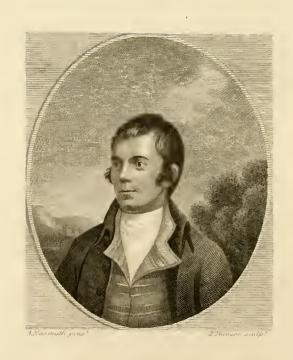


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PREFACE.

THE approbation bestowed by the Public on the National Melodies and Songs collected and published by Mr Thomson, and the wish expressed by many of his Musical Friends to see them in a smaller and cheaper form, calculated to promote their wider circulation, have induced him to bring forward the present Work.

In the original selection of the *Melodics* for his folio works, the Editor was at the utmost pains to obