys the Honnour of our Nation,  
Taks Guids a frist frae fremit Men,  
And breaks with them his Obligation,  
Quhilks dois our Merchants Defamation,  
They are reprievt for that Regratour;  
Therfore we give our Declaration  
To hang and draw that common Traytour.

VII.

A curloreous Coffe, that Hege-Scraper,  
He sits at hame quhen that they bake;  
That Pedder Brybour that Sheip-keipar,  
He tells them ilk ane Cake by Cake,  
Syne Locks them up, and taks a Faik  
Betwixt his Doublet and his Jacket,  
And eits them in the Buith that Smaik;  
Ill than he mort into a Rakket.

## VIII.

A Codroch Coffe, he is owre rich,  
 And hes nae Hap his Gude to spend,  
 But lives lyke ony warcit Wretch,  
 And trests never till take an End,  
 With Falsheid ever does him defend,  
 Proceeding still in Avarice,  
 And leaves his Saul nae gude Commend,  
 But walks a wilsome Way I wifs

## IX.

I zou exhort all that this heir,  
 And reids this Bill, ze wald it schaw  
 Unto the Provost, and him require,  
 That he would give thir Coffes the Law,  
 And banish them the Burges Raw;  
 And to the Shoe-streit gar them stien,  
 Syne cut their Lugs that we may knaw  
 Thir Pedder Knaifs be Burges Men.

*Quod* LINDSAY.

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*the fyne Advyce Jock gied his Ded,  
 wil ken quhen ze thir Lynes haif red.*

COCK, quod his Ded, quhat will me eisy make?  
 With standing my Legs tyre, and quhen I kneil  
 Kneis are pynd, ganging gars my Feit ake;  
 Myng irks my Back, and gif I sit I feil  
 My Hipps ar hurt; and lein I neir sae weil,  
 My Elbuck smarts. ----- Quod Jock, Pain to exyle,  
 ze all these eise not, best ein hing a quhyle.

## *A N S W E R.*

Thank ze, Jock, for zour Adyce,  
 My kyndly Cock, I thank ze, Jock,  
 wil have ze spoke and counchild nyce;  
 Thank ze, Jock, for zour Advyce.

*The*

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*The Ballat of the Reid-Squa  
fought on the 7th July 1576*

I.

**O**N July seventh, the Suthie to say,  
At the *Reid-Squair* the Tryft was set,  
Our Wardens they affixt the Day,  
And as they promist, sae they met:  
Allace! that Day I'll neir forzet,  
Was sure sae feird, and then sae fain,  
They came ther Justice for to get,  
Will nevir grein to cum again.

II.

*CARMICHAELL* was our Warden then,  
He causit the Countrey to convene,  
And the Laird *Watt*, that worthy Man,  
Brocht in his Surname weil be sene:  
The *Armstrangs* to that ay haif bene  
A hardy House, but not a hail;  
The *Eliots* Honours to mentain,  
Brought in the laif of *Liddisdail*.

III. I

III.

WHEN *Twidail* came to with *Speid*,  
The *Scherif* brocht the *Douglas* down,  
ith *Cranstane*, *Gladstane*, gude at *Neid*,  
Baith *Rewls-Watter* and *Hawick-Toun*.  
*Beangeddert* bauldly maid him boun,  
th all the *Trumbulls* strang and stout;  
The *Ruthersfuirds*, with grit *Renoun*,  
nvoyit the *Toun* of *Jedbruch* out.

IV.

WITH *uther* *Clanns* I can nocht tell,  
because our *Wairning* was nocht wyde,  
this our *Folk* hes tane the *Fell*,  
and plantit *Pallions* thair to byde:  
We lukit down the *uther* *Syde*,  
saw cum breisting owre the *Brae*,  
nd *Sr George Foster* was thair *Gyde*,  
n *Fyftene* hundrid *Men* and *mac*.

V.

greivt him fair that *Day* I trow,  
ith *Sr John Hinrome* of *Schipsydehouse*,  
ause we wer not *Men* enow,  
counted us not worth a *Soufe*;

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Sr George was gentill, meik and douse,  
But he was hail, and het as Fyre;

But zit, for all his Cracking crouse,  
He rewd the Raid of the *Reid-squyre*.

VI.

To deil with proud Men is but Pain,

For ether ze maun fight or fle,

Or els nae Answer mak again,

But play the Beist, and let him be.

It was nae Wondir tho he was hie,  
Had *Tyndall*, *Redsdaile* at his Hand,

With *Cucksdaile*, *Gladfdaile* on the Lie,  
*Auld Hebfrime* and *Northumberland*.

VII.

ZIT was our Meiting meik enough,

Begun with Mirrines and Mows,

And at the Brae abune the Heugh

The Clerk sat down to call the Rows,

And sum for Ky and sum for Ewis,

Callit in of *Dandrie*, *Hob* and *Jock*,

I saw cum merching owre the Knows,  
Fyve hundred *Fennicks* in a Flock.

VIII.

WITH Jack and Speir, and Bowis all bent,  
And warlick Weaponis at thair Will;  
Howbeit we wer not weil content,  
Zit be my Trowth we feird nae Ill:  
Sum zeid to drink, and sum stude still,  
And sum to Cairds and Dyce them sped,  
Quhyle on ane Farstein they fyld a Bill,  
And he was Fugitive that fled.

IX.

CARMICHAELL bad them speik out plainly,  
And cloke nae Cause for Ill nor Gude,  
The uther answering him full vainly,  
Begouth to reckon Kin and Blude.

He raise and raxd him quhair he stude,  
And bad him match him with his Marrows:  
Then Tyndall hard these Resouns rude,  
And they lute aff a Flicht of Arrows.

X.

THEN was ther nocht but Bow and Speir,  
And ilka Man pullit out ane Brand,  
A Schaften and a Fennick their,  
Gude Symmingtoun was slain frae Hand.

The *Scotismen* cryd on uther to stand,  
 Frae Tyme they saw *John Robson* slain:

Quhat suld they cry! The Kings Command  
 Culd cause nae Cowards turn again.

## XI.

UP raise the Laird to red the Cumber,  
 Quhilk wald not be for all his Boist,  
 Quhat suld we do with sic a Number,  
 Fyve thousand Men into ane Hoist?

Then *Henrie Purdie* proud hes cost,  
 And vetie narrowlie had mischeifd him,  
 And ther we had our *Warden* lost,  
 Wart not the grit GOD he releivd him.

## XII.

ANE uther throw the Breiks him bair,  
 Quhyle flatlines to the Ground he fell:  
 Then thocht I, we had lost him thair,  
 Into my Heart it struk a Knell;  
 Zit up he raise, the Truth to tell,  
 And laid about him Dunts full dour,  
 His Horsemen they faucht stout and snell,  
 And stude about him in the Stour.

## XIII. THEN

XIII.

THEN raifd the Slogan with ane Schout,  
Fy, Tyndall to it, Jedbrugh heir :  
[ trow he was not half fae stout,  
But anes his Stomak was a Steir,  
With Gun and Genzie, Bow and Speir,  
He micht se mony a crackit Crown,  
But up amang the Merchant Geir  
The Buffie wer as we were down.

XIV.

THE Swallow-tail frae Teckles flew,  
Fyve hundred slain into the Flicht,  
ut we had Pestellets anew,  
And schot among them as we micht.  
With Help of GOD the Game gade richt,  
rae Tyme the foremost of them fell;  
Hynd owre the Know, without Gude-nicht,  
hey ran with mony a Schout and Zell.

XV.

ND after they had turned Backs,  
Zit Tyndall Men they turnd again,  
nd had not bene the Merchant Packs,  
There had bene mae of Scotland slain:

230 *The Ballat of the Reid-Squair.*

But JESU gif the Folk was fain  
To put the Buffing on thair Theis,  
And sae they fled with all thair Main,  
Down owre the Brae lyke clogged Beis.

XVI.

SR *Francis Russell* tane was thair,  
And hurt, as we heir Men reherse;  
Proud *Wallingtoun* was woundit fair,  
Albeit he was a *Fennick* ferfs.  
But gif ze wald a Souldier serche  
Amang them all was tane that Nicht,  
Was nane sae wordie of our Verse  
As *Colingwood* that courteous Knicht.

XVII.

ZUNG *Henrie* skapit Hame, is hurt,  
A Souldier Ichot him with a Bow,  
*Scotland* has Cause to mak grit Sturt,  
For laiming of the Laird of *Mow*.  
The Laird *Watt* did weil indeid,  
His Friends stude stoutly by himsell,  
With litle *Gladstane*, gude in Neid,  
For *Gretein* kend not Gude be Ill.

XVIII.

THE *Scheriff* wantit not Gude-will,  
Howbeit he nicht not sicht fac fast:  
*Beanjeadart*, *Hundlie* and *Hunthill*,  
Three, on they laid weil at the last,  
Exept the Horse-men of the Gaird;  
If I could put Men to Avail,  
Nane stoutlier stude out for thair Laird,  
Nor did the Lads of *Liddisdail*.

XIX.

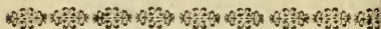
BUT litle Harnise had we thair,  
But auld *Badrule* had on a Jack,  
And did richt weil, I zou declair,  
With all the *Trumbulls* at his Back.  
Gude *Ederstane* was not to lack,  
With *Kirktown*, *Newtown*, Nobill-men;  
Thir is all the Specials I haif spak,  
Forby them that I could nocht ken.

XX.

QUHA did invent that Day of Play,  
We neid nocht feir to find him sune,  
For Sr *John Foster*, I dare weil say,  
Maid us that noysome Afternune:

232 *The Eagle and Robin Red-breist.*

Not that I speik preceisly out,  
That he supposd it wald be Perrill,  
But Pryde and breaking out, but Dout,  
Gart Tyndall Lads begin the Quarrell.



T H E

*Eagle and Robin Red-breist.*

**T**H E Prince of all the fethert Kynd,  
That with spred Wings out fleis the Wind  
And tours far out of humane Sicht  
To view the schynand Orb of Licht :  
This Ryall *Bird*, tho braif and great,  
And armit strang for stern Debait,  
Nae Tyrant is but condescends  
Aftymes to treit inferiour Friends.

A NE Day at his Command did flock  
To his hię Palace on a Rock,  
The Courtiers of ilk various Syze  
That swiftly swim in Chrystal Skyis;

Thithera

*The Eagle and Robin Red-breist.* 233

Thither the valiant *Tersals* doup,  
And heir rapacious *Corbies* croup,  
With greidy *Gleds* and slie *Gormaks*,  
And dinfome *Pyis* and clatterin *Daws*;  
Proud *Pecoeks*, and a hundred mae,  
Gruscht up thair Pens that solemn Day,  
Coward first submissive to my Lord,  
Then tuke thair Places at his Borde.

MEIN Tyme quhyle feisting on a Fawn,  
And drinking Blude frae *Lamies* drawn,  
A tunefull *Robin* trig and zung,  
Hard by upon a Bour-tree sung.  
He sang the *Eagles* Ryall Lyne,  
His perling Ee and Richt divyne,  
To sway out owre the fetherit Thrang,  
Quha dreid his martial Bill and fang:  
His Flicht sublime, and Eild renewit,  
His Mynd with Clemencie endewit;  
A faster Notes he sang his Luve,  
Fair hie his beiring Bolts for Jove.

THE Monarch *Bird* with Blythness hard  
 The chaunting litil *Silvan Bard*,  
 Calit up a *Buzart*, quha was than  
 His Favourite and Chamberlane.  
 Swith to my Treasury, quod he,  
 And to zon canty *Robin* gie  
 As mekle of our currant Geir  
 As may mentain him throw the Zeir;  
 We can weil spairt, and its his Due,  
 He bad, and furth the *Judas* flew,  
 Straight to the Brench quhair *Robin* fung,  
 And with a wickit lieand Tung,  
 Said, Ah! ze sing sae dull and ruch,  
 Ze haif deivt our Lugs mair than enuch,  
 His *Majestie* hes a nyse Eir,  
 And nae mair of zour Stuff can beir;  
 Poke up zour Pypes, be nae mair sene  
 At Court, I warn ze as a Frein.

HE spak, quhyle *Robinis* swelling Breist,  
 And drouping Wings his Greif,

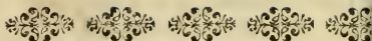
*The Eagle and Robin Red-breist.* 235

His Teirs ran happing doun his Cheik,  
As he grew his Hairt, he coud nocht speik,  
For the Tinsell of Rewaird,  
That his Notis met nae Regaird;  
Naicht to the Schaw he spred his Wing,  
Solvit again nae mair to sing,  
Whair Princelie Bountie is supprest,  
Sic with quhome they ar opprest,  
Wha cannot beir (because they want it)  
That ocht suld be to Merit grantit.

*Quod AR. SCOT.*



*Hay*



*Hay Trix, Tryme go Trix.*

I.

**T**HE Paip, that Pagane full of Pryde,  
 He hes us blindit lang,  
 For quhair the blind the blind dois gyde,  
 Na Wonder thay ga wrang:  
 Lyke Princee and King he led the Ring  
 Of all Iniquitie,  
 Hay Trix, Tryme go Trix, under the Grene Wod-Trix

II.

**B**OT his Abhominatioun  
 The LORD hes brocht to Licht,  
 His Popische Pryde and thrinfald Crowne  
 Almaist hes lost thair Micht.  
 His Plak Pardounis ar but Lardounis,  
 Of new found Vanitie,  
 Hay Trix, Tryme go Trix, &c.

III.

As Cardinallis hes Caus to murne,  
His Bischoppis borne aback;  
As Abbotis gat ane uncouth Turne,  
Quhen Schavelingis went to sack,  
th Burges Wyfis thay led thair Lyvis,  
And fure better nor we,  
Trix, Tryme go Trix, &c.

IV.

As Carmelites and Jacobinis,  
His Dominiks had greit Do,  
Cordeleiris and Augustinis,  
anct Frances Ordour to;  
ay fillie Freiris, mony Zeiris,  
With babling blerit our Ee,  
Trix, Tryme go Trix, &c.

V.

As Sisteris gray, befoir this Day,  
wid crune within thair Cloister,  
ay feit ane Freir thair Keyis to beir,  
the Feind reslave the Foster;  
ye in the Mirk sa weill culd wirk,  
and kittil them wantounlie,  
Trix, Tryme go Trix, &c.

238 *Hay Trix, Tryme go Trix.*

VI.

THE blind Bischop he culd nocht præiche,

For playing with the Lassis;

The syllic Freir behuffit to fleiche,

For Almous that he assis;

The Curat his Creid he culd nocht reid,

Schame fall the Cumpanie,

Hay Trix, Tryme go Trix, &c.

VII.

THE Bischop wald nocht wed ane Wyfe,

The Abbote nor persew ane,

Thinkand it was ane lustie Lyfe,

Ilk Day to have ane new ane,

In everie Place ane uncouth Pacc,

His Lust to satisfe,

Hay Trix, Tryme go Trix, &c.

VIII.

THE Persoun wald nocht have ane Hure,

Bot twa, and thay war bony;

The Vicar (thocht he was pure)

Behuiffit to have als mony;

The Pareis Preist, that brutall Beist,

He polit thame privelie,

Hay Trix, Tryme go Trix, &c.

## IX.

Scotland well, the Freiris of *Faill*,  
e Lymmerie lang hes lestit,  
e Monkis of *Melros* maid gude Kaill  
Frydayis, quhen thay tastit;  
e fillie Nunnis keist up thair Bunnis,  
d heisit thair Hippis on hie,  
y Trix, Tryme go Trix, under the Grene Wod-Trie.

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*On the Mes.*

## I.

Naw ze not GOD omnipotent,  
He creat Man and maid him fre,  
hill he brak his Commandement,  
d eit of the forbiddin Tre;  
d not that blissit Barne bene borne,  
Sin to redres,  
vreis zour Lyves had bene forlorne,  
For all zour Mes.

II. SEN

## II.

SEN we war all to Sin maid sure,  
 Throw *Adamis* Inobedience,  
 (Saif CHRIST) thair was na Creature  
 Maid Sacrifice for our Offence;  
 Thair is na Sanct may save zour Saull,  
     Fra ze transgres,  
 Suppois Sanct *Peter* and Sanct *Paull*  
     Had baith said Mes.

## III.

KNAWING thair is na Christ bot ane,  
 Quhilk Rent was on the Rude with Roddis;  
 Quhy give ze Glore to Stock and Stane,  
 In worschipping of uther Goddis?  
 Thir Idoles that on Alteris standis,  
     Ar Fenzeitnes,  
 Ze gat not GOD amang zour Handis,  
     Mumling zour Mes.

## IV.

AND sen na Sanct zour Saull may save,  
 Perchance ze will speir at me than,  
 How may the Paip thir Pardounis have,  
 With Power baith of Beist and Man?

Throw nathing bot ane fenzeit Faith,  
For Halynes  
Inventit Wayis to get thame Graith,  
Lyke as the Mes.

## V.

OF Marriage ze maid zou quyte,  
Thinking it Thraldome to refraine:  
Wanting of Wyiffis is Appetyte,  
That Curage nicht increas againe;  
Thay honny Lippis, ze did persew,  
Grew Gall I ges,  
Thinking it was Contritioun trew  
To dance ane Mes.

## VI.

GIF God was maid of Bittis of Breid,  
t ze not ouklike fax or fevin,  
s it had bene a mortall Feid,  
quhill ze had almaist heryit Hevin,  
s mony Devilis ze man devoir,  
Quhill Hell grow les,  
t doutles we dar nocht restoir  
Zou to zour Mes.



## VII.

GIF God be transubstantiall  
 In Breid, with *hoc est corpus meum*,  
 Quhy war ze sa unnaturall,  
 As tak him in zour Teith and sla him?  
 Tripairtit and devydit him

At zour dum Dres,  
 Bot God knawis how ze gydit him  
 Mumling zour Mes.

## VIII.

ZE partit with Dame Povertie,  
 Tuke Propertie to be zour Wyfe,  
 Fra Charitie and Chastitie,  
 With Licharie ze led zour Lyfe;  
 That raist the Mother of Mischeif,  
 Zour Gredynes,  
 Beleving ay to get Relcif  
 For saying Mes.

## IX.

O wickit vaine Venerienes,  
 Ze ar not Sanctis (thocht ze seme haly)  
 Proude poysonit *Epicuriens*,  
 Qubilk had na God bot zour awin Bellic :

Believe, ze Lownis, the LORD allowis

Zour Idilnes,

ang or the Sweit cum owir zour Browis

For faying Mes.

X.

HAD not zour self begun the Weiris,

our Stepillis had bene standand zit :

was the flattering of zour Freiris

that ever gart Sanct *Frances* flit ;

we grew sa superstitious

In Wickitnes,

gart us grow malicious,

Contrair zour Mes.

XI.

OUR Bischoppis ar degenerate,

hocht thay be mountit upon Mulis,

with Huredome clene effeminate,

and Freiris oft-tymes previs Fulis ;

or dustift and bob at Evin,

Do sa increas,

as drevin sum of them to teine,

For all thair Mes.

## XII.

CHRIST keip all faithfull Christianis  
 From perverſt Pryde and Papistrie;  
 GOD grant thame trew Intelligens  
 Of his Law; Word and Veritie;  
 GOD grant thay may thair Lyfe amend,  
     Syne Blis posses,  
 Throw Faith on CHRIST all that depend,  
     And nocht on Mes.

## XIII.

SEN Mes is nathing ellis to say,  
 Bot ane wickit Invention,  
 Without Authoritie, or Stay,  
 Of Scripture, or Fundatioun:  
 Gif Kingis wald Mes to Rome hence dryve  
     With Haistines,  
 Suld be the Meane to have belyve  
     Ane End of Mes.



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*On Purgatorie.*

## I.

O F the false Fyre of Purgatorie,  
 Is nocht left in ane Sponk;  
 Hairfoir says Gedde, Wayis me,  
 Gone is Preist, Freir and Monk.

## II.

HE Reik sa wounder deir thay folde  
 For Money, Gold and Landis,  
 Whill have the Riches on the Molde,  
 Is seafit in thair Handis.

## III.

THAY knew nathing bot Covetice  
 And Lufe of Paramouris,  
 And lat the Saulis burne and bis  
 Of all thair Foundatouris.

## IV.

At Corps Prefence thay wald sing;  
 For Ryches, to flokkin the Fyre:  
 Bot all pure Folk that had nathing  
 Was skaldit yaine and lyre.

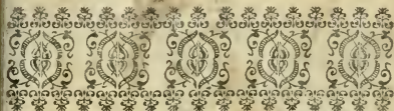
## V.

Zit fat they louch in Parliament,  
 Lyke Lordis of greit Renowne,  
 Untill now, in the New Testament,  
 Hes it and fame brocht downe.

## VI.

And thocht thay fuffe at it, and blaw  
 Ay quhill thair Bellyis ryve,  
 The mair thay blaw, full weill thay knaw  
 The mair it dois miffthryve.





# HARDYKNUTE,

A

## FRAGMENT.

I.

**S**TATELY stept he East the Wa,  
 And stately stept he West,  
 Full Seventy Zeirs he now had sene,  
 With skerfs sevin Zeirs of Rest.  
 He livit quhen Britons Breach of Faith  
 Wroucht Scotland meikle Wae :  
 And ay his Sword rauld to their Cost,  
 He was their deidly Fae.

## II.

HIE on a Hill his Castle stude,  
 With Halls and Touris a Hicht,  
 And guidly Chambers fair to se,  
 Quhair he lodgit mony a Knicht.  
 His Dame sae peirless anes and fair,  
 For Chast and Bewtie deimt,  
 Nae Marrow had in all the Land,  
 Saif *Elenor* the Quene.

## III.

FULL Thirtein Sons to him scho bare,  
 All Men of Valour stout;  
 In bluidy Ficht with Sword in Hand  
 Nyne lost their Lives bot doubt;  
 Four zit remain, lang may they live  
 To stand by Liege and Land:  
 Hie was their Fame, hie was their Micht,  
 And hie was their Command.

## IV.

GREAT Luvè they bare to *Fairly* fair,  
 Their Sister fast and deir,  
 Her Girdle shawd her Middle gimp,  
 And gowden glist her Hair.

Quhat waefou wae hir Bewtie bred?

Waefou to zung and auld,

Waefou I trow to Kyth and Kin,

As Story ever tauld.

## V.

THE King of *Norse* in Summer Tyde,

Puft up with Powir and Micht,

Landed in fair *Scotland* the Yle,

With mony a hardy Knicht :

The Tydings to our gude *Scots* King

Came, as he sat at Dyne,

Vith noble Chiefs in braif Aray,

Drinking the Blude-reid Wyne.

## VI.

To Horfe, to Horfe, my Ryal Liege,

“ Zour Faes stand on the Strand,

Full Twenty thousand glittering Spears

“ The King of *Norse* commands.

Bring me my Steed Mage dapple gray,

Our gude King raise and cryd,

Trustier Beast in all the Land

A *Scots* King nevir seyd.

## VII.

GO, little Page, tell Hardyknute,  
*That lives on Hill so hie,*  
*To draw his Sword, the Dreid of Faes;*  
*And haste and follow me.*

The little Page flew swift as Dart  
 Flung by his Masters Arm,  
*Cum down, cum down Lord Hardyknute,*  
*And rid your King frae Harm.*

## VIII.

THEN reid, reid grew his dark-brown Cheiks,  
 Sae did his dark-brown Brow;  
 His Luiks grew kene, as they were wont,  
 In Dangers great to do;  
 He hes tane a Horn as grene as Glas,  
 And gien five Sounds sae shrill,  
 That Treis in grene Wod schuke thereat,  
 Sae loud rang ilka Hill.

## IX.

HIS Sons in manly Sport and Glie,  
 Had past that Summers Morn,  
 Quhen lo down in a grassy Dale,  
 They heard their Fatheris Horn.

*That Horn, quod they, neir sounds in Peace,  
We haif other Sport to byde;  
And sune they heyd them up the Hill,  
And sune were at his Syde.*

## X.

*LATE late Zestrene I weind in Peace  
To end my lengthned Lyfe,  
My Age nicht weil excuse my Arm  
Frac manly Feats of Stryse;  
But now that Norse dois proudly boast  
Fair Scotland to inthrall,  
Is neir be said of Hardyknute,  
He seard to ficht or fall.*

## XI.

*ROBIN of Rothsay, bend thy Bow,  
Thy Arrows schute sae leil,  
Mony a comely Countenance  
They haif turnd to deidly Pale :  
Brade Thomas tak ze but zour Lance,  
Ze neid nae Weapons mair,  
Gif ze ficht weit as ze did anes  
Gainst Westmorlands ferfs Heir.*

## XII.

*MALCOM, licht of Fute as Stag*

*That runs in Forest wyld,*

*Get me my Thousands Thrie of Men*

*Well bred to Sword and Schield:*

*Bring me my Horſe and Harniſine*

*My Blade of Mettal cleir.*

*If Faes kend but the Hand it bare,*

*They ſune had fled for Feir.*

## XIII.

*FAREWELL my Dame ſae peirleſs gude,*

*And tuke hir by the Hand,*

*Fairer to me in Age zou ſeim,*

*Than Maids for Bewtie ſamd:*

*My zoungeſt Son ſall here remain*

*To guard theſe ſtately Towirs,*

*And ſhut the Silver Bolt that keips,*

*Sae faſt zour painted Bowirs.*

## XIV.

*AND firſt ſcho wet hir comely Cheiks,*

*And then hir Boddice grene,*

*Hir Silken Cords of Twirtle twiſt,*

*Weil plett with Silver ſchene;*

*And*

*Hardyknute.*

And Apron fet with mony a Dice  
Of Neidle-wark sae rare,  
Wove by nae Hand, as ze may gues,  
Saif that of *Fairly* fair.

XV.

AND he has ridden owre Muir and Moss,  
Owre Hills and mony a Glen,  
Quhen he came to a wounded Knicht  
Making a heavy Mane;  
*Here maun I lye, here maun I dye,*  
*By Treacheries false Gyles;*  
*Witlefs I was that eir gaif Faith*  
*To wicked Womans Smyles.*

XVI.

SR Knicht, gin ze were in my Bowir,  
To lean on Silken Seat,  
My Ladyis kyndlie Care zoud prove,  
*Quha neir kend deidly Hate;*  
Hir self wald watch ze all the Day,  
Hir Maids a deid of Nicht;  
And Fairly fair zour Heart wald cheir,  
*As scho stands in zour Sicht.*

## XVII.

*ARVSE*, young Knight, and mount your Steid,  
 Full louns the schynand Day,  
*Cheis frae my Menzie quhom ze pleis*  
*To leid ze on the Way.*

With smylefs Luke and Visage wan,  
 The wounded Knight replyd,  
*Kynd Chiftain, your Intent pursue,*  
*For heir I maun abyde:*

## XVIII.

*TO me nae after Day nor Nicht,*  
*Can eir be sweit or fair,*  
*But sune beneath sum draping Trie,*  
*Could Deith fall end my Care.*

With him nae Pleiding nicht prevail,  
 Braif *Hardyknute* to gain,  
 With fairest Words and Reason strang,  
 Straif courteously in vain.

## XIX.

*SYNE* he has gane far hynd attowre,  
 Lord *Chattans* Land sae wyde,  
 That Lord a worthy Wicht was ay,  
 Quhen Faes his Courage seyde:

Of *Pictish* Race by Mothers Syde,  
 Quhen *Picts* ruld *Caledon*,  
 Lord *Chattan* claimd the Princely Maid,  
 Quhen he saift *Pictish* Crown.

XX.

Now with his ferfs and stalwart Train,  
 He reicht a ryfing Heicht,  
 Quhair braid encampit on the Dale;  
 Norfs Army lay in Sicht;  
 Consider my valziant Sons and feris,  
 Our raging Revers wait  
 In the unconquerit Scottis Swaird  
 To try with us thair Fate.

XXI.

MAK Orifons to him that saift  
 Our Sauls upon the Rude,  
 Wyne braisfly schaw your Veins ar fill'd  
 With Caledonian Blude.  
 When furth he drew his trusty Glaive,  
 Quhyle Thousands all arround,  
 Drawn frae their Sheaths glanst in the Sun,  
 And loud the Bougills found.

XXII. To

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To join his King adoun the Hill

In Haft his Merch he made,

Quhyle, playand Pibrochs, Minstralls meit

Afore him stately strade.

*Thryse welcum valziant Stoup of Weir,*

*Thy Nations Scheild and Pryde;*

*Thy King nae Reason has to feir*

*Quhen thou art be his Syde.*

## XXIII.

QUHEN Bows were bent and Darts were thrawn

For thrang scarce could they flie,

The Darts clove Arrows as they met,

The Arrows dart the Tric.

Lang did they rage and ficht full ferfs,

With little Skaith to Man,

But bludy, bludy was the Field,

Or that lang Day was done.

## XXIV.

THE King of Scots that findle bruikd

The War that luik lyke Play,

Drew his braid Sword, and brake his Bow,

Sen Bows feint but Delay :

Quoth noble *Rothsay*, *Myne I'll keip,*  
*I wate its bleid a Skore.*  
*Cast up my merry Men,* cryd the King,  
 As he rade on before.

## XXV.

THE King of *Norse* he socht to find,  
 With him to mense the Faucht,  
 But on his Forehead there did licht  
 A sharp unsonsie Shafr;  
 As he his Hand put up to find  
 The Wound, an Arrow kene,  
 O waefou Chance! there pinnd his Hand  
 In midst betwene his Ene.

## XXVI.

EVENGE, *revenge*, cryd *Rothsays Heir*,  
*Your Mail-coat fall nocht byde*  
*the Strength and Sharpness of my Dart;*  
 Then sent it throuch his Syde:  
 Another Arrow weil he markd,  
 It perfit his Neck in twa,  
 His Hands then quat the silver Reins,  
 He law as Eard did fa.

## XXVII.

*S*AIR *k'eids my Liege, fair, fair he bleids.*

Again with micht he drew  
 And Gesture dreid his sturdy Bow,  
 Fast the braid Arrow flew:  
 Wae to the Knight he ettled at,  
 Lament now Quene *Elgreid*,  
 Hie Dames to wail zour Darlings Fall,  
 His Zouth and comely Meid.

## XXVIII.

*Take aff, take aff his costly Jupe*  
*(Of Gold weil was it twynd,*  
*Knit lyke the Fowlers Net through quhilk*  
*His steilly Harness shynd)*  
*Take, Norse, that Gift frae me, and bid*  
*Him venge the Blude it beirs;*  
*Say, if he face my bended Bow,*  
*He sure nae Weapon feirs.*

## XXIX.

*P*ROUD *Norse* with Giant Body tall,  
 Braid Shoulder and Arms strong,  
 Cryd, *Quhair is Hardyknute sae famd,*  
*And feird at Britains Throne:*

*The Britons tremble at his Name;  
 I sune fall make him wail,  
 That eir my Sword was made sae sharp,  
 Sae saft his Coat of Mail.*

## XXX.

*THAT* Brag his stout Heart coud na byde,  
 It lent him zouthfou Micht:  
*I'm* Hardyknute *this Day*, he cryd,  
 To Scotlands King I hecht,  
 To lay thee law as Horses Hufe,  
 My Word I mean to keip.  
 Syne with the first Strake eir he strake,  
 He garrd his Body bleid.

## XXXI.

*NORSE* ene lyke gray Goshawks staird wyld,  
 He sicht with Shame and Spyte;  
*Disgracd is now my far samd Arm*  
*That left thee Power to stryke:*  
 Then gaif his Head a Blaw sae fell,  
 It made him down to stoup,  
 As law, as he to Ladies usit  
 In courtly Gyse to lout.

## XXXII.

FULL fune he rais'd his bent Body,  
 His Bow he marvelld fair,  
 Sen Blaws till then on him but darrd  
 As Touch of *Fairly fair*:

*Norse* ferliet too as fair as he  
 To se his stately Luke,  
 Sae fune as eir he strake a Fae,  
 Sae fune his Lyfe he tuke.

## XXXIII.

QUHAIR lyke a Fyre to Hether set,  
 Bauld *Thomas* did advance,  
 A sturdy Fae with Luke enragd  
 Up towards him did prance;  
 He spurd his Steid throw thickest Ranks  
 The hardy Zouth to quell  
 Quha stude unmuft at his Approach  
 His Furie to repell.

## XXXIV.

THAT schort brown Shaft sae meanly trimd,  
 Lukis lyke poor Scotlands Geir,  
 Ent dreidfull seims the rusty Poynt!  
 And loud he leuch in Jeir.

*Aft Britains Blude has dimd its Shyne*  
*This Poynt cut short their Vannt;*  
 Syne piercd the boisteris bairded Cheik,  
 Nae Tyme he tuke to taunt.

XXXV.

SCHORT quhyle he in his Sadill fwang,  
 His Stirrip was nae Stay,  
 Sae feible hang his unbent Knee,  
 Sure taken he was fey:  
 Swith on the hardened Clay he fell,  
 Richt far was hard the Thud,  
 But *Thomas* luikt not as he lay  
 All waltering in his Blude.

XXXVI.

WITH cairles Gesture Mynd unmuivie  
 On raid he north the Plain,  
 His seim in Thrang of fiercest Stryfe,  
 Quhen Winner ay the same;  
 Nor zit his Heart Darnes dimpelit Cheik,  
 Coud meise fast Luve to bruik,  
 Till vengeful *Ann* returnd his Scorn,  
 Then languid grew his Luke.

## XXXVII.

IN Thrawis of Death, with wallowit Cheik  
 All panting on the Plain,  
 The fainting Corps of Warriours lay,  
 Neir to aryse again;  
 Neir to return to native Land,  
 Nae mair with blythsoni Sounds,  
 To boist the Glories of the Day,  
 And schaw thair Shyning Wounds.

## XXXVIII.

ON *Norways* Coast the Widowit Dame  
 May wash the Rocks with Teirs,  
 May lang luke owre the Schiples Scis  
 Befoir hir Mate appeirs.

Ceise, *Emma*, ceise to hope in Vain,  
 Thy Lord lyis in the Clay,  
 The valziant SCOTS nae *Revers* thole  
 To carry Lyfe away.

## XXXIX.

THERE on a Lie quhair stands a Crofs  
 Set up for Monument,  
 Thousands full fierce that Summers Day  
 Fild kene Waris black Intent,

Let Scots, quhyle Scots, praise *Hardyknute*,  
 Let Norſe the Name ay dreid,  
 Ay how he faucht, aft how he ſpaird,  
 Sal lateſt Ages reid.

XL.

LOUD and chill blew weſtlin Wind,  
 Sair beat the heavy Showir,  
 Mirk grew the Nicht eir *Hardyknute*  
 Wan neir his ſtately Tower,  
 His Towir that uſd with Torchis bleiſe,  
 To ſhyne ſae far at Nicht,  
 Seind now as black as mourning Weid,  
 Nae Marvel ſair he ſichd.

XLI.

*THAIRS nae Licht in my Ladys Bowir*  
*Thairs nae Licht in my Hall;*  
*Nae Blink ſhynes round my Fairly fair,*  
*Nor Ward ſtands on my Wall.*  
*Quhat bodes it? Robert, Thomas ſay,*  
 Nae Anſwer fits their Dreid.  
*Stand back, my Sons, Ill be zour Gyde,*  
 But by they paſt with Speid.

## XLII.

*AS fast 1 haif sped owre Scotlands Faes,*

There ceist his Brag of Weir,

Sair schamit to mynd ocht but his Dame,

And Maiden *Fairly* fair.

Black Feir he felt, but quhat to feir

He wist not zit with Dreid;

Sair schuke his Body, fair his Limbs,

And all the Warrior fled.

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A

## GLOSSARY;

O R,

An EXPLANATION of the  
Scots Words.

A

A R

**A** All.  
*Abaid Abade, Abode,*  
 stayed.  
*Abaisit, abashed:*  
*Abait, albeit.*  
*Abergown, Coat of Mail*  
*Ablens, perhaps.*  
*Abnise, abuse, above.*  
*Abulxiement, Habit.*  
*Abune, above.*  
*Adown, downward.*  
*Aff, off.*  
*Ajt, asten, oft, often.*  
*Affeir, frightened.*  
*Ajrey, Fear.*  
*Agit, aged.*  
*Agast, afrighted:*  
*Aidir, either.*  
*Aik, Oak.*

*Ain, own.*  
*Aits, Oats.*  
*Air, Time past.*  
*Air, soon, early, item Heir.*  
*Aith, Oath:*  
*Akerbraid, breadth of an Acre.*  
*Alaft, aloft.*  
*Allane, allone.*  
*Almous, Alms.*  
*Alkynd, all kind, or Sort of.*  
*Als, as, and.*  
*Amene, pleasant.*  
*Ane, one.*  
*Anes, anis, once.*  
*Antetewme, Example.*  
*Apenit, opened.*  
*Appleis, please.*  
*Arles, earnest.*

Arti-

*Artilzie*, Artillary.*Afs ask*.*Afsalzet*, affailed.*Attains*, at once.*Attemperit*, tempered.*Attovre*, out over.*Attercap*, a Wasp.*Avalzet*, availed.*Aventure*, Adventure.*Aver*, a Horse.*Averil*, senseless Fellow.*Aucht*, ought, *item* eight.*Auld*, old.*Aw*, owc.*Awin*, own.*Awis*, ows.*Aureat*, Golden.*Ayd*, Aid.*Avyse*, Advice.*Aynd*, Breath.

## B A

**B** A I D, *bade*, did abide.*Eand*, bound.*Banes* or *Bains*, Bones.*Bannocks*, Bread.*Bair*, bare.*Bairn*, Bern, Child, Youth.*Baith*, both.*Bale* or *Beal*, Sorrow.*Balmit*, embalmed.*Ban*, to curse.*Bang*, to move hastily.*Barbir*, barbarous.*Barbulzet*, to confuse.*Barret*, Sort of Liquor.*Barrow Trams*, Staves of a

Barrow.

*Barm*, Yest.*Barmy*, fermented and muddy.*Bauld*, bold.*Bawfy*, white fac'd.*Bedene*, immediately.*Besoir*, *besorn*, before.*Best*, beaten.*Begouth*, began.*Begylit*, beguiled.*Behald* behold.*Behoif*, Behove.*B'il*, any Shelter against the  
Inclemency of the Weather.*Belyve*, immediatly.*Bellies*, Bellows.*Beik*, to bask or warm!*Beims*, Beams.*Beir*, to bear, *item* to moan*Beir*, Barley.*Beit*, Help.*Ben*, inner part of a House.*Bene*, been.*Bene*, Bean.*Bent*, the Feild.*Berkit*, barkened.*Beseik*, beseech.*Beswakit*, blanched.*Betwisch*, betwixt.*Bewis*, Boughs.*Bewtie*, Beauty.*Bezond*, beyond.*Bigg*, build.*Biggit*, built.• *Bikkerit*, contended.*Bink*, Bench.*Bin*, been.*Biquour* or *Bicker*, a large  
Cup or Dish.*Birkin Bobyns*, a Knot of Birch  
Leaves*Birs*, Bristle.*Birn*, to burn.*Birnist*, burnished.*Bissilie*, busily.

a Strok, *item*, a big  
 ce of.....  
 livid,  
 l, to mix.  
 y, wet.  
 , bashful.  
 , Blow.  
 , to bable.  
 ch, Butter-milk.  
 to make the Eyes red  
 dim.  
 , looked.  
 er, to stammer and speak  
 onfense.  
 , a small Sight, *item*, to  
 rkle.  
 it, looked hastily.  
 e, Bloom.  
 , Blood.  
 , furnished.  
 ord, Message.  
 , bought.  
 Marsh.  
 to boast.  
 to vomit.  
 beautiful, *item* little.  
 ings or *Buiting*, Boots.  
 out, *item*, without.  
 rs, Rafter.  
 the Body, *item* Bulk.  
 l, a young Bull, *item*  
 Horn,  
 , ready to go.  
 , a Sport, *item* to sport.  
 ceous, boisterous.  
 er, a Bolster.  
 a Fold of Cattle.  
 al, a Sword.  
 and, the Muscles.  
 ra-lit, brandished.  
 ra, brave.  
 and, Pransing.

Bratle, to clash.  
 Braw, brave, fine.  
 Brae, Side of a Hill, Bank of  
 a River.  
 Braid, broad, *item* to haste,  
 arise.  
 Braids or Brades, is like, or  
 takes after.  
 Brais or brace, Embrace.  
 Brash, brush.  
 Breiks, Breeches.  
 Bricht, bright.  
 Brie, Eye-brow.  
 Brilzean, Brilliant:  
 Brim, fierce.  
 Brocht, brought.  
 Brod, to prick or spur.  
 Brock, the Badger.  
 Browdin, fond of.  
 Browster, Brewer.  
 Brudie, teeming, fertile.  
 Bruik, brook or enjoy.  
 Brukit, blackened.  
 Brukil, brittle.  
 Brynt, brunt.  
 Bud, Bribe.  
 Buke or Buik, Book.  
 Buith, Booth or Shop.  
 Buith-meal, Shop Rent.  
 Buiting, Booty.  
 Buidin, bound.  
 Bun, Arse.  
 Bure, did bear.  
 Burde, Board.  
 Burn, a Brook.  
 Burdown, a Palmers Staff.  
 Bushment, Men lying in Am-  
 bush.  
 Buss, a Bush.  
 Bute, Help, Advantage.  
 But and bot, without.  
 Byre, Cow-house.

## C A

**C**A, call.  
*Cabroch*, poor lean Flesh.  
*Cagers*, Higglers.  
*Calist*, called.  
*Campion*, Champion.  
*Cankert*, angry, *item*, ulcerated.  
*Canny*, happy convenient.  
*Canty*, chearful.  
*Caprousy*, an upper Garment.  
*Carline*, an old Woman.  
*Carp*, to talk.  
*Carvell*, a Kind of Ship.  
*Cast*, a throw.  
*Cative* or *Catiff*, Captive or Slave.  
*Cawd*, called.  
*Cawf*, Calf.  
*Cawk*, Chalk.  
*Cawkit*, did shyte.  
*Cauld*, Cold.  
*Ceis*, to cease.  
*Celcitude*, Highness.  
*Celest*, heavenly.  
*Chalmer*, Chamber.  
*Chaip*, escape.  
*Chafits*, the Chops.  
*Chak*, to check.  
*Chat*, to hang on a Gallows.  
*Cheit*, a Person.  
*Cheir*, Sheer, *item*, chear.  
*Chenzie*, Chain.  
*Chereis*, cherish.  
*Clam Shells*, Scalop Shells.  
*Clan*, a Tribe.  
*Clashes*, idle Tales.  
*Clash*, to throw Dirt.  
*Claith*, Cloath.  
*Clais*, Cloaths.

*Clatter*, chatter.  
*Claw*, to scratch.  
*Cleft*, the Cleaving.  
*Clene*, clean.  
*Clerk*, generally used for learned Man.  
*Clewis* or *Cleuchs*, Clifts.  
*Cleikit*, laid hold on.  
*Cleith*, Cloath.  
*Clench*, Hollow betwixt E  
*Clipit*, called.  
*Clips*, Eclips.  
*Clokks*, Beetles.  
*Clod*, to throw.  
*Cluds*, Clouds.  
*Cluke*, to hook.  
*Clum* or *claw*, climbed.  
*Clurves*, Hoves.  
*Codroch*, miserable and nasty.  
*Combure*, to burn.  
*Cost*, bought.  
*Con*, the Squirrel.  
*Comich*, comick.  
*Corbie*, a Raven.  
*Corinoch* a Highland Tun  
*Cowbowby*, Cowherd,  
*Cowd*, cut or clipped.  
*Courtas*, courteous.  
*Couth*, coll, *item* familiar  
*Covetice*, Covetousness,  
*Cour*, to stoop and creep slow  
*Crabit*, surly, angry.  
*Craig*, the Neck, *item* a Rock  
*Craif*, crave.  
*Craw*, the Crow.  
*Crap*, did creep.  
*Craik*, to croak.  
*Crawdon*, faint hearted.  
*Creish*, Grease.  
*Creils*, Baskets  
*Crouse*, brisk and bold,  
*Cruif*, a Lodge.

, wither and grow less.  
 , a little Bit.  
 Cool.  
 , come.  
 ie, Coyu.  
 Taste.  
 , person, troublesome.  
 , a Rascal.  
 es, Kerchiefs, or Head-  
 nnen.  
 , Cook.  
 al, Crupper.  
 , did cast, *item* vomit.  
 , Ankle, Joint, *item* a  
 rifice.

D A

AE, Do.  
 , Dast, mad, foolish,  
 erry.  
 , thful, dear.  
 der, wander carelessly.  
 g, Defeat.  
 ten, to quell.  
 ill, duple.  
 p, Dawn, *item* a Sluggard.  
 uing, dawning.  
 ve or Deif, to deafen.  
 d, dead, *it*. Death, *it*, deed.  
 l, deal, *item* Devil.  
 k, dyuk, saucy, *item*, finely  
 rest.  
 ty, fine.  
 re, to deem.  
 ayng, condemning or dam-  
 ing.  
 dart, to divide.  
 aynt, painted.  
 ay, Noise, Sporting, Gam-  
 bols.

Derch, a Dwarf.  
 Dern, Secret.  
 Derth, Dearth.  
 Desavit, deceived.  
 Det, Debt.  
 Devalling, descending hasti-  
 ly.  
 Dew, due.  
 Dicht, to clean, *item* dressed,  
 deckt.  
 Ding, to beat or overcome.  
 Ding, worthy.  
 Dirtin, beslitten.  
 Denzie, to deign.  
 Docht, could, availed.  
 Dochter, Daughter.  
 Dois, does.  
 Dok, Arse.  
 Donk, Moist.  
 Doss, neat, regular.  
 Up doss, Put in Order.  
 Dow, to be able.  
 Dow, Dove.  
 Dowbart, dull Fellow.  
 Doughty, hardy, valiant.  
 Dowf, heavy Fool, *item* dull,  
 melancholy.  
 Dour, fullen, hard.  
 Dous, solid, grave.  
 Draif, drave.  
 Drait or Dret, shit.  
 Drawkit, wet.  
 Drie, to endure.  
 Dreich, tedious.  
 Dreiry, lonsome and mournful  
 Dring, a Miser.  
 Droich, a Dwarf.  
 Drone, to act lazily.  
 Droukit, drenched.  
 Droup, to droop.  
 Dryt, shite.  
 Dwam, Qualm.

Dubs, Mire and little Pools.  
 Duds, Rags.  
 Duils, Goals.  
 Dule, Pain.  
 Dum, Dumb.  
 Dume, Doom.  
 Dunt, to beat hard.  
 Durg, beaten.  
 Duris, Doors.  
 Dwalm, to swoon or take a  
 Qualm.  
 Dyne, to dine.  
 Dynt, Stroak.  
 Dyvour, a Bankrupt.

## E A

**E** Ard, Eird, or Erde,  
 Earth.  
 Ee, Eye.  
 Edert, Edward.  
 Edder-stangit, stung by an  
 Adder.  
 Egil, the Eagle.  
 Eik to add, item also.  
 Eild, Age.  
 Eir, Ear, item E'er.  
 Eiryness, Fear of Spirits and  
 Goblins.  
 Eise, Ease.  
 Eit, to eat.  
 Eith, easy.  
 Eme, Uncle.  
 Empashed, hindered.  
 Elbuck, Elbow.  
 Elritch, ghostly, wild, lone-  
 some.  
 Enamilit, enameled.  
 En-, Eyes.  
 Enuch, enough.

Ensenzie, Ensign.  
 Ersch, Irish.  
 Ettle, to aim.  
 Esperance, Hope.  
 Eschapid, Escaped.  
 Everichone, every one.  
 Eydently, see It handly.  
 Eyndle, to be jealous.  
 Eynling, Jealousy.

## F A

**F** A, fall.  
 Fac, Foe.  
 Falsit, Falshood.  
 Faik, a Fold, to quit.  
 Fair, to go or pass.  
 Fairdy, clever and tight.  
 Falzie or Felzie, to fail.  
 Fand, found.  
 Fangs, Paws and Claws.  
 Fang, to grasp.  
 Fankle, to intangle.  
 Fash or Fashoe, to trou.  
 Fassoun, Fashion.  
 Faw, Fall.  
 Faws, gets.  
 Fauld or Fund, Fold.  
 Faut, Fault.  
 Fay, Faith.  
 Fazart, a Dastard.  
 Fecht, Fight.  
 Feckless, without Strength.  
 Fedder, a Father.  
 Fedderem, Wings.  
 Feid, Feud, Hatred.  
 Feidm, Fatality.  
 Feilty, Subjection.  
 Feil, Sense, item many.  
 Feir, Fear.  
 Feir, tight.

or fere, Companion.  
 t, hired.  
 , to live.  
 zie, to feign.  
 ly, to wonder, a Wonder.  
 d, Fourth..  
 s, Force..  
 , predestinated to Death,  
 r some Misfortune.  
 nd, Fiend, the Devil.  
 bt, Fight.  
 or Fe, a Herd of Cattle.  
 y, Hurry, Confusion.  
 b, Fish.  
 ch, to move.  
 ndris, Splinters.  
 ng, did sling.  
 ne, an Arrow.  
 ught, a Blaze of Light-  
 ing.  
 uchter-Spade, Spade for  
 laying Turf.  
 ws, Lies. Flaw, to lie.  
 ich, to flatter.  
 m or Fleme, to banish.  
 , did flyte or chide.  
 , to fright.  
 , to remove.  
 bter, flutter like a Bird.  
 ht, Flight, Fear, Anxiety.  
 e, Chide.  
 re, Floor.  
 , Moss.  
 fairn, abused.  
 ochten, tired and faint  
 with fighting.  
 eit, to forsake.  
 ent, opposite to.  
 wayit, gave Way.  
 worthin, worthless.  
 lane, alone.  
 opin, Vagabond.

Forzet, to forget, *item* for-  
 gotten.  
 Foster, a Forrester, *item* Nurse.  
 Fow, full, *item* drunk.  
 Fowmart, a Pole-cat.  
 Fouth, Abundance.  
 Frae, from.  
 Fragil, weak, tender, frail.  
 Frak, hast.  
 Frawart, cross and ugly.  
 Freik, impertinent Fools.  
 Freid, Freedom.  
 Fremit, strange, not a Kin.  
 Freprie, the ruffling or Folds  
 of Cloath.  
 Fricht, Fright.  
 Fripon, a Knave.  
 Frist, to Trust or give Credit.  
 Frusch, easily broken.  
 Fu, full.  
 Fud, the Tail.  
 Fude, Food.  
 Fuff, to blow.  
 Fule, Fool.  
 Fund, found.  
 Furder, to speed, *item*, sug-  
 ther.  
 Fure, wait on, *item* fared.  
 Furthy, free in Behaviour.  
 Fute, Foot.  
 Futher, or fudder, a great  
 many.  
 Fyrefangt, burnt.  
 Fylock, a young Mare.  
 Fyle, defile.  
 Fyke, to be restive.  
 Fyne, fine.

## G A

**G** A B, the Mouth.  
*Gad* or *Ged*, Goad.  
*Gaader*, gather.  
*Gae*, go.  
*Gaif*, gave.  
*Gains*, serves.  
*Gair*, greedy.  
*Gait*, *Gate*, Way, Method,  
*item* Goat.  
*Gaislings*, Gollings.  
*Galziart*, brisk, jolly, wan-  
 ton.  
*Gams*, Gums.  
*Gan*, began.  
*Gane*, gone, *item* serve.  
*Gane*, Mouth.  
*Gang*, to go.  
*Gaunt*, to yawn.  
*Gar*, to make or oblige.  
*Gardevyance*, a Case of In-  
 struments.  
*Garth*, a Garden or Inclo-  
 sure.  
*Gaw*, Gall.  
*Gawf*, a Laugh.  
*Gawfy*, large and fat.  
*Geck*, Mock, or cast up the  
 Head in Derision.  
*Gein*, given.  
*Geir*, Wealth.  
*Gemmer*, gender.  
*Gent*, gentle.  
*Genterice*, honourable Birth.  
*Gentleness*, Clemency.  
*Genzie*, a Dart or Arrow.  
*Gerfome*, a certain Fine paid  
 at the renewing of a Lease.

*Get*, a Child.  
*Ghaist*, Ghost.  
*Gie*, give.  
*Gif*, gin, if.  
*Gild*, Clamour.  
*Gilt*, guilded.  
*Gimp*, see *Fimps*.  
*Gird*, to strike.  
*Girn*, to grin, *item* a Tr  
 or Snare.  
*Girth*, a Sanctuary.  
*Glamour*, the Sight deceived.  
*Glaik*, to pass Time idly.  
*Glar*, Myre.  
*Glave*, a Sword.  
*Gle* or *Glie*, Mirth.  
*Gled*, a Kite.  
*Gleim*, small Flame.  
*Gleid*, Small Spunk of Fire.  
*Glen*, a Hollow between  
 Mountains.  
*Glengore* or *Grandgore*, the  
 French Pox.  
*Glore*, Glory.  
*Glunshoch*, four Fellow.  
*Gloun*, to knit the Eye-brow.  
*Glour*, to stare.  
*Gluves*, Gloves.  
*Goldspink*, the Goldfinch.  
*Golk* or *Gowl*, the Cuckow.  
*Glist* to Glisten.  
*Gowden*, Golden.  
*Gowkit*, foolish.  
*Grape*, to grope.  
*Grais*, the Grave, *item* grave.  
*Grain*, *grane*, groan.  
*Grangis*, Corn Fields, Barn  
 and Grannaries.  
*Graith*, to make ready, *item*  
 Utensils, necessary Things.  
*Graithed*, attyred, made ready.  
 Gra

Grät, did weep.  
 Grein, to long for earnestly.  
 Greit, weep, *item* great.  
 Grene, greco.  
 Grei, Degree.  
 Gres or Gers, Grass.  
 Grit or greit, great.  
 Grots, Oats half ground.  
 Growf, to ly flat on ones  
 Belly.  
 Grund, Ground.  
 Grundin, sharpened.  
 Gruntill, a Sow.  
 Grunzie, Snout or Nose.  
 Gryce, a Pig.  
 Gwairdown, Protection.  
 Guiks, expects Time foolishly  
 and Delays.  
 Gude or guid, good.  
 Gudes, Riches.  
 Guims, Gums.  
 Gule, redish Yellow.  
 Gule Snout, red Nos'd.  
 Gul-schoch, the Jaundice.  
 Gurlie, surlie.  
 Gyant, Giant.  
 Gyde, Guide.  
 Gydar, Guider.  
 Gymmer, court and enjoy.  
 Gyp, neat, pretty.  
 Gyse or Gyis, Guise.

## H A

**H**A, Hall.  
 Habitiklis, Taberna-  
 cles.  
 Hae, have.  
 Haggies, a kind of Pudding.  
 Hailsum, wholesome.  
 Haif, have.  
 Hairs or Harnis, Brains.  
 Hair or hairy, hoary gray.

Hald, Hold.  
 Haly, Holy.  
 Hals, to salute.  
 Hame, Home.  
 Handsell, the first Money that  
 a Merchant gets.  
 Hankit, held with Ropes.  
 Hap, hop, *item* Chance.  
 Harle, to drag.  
 Harnist, harnished.  
 Havns, see Hairs.  
 Harse or Hairs, hoarse.  
 Having, Behaviour.  
 Hawkitt, white faced.  
 Hawtane, haughty.  
 Heal, Heil, Health.  
 Hecht, to promise, a Pro-  
 mise.  
 Hecht, named.  
 Heich, high.  
 Heilit or heilded, upheld.  
 Heir, here, *item* hear.  
 Heisit, lifted up, hoisted.  
 Herbry, Harbour.  
 Heryit, spoiled, impoverished.  
 Hether, Heath.  
 Hevin, Heaven.  
 Heuch, a Rock, a steep Hill.  
 Hew, Hue.  
 Heynd, quick, clever.  
 Hie, high.  
 Hicht, Height.  
 Hicher, higher.  
 Hiddlings, hiding Places.  
 Hint, snatched.  
 Hinny, Honey.  
 Hir, her.  
 Hird, who watches the Flocks  
 or Cattle.  
 Hirpland, going like one lame.  
 Hitch, to move.

*Ho*, the Singular of *Hose*.

*Hobled*, cobled.

*Hoist*, Cough.

*Holk*, to dig.

*Holkit*, made hollow.

*Holtis*, Hills, high Ground.

*How*, hollow.

*Howis*....

*Howdrand*, hiding.

*Howk*, to dig.

*Howlat*, an Owl.

*Howp*, hope.

*Hude*, Hood.

*Hud-pyk*, a Churl.

*Huly*, slow.

*Hure*, Whore.

*Hurcheon*, Hedge hog.

*Hurklis*, goes bowed and decrepid.

*Hynd*, straight.

*Hyd*, to hide.

*Hynt*, to take.

## J A

**J** *Anglers*, Contenders.

*Jaip*, to jest or cheat,  
item, to heave and set.

*Jap*, a Dash of Water.

*Jely*, joly.

*Jimp*, neat.

*Jeil* or *Geil*, (Saint) the Patron Saint of Edinburgh.

*Fouk*, to bow.

*Jyb*, to mock.

*Ik*, each.

*Ikka*, every.

*Insek*, Insect.

*Inlaik*, to come short.

*Isfard*, illfavoured.

*Inaing*, unworthy.

*Ingle*, a Fire.

*Inglis*, English.

*Ithawdly*, busily, without intermission.

## K A

**K** *A*, to drive.

*Kakute*, a little Houl  
*Kau*, Colewort or Cabage  
item Broth.

*Kaip* or *Kap*, Cap or Top.

*Kaves*, Calves.

*Keist*, did cast.

*Kemd*, combed.

*Ken*, to know.

*Kene*, kene.

*Kend*, knew.

*Kensy*, a Rustick.

*Kep*, to catch what moves toward one.

*Kepar*, such a Catcher.

*Kinrick*, Kingdom.

*Kimmer*, a Comer or flapper.

*Kinnen*, Rabits.

*Kiltit*, tucked up.

*Kirn*, Churne.

*Kirtle* Petycoat.

*Kisl*, Chest.

*Kittle*, difficult, item ticklist.

*Kinsch*, a Loop, to count his

*Kinsch*, to hit his Part.

*Knaif*, Knave.

*Knapska*, Knapsack.

*Knaw*, know.

*Knicht*, Knight.

*Know*, Hillock.

*Kowschot* or *Cowschot*, the Ring-Dove.

*Kuke*, Cook.

*Ky*, Kine.

*Kyte*, Belly.

*Kyth*, to shew.

*Quaver*, Quiver.  
*Quene*, Queen.  
*Quell*, to kill.  
*Quha*, who.  
*Quhail*, Whale.  
*Quhais*, whose.  
*Quhair*, where.  
*Qubat*, what.  
*Qukat-reck*, what the Matter.  
*Qubelp*, a Whelp.  
*Qubeils*, Wheels.  
*Qubeit*, Wheat.  
*Quben*, when.  
*Qubenc*, a Part.  
*Qubilk*, which.  
*Qubidder*, whither.  
*Qutip*, Whip.  
*Qubittle* a Knife.  
*Qubitly*, pale and thin.  
*Qubirl*, whirl.  
*Qukois*, whose.  
*Qubam*, whom.  
*Qutylsome*, sometime ago.  
*Quby*, why.  
*Qubyle*, while, *item* until.  
*Qubyte* White.  
*Quod*, quoth, said.

## R A.

**R** AE, Roe.  
*Rad* or *Red*, feared.  
*Rackless* or *reckless*, to act  
 carelessly or rash.  
*Rais*, rave, did rive.  
*Raing*, a Circle.  
*Raik*, to go a quick Pace.  
*Raip*, a Rope.  
*Rair*, to roar.  
*Rait*, Rate.  
*Rang*, Rung.  
*Ranigald*, a foolish Scold.

*Rak*, Fog or Mist.  
*Ramand*, crying.  
*Rasch*, Rash.  
*Raiches*, Hounds.  
*Raw*, Row.  
*Rawmoud*, beardless, simple.  
*Rauch*, reacht.  
*Rax*, Stretch.  
*Rebald*, a Talker of Non-  
 sense or Rebaldry.  
*Red* or *reid*, to wish, *item*  
 Fear.  
*Redour*, Fright.  
*Rehatour*, a malicious Eue-  
 my.  
*Reid*, Red, *item* to read.  
*Reik*, Smoak, *item* to reach.  
*Reikit*, rigged, *item* smoked.  
*Reird*, Noise.  
*Reist*, to dry in a Chimney.  
*Reive* or *reve*, to rob.  
*Rever*, a Rober.  
*Renzie*, the Rein of a  
 Buidle.  
*Reprieve*, reprove.  
*Resave*, receive.  
*Resone* or *Resoun*, Reason.  
*Revers*, Robbers.  
*Revers*, the Rovers at which  
 the Archers shoot.  
*Rewth*. Pity.  
*Rewme* Realm.  
*Rewyne*, Ruin.  
*Rew*, to take Pity, *item* to  
 repent.  
*Richt*, Right.  
*Richt* now, lately.  
*Rist*, to belch.  
*Rigg*, the Back, *item* a Ridge.  
*Rilling*, a Shoe made of  
 rough raw untan'd Leather.

*Rink*,

*Rink*, a Course.

*Ring*, to reign.

*Risps*, Earushes.

*Roche*, Rocks.

*Roir*, to roar.

*Rok*, a Distaff, *item* to roll  
or move from one Side to  
the other.

*Rone*, Bramble or Briar.

*Row*, a Roll to roll.

*Rowth*, Abundance.

*Rowpand*, crying-hoarse.

*Rowms*, Rooms.

*Rowmis* to make a Noise.

*Roun*, Whisper.

*Roung* or *Rung*, a Cloun's  
Staff.

*Rowt*, to bellow or low like  
a Bull.

*Royis*, raves.

*Ruch*, rough.

*Rude*, Redness.

*Rude*, a Cross.

*Rug*, to pull with Force.

*Rukes*, Crows.

*Rukis*, Ricks.

*Rundge*, to range and gather.

*Rumple*, a Rump.

*Rute*, Root.

*Ruse* or *ruise*, to commend,  
praise, extoll

*Rutber*, the Rudder.

*Ryall*, Royall.

*Ryse* or *Rise*, common.

*Rynk*, Rank.

*Rys* or *Ryce*, Dwarf Bushes  
of Wood.

*Ryse*, rise.

*Ryve*, to tear and splcet.

## S A

*S A*, *sae*, *so*.

*Saft*, soft.

*Sais*, save

*Sairless*, innocent.

*Sain* or *sane*, to blefs.

*Sair*, fore.

*Sane*, say.

*Sall*, shall.

*Sald*, fold.

*Sang*, Song.

*Sans*, without.

*Sar*, Savour.

*Sargeand*, Serjeant.

*Sark*, Shirt.

*Sary*, Sorry.

*Saw*, old Saying or Prophecy

*Saw*, Word or Promise.

*Sauch*, a Willow.

*Saucht*, at Ease, in Peace.

*Saul*, Soul.

*Sauld*, see *Sald*.

*Sawrs*, Savours, Smells.

N. B. the *c* here between the  
*f* and *h*, tho' it is never  
used now, yet it was sel-  
dom neglected by our old  
Gentlemen; therefore any  
hard Word that begins  
with only *sh*, look for it  
in *sch*.

*Scant*, scarce.

*Schaisp*, to fit.

*Schairsp*, sharp.

*Schaw*, shew.

*Schaws*, little Woods.

*Sched*, separate.

*Scheil*, Shepherd's Coat.  
*Schene*, shining.  
*Schent*, troubled, confounded,  
 spoiled, ruined.  
*Scheip*, Sheep.  
*Scheild*, unhuked, *item* a  
 Sheild.  
*Schilling*, Meal before it is  
 lifted.  
*Schit*, a blasted little Crea-  
 ture.  
*Schogled*, dangled.  
*Schoil*, she will, or she'll.  
*Schog*, to shake.  
*Scho*, she.  
*Schore*, to threat.  
*Schot*, Shot.  
*Schir*, Sir.  
*Schrewis*, Shrews.  
*Schuke*, shook.  
*Schuder*, to Shiver.  
*Schune*, Shoes.  
*Schule*, School.  
*Schupe*, made ready, intended.  
*Schure*, did sheer.  
*Scrimp*, scant.  
*Scul*, to look grim, by letting  
 fall the Brows.  
*Seil*, Seal.  
*Seil*, Happiness, Prosperity.  
*Seimly*, comely.  
*Seir* or *Sere*, several.  
*Sell*, self.  
*Seindle* seldom.  
*Sen*, since.  
*Sene*, seen.  
*Sens*, Sense.  
*Sensyne*, since that Time.  
*Senzie*, Signority.  
*Senzior*, Senior.  
*Sesoun*, Season.  
*Serve* or *Sers*, to deserve.

*Sets*, becomes.  
*Seuch*, a Furrow or Ditch.  
*Sey*, to try.  
*Scaldit*, burnt.  
*Scart*, Hermaphrodite.  
*Scowrie* or *Skowrie*, meagre.  
*Scunder*, a Qualm, to loathe.  
*Sib*, a Kin.  
*Sic* or *sik*, such.  
*Sich*, sigh.  
*Sicht*, Sight.  
*Sicker*, sure.  
*Siller*, Silver.  
*Sindle*, seldom.  
*Single*, a Handful of gleaned  
 Corns.  
*Skail*, to scatter.  
*Skairs* or *Skers*, scarce.  
*Skaith*, Loss, Harm.  
*Skapit*, escaped.  
*Scant*, scarce.  
*Skap*, Scalp.  
*Skar*, Scar.  
*Skelf*, Shelf.  
*Sklander*, Scandal.  
*Sklender*, Slender.  
*Sklent*, to go aside, to lie.  
*Skonce* to cover, a Cover.  
*Skoldirt*, parched.  
*Skorn*, Scorn.  
*Skeich*, Skittish.  
*Skowl*, hang or knit the Brows.  
*Skink*, to fill Drink, *item*  
 strong Broth.  
*Skirl*, to cry.  
*Skrows*, Scrolls.  
*Skrudging* or *Skurging*, Scour-  
 ing.  
*Skruise*, Scruf.  
*Skraip*, Scrape.  
*Skryk*, to screech.

- Skugry*, in Hidlings.  
*Skulls*, Hand Baskets.  
*Skum*, Scum.  
*Skyth*, Loss, Hurt.  
*Sla*, Slay.  
*Slae*, Sloe.  
*Slaif*, Slave.  
*Slaif*, did slit or cut.  
*Slak*, an opening between Hills.  
*Slaw*, flow.  
*Slek*, smooth.  
*Slenth*, cunning.  
*Slicht*, Slight.  
*Slie*, Slouth.  
*Slakin*, to quench.  
*Slogan* or *Slugborn*, a Watch-  
 word, peculiar to a cer-  
 tain Name or Set of People,  
 used to know their Friends  
 from Enemies.  
*Slouch*, a Husk.  
*Smaik*, a silly pitiful Fellow.  
*Smeir*, besmear.  
*Smidy*, Smith's Work-house.  
*Smit*, to infect.  
*Smot*, a Spot, as of Grease on  
 Cloaths.  
*Smorit*, smothered.  
*Smuze*, Smoak.  
*Smyt*, a small Spot.  
*Smyle*, to smile.  
*Snack*, clever.  
*Sneist*, to speak tartly.  
*Sneir*, to snore.  
*Snell*, sharp.  
*Snift*, to shew Displeasure  
 by disdainful Looks.  
*Snude*, a Womans Headband  
 for binding back the Hair.  
*Soir*, Sore.  
*Solace*, Recteation.  
*Solist*, to sollicite.  
*Sonce* or *sonjs*, Luck, Hap-  
 piness.
- Sonk*, a Wreath of Straw used  
 as a Cushion, or a Lin-  
 Saddle.  
*Sonziet*, made Excuse.  
*Sornand*, to go about be-  
 ging.  
*Sould*, should.  
*Soverane*, Sovereign.  
*Soup*, sweep.  
*Sound*, smooth.  
*Spae*, to prophesy.  
*Spae*, wane from Suck.  
*Spate* or *Spait*, Land Flood or  
 Torrent.  
*Spang*, to leap.  
*Spavie*, Stiffness in the Ham  
 a Horse Disease.  
*Spaul*, *Spald*, the Shoulder.  
*Speik*, to speak.  
*Speil*, to climb.  
*Speir*, to ask, item a Spears  
*Spence*, the Buttery.  
*Spenzie*, Spain.  
*Spill*, to spoil.  
*Spirling*, a very small Fish.  
*Sound*, smooth.  
*Spout*, a Gush.  
*Spray*, Sprigs, Bushes.  
*Spring*, a Tune.  
*Spulzie*, Spoil, item to spoil.  
*Sprent*, a Spring, to spring a  
 a Clock.  
*Spule*, a Weaver's Shuttle.  
*Squeil*, Squeek.  
*Spunk*, a Spark of Fire.  
*Spyrand*, Spinning.  
*Stane*, Stone.  
*Stang*, Sting.  
*Stakis*, Piles of Corn.  
*Stall*, stole.  
*Stallwart*, Robust.  
*Stakkar*, Stagger.  
*Stark*, strong.

ay, Streight, Steep.  
 aw, stole.  
 teik, to shut.  
 teir, stir.  
 tend, long Stryde.  
 tern, Star.  
 tevin, the Voice.  
 ting or Stang, a Pol.  
 tirk, a big Bull-Calf  
 rot, Bullock, item a Note it  
 Musick.  
 Sour, Dust in Motion.  
 tour, Throng of Battle.  
 toup Prop or Pillar.  
 Stoun, stolen.  
 taig, young Horse.  
 trang, strong.  
 trae, Straw.  
 rak, did strike.  
 trinkil, to sprinkle.  
 trynd, strain, item Kindred.  
 talwart, large and strong.  
 talkers, sturdy Beggars.  
 tude, stood.  
 tudy, Smith's Anvil.  
 sturdy, stout and strong.  
 turt, Vexation.  
 tyme, Small Sight.  
 tycopand, Benefice.  
 tynt, to stay or hold.  
 tva, so.  
 tukkar, Sugar.  
 tuith or Suth, Truth.  
 tuld, should.  
 tunc, sone, soon.  
 tuxpit, featured.  
 twats, Small-bear or Dreg.  
 twankies, cliver young Fel-  
 lows  
 Sum, some.  
 Sulzie, to soil, item, Soil,  
 Land.  
 Supone, suppose.

Sute, Soot.  
 Suth, Truth.  
 Swaird, the Grassy Surface of  
 the Ground.  
 Swat, did sweat.  
 Swankie, souple Youngster.  
 Sweir, lazy, item, to swear.  
 Sweirness, Lasciviousness.  
 Swith, Haft, hastylie.  
 Swom, Swini.  
 Swoun, Faint.  
 Swyngeor, a tall Wencher,  
 item, a Scoundrel.  
 Swyth, or swith, soon.  
 Syis, Times.  
 Syke, a Water Ditch.  
 Symmer, Summer.  
 Syne, afterward, then.  
 Syre, Sire, Father.  
 Syte, Sorrow.

## T A.

TAE, Toe.  
 Tais, Toes.  
 Taecht, Taught.  
 Tallon, to Tallow or Grease.  
 Tald or Tauld, told.  
 Taid, Toad.  
 Talxior, Taylor.  
 Targats, Clasps or Buckles.  
 Targe, a Shield.  
 Tarrow, to refuse.  
 Tauch, Tallow.  
 Tawsy, little Cup.  
 Tax, a Scourge or little Whip.  
 Tedder, a Rope or Band for  
 Horses.  
 Telzie, a Cut of Beef.  
 Tene, Anger.  
 Tent, to notice.  
 Tugh, tugh.  
 Teynd, Anger

- Thae*, those.  
*Thair*, their, there.  
*Thairin*, within.  
*Thairout*, without.  
*Thay*, those.  
*Thi*, Thigh.  
*Thir*, those.  
*Thocht*, thought, tho't.  
*Thole*, to suffer.  
*Thrawart*, or *trawart*, cross.  
*Thrawis*, Throws.  
*Trawn*, cross, *Thrawn* vult, ill natured Countenance.  
*Trefse*, in Corn, twenty four Sheaves; applied to other Things it means a great deal.  
*Thring*, to wring, or Throng.  
*Throple*, the Wind Pipe.  
*Tyne*, shine, *item* thence.  
*Thud*, The Noise rather stronger than sharp that Things make that come on other with Force and Quickness.  
*Ticht*, handsome, tight.  
*Tig*, to sport with gentle Touches, patting and the like.  
*Tinsell*, Lofs.  
*Tint*, Lost.  
*Tirl*, to give a small sharp Stroke, *item* to uncover.  
*Tirly mirly*, a Whirlygig.  
*Tittar*, rather.  
*Tod*, a Fox.  
*Toder*, the other.  
*Toits* or *toy's*, Frecks.  
*Tolbuith*, a Prison.  
*Towdy*, the Arse.  
*Towis*, Towers.  
*Towmond*, Twelve Months.
- Trantals*, Nig-nays.  
*Trattles*, silly Tales.  
*Traikit*, dragled.  
*Trayn*, Train or Lead.  
*Treachour* or *treichour*, treach-  
 erous.  
*Trete* or *treit*, treat.  
*Tretie*, intreating.  
*Trew*, true.  
*Trig*, neat.  
*Trow*, believe.  
*Truncheon*, Head or Piece of  
 a Spear.  
*Trumpours*, Deceivers.  
*Tryme*, handsome.  
*Trymbill*, Tremble.  
*Tryst*, an Appointment.  
*Tung*, Tongue.  
*Take*, took.  
*Tume*, empty, *item*, to empty.  
*Tway* or *twae*, two.  
*Twish*, Touch.  
*Twyne*, to twine.  
*Tyde*, Tide.  
*Tyke*, a Dog.  
*Tymmer*, Timber.  
*Tyne*, or *tine*, Lofs.  
*Tyne*, *tein* or *tene*, Anger.  
*Tynt*, lost.  
*Tyte*, streight, soon, quickly.

## W A.

- W** A, Wall.  
*Wad* or *Wed*, Wager.  
*Wae*, Woe.  
*Wesfu*, woeful.  
*Wag*, Shake.  
*Wais*, lonely, alone.  
*Waif*, Wave.  
*Wair* or *ware*, to bestow

*W*aik, weak, *item* wait.  
*W*ith, wandred or strayed.  
*W*akryse, little enclined to sleeping  
*W*als, the Choice, to choise.  
*W*ald, would.  
*W*alop, to Galop.  
*W*allowit, withered.  
*W*aly, large.  
*W*ally-gowdy, great Jewell.  
*W*alydraig, a pityful Creature, or the most worthless of a Number.  
*W*ame, Womb.  
*W*an, pale, *item* went.  
*W*ansuckit, ill nursed.  
*W*anworib, worthless.  
*W*ane or wain, House.  
*W*ansfers, Venus Gamesters.  
*W*anruse, uneasy.  
*W*arden, Guardian.  
*W*arison, Reward.  
*W*ark, Work.  
*W*arlo, a Wretch.  
*W*arie, to fret.  
*W*ate or wair, to know.  
*W*aw, a Wall, a Wave.  
*W*edset, to Mortgage.  
*W*eil, well.  
*W*eind, supposed.  
*W*eir, War.  
*W*eird, Fortune.  
*W*eit, Rain, *item* to wet.  
*W*ene or wein, to think or suppose.  
*W*end, go away.  
*W*eirly, cautiously.  
*W*ypit, wiped or woped.  
*W*icht, clever.  
*W*icht, Wight, a Person.  
*W*icker, Willow.  
*W*id, mad.

*W*iddert, withered.  
*W*iddy or Wody, the Gallows.  
*W*ie, little.  
*W*iddysow, Gallows fac'd.  
*W*iddill, an uneasy restless Motion.  
*W*ill, wild.  
*W*ilfom, wild. (ward.  
*W*imple, to fold back and tore.  
*W*inning, Dwelling.  
*W*innocks, Windows.  
*W*irby, or wordy, worthy.  
*W*irk, to work.  
*W*irry, to worry.  
*W*ist, to know.  
*W*od, a Wood.  
*W*on, to dwell.  
*W*ond, dwell.  
*W*ont, thought or supposed.  
*W*onit, courted.  
*W*rak, Wreck.  
*W*owf, Wolf.  
*W*ow, a Note of Wonder.  
*W*raik, to vex.  
*W*raith, the Waste.  
*W*rait, wrote.  
*W*rang, wrong.  
*W*rocht, wrought.  
*W*ympier, a Curle or Wave.  
*W*ylie, cunning.  
*W*yfe, Wife.  
*W*yfis, Wives.  
*W*yt, to blame, the Cause or Blame.  
*W*ys, wise.  
*W*yss, a Handful of Straw, or the like.  
  
*W*alxiant, valiant.  
*W*anise, vanish.  
*W*udder, other.  
*W*elxiet, availed.

*Venomit*, Envenomed.  
*Vertew*, Virtue.  
*Vg*, to loath.  
*Ugsome*, loathsome.  
*Vissy*, take a View of.  
*Utie*, Oyl.  
*Undoct*, one that can do nothing.  
*Unfulziet*, undefiled.  
*Ungeird*, unarmed.  
*Unquit*, uncleared or unpaid.  
*Unficker*, unsure.  
*Unxon*, Union.  
*Vyce*, Vice.  
*Vyle*, vile.

## Y

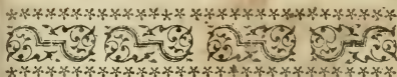
**Y** *CE*, Ice.  
*Ydle*, idle.  
*Yie*, Isle.  
*Ynd*, India.  
*Yre*, Ire.  
*Yreland*, Ireland.  
*Yron*, Iron.

## Z A.

**Z** *AIP* or *zap*, sharp set, hungry.

*Zamer*, to make a Grumbling  
 ° like a Child.  
*Ze*, ye, item yea.  
*Zll*, ye'll.  
*Zllow*, Yellow.  
*Zeid*, went.  
*Zeil*, ye will.  
*Zeild*, yield.  
*Zeir*, Year.  
*Zelp*, yelp, cry like a Dog.  
*Zemen*, Yeamen.  
*Zestrene*, Yeesternight.  
*Zet*, Yet or Gate.  
*Zing*, young.  
*Zit* or *Zet*, yet.  
*Zisterday*, Yesterday.  
*Zolden*, holden.  
*Zoke*, Yoak.  
*Zonkers*, Youngsters.  
*Zon*, yon.  
*Zowl*, howl.  
*Zouth*, Youth.  
*Zouthheid*, Youth-head.  
*Zule*, Christmas.  
*Zung*, young.  
*Zyrne*, to earn or cradle as new Cheese.

*N. B.* Some old Scots Words not explained in this Glossary, through Inadvertency in collecting and ranging of them, and some few, for which we can plead a better Excuse, shall be annexed, with such in the third Volume as are not explained in this, which Volume is to be published in a short Time, consisting chiefly of Satyres and Interludes, wrote by Sir David Lindsay of the Mount, Lyon King at Arms, and acted on the Play-Green between Leith and Edinburgh, with several other Pieces never before printed.



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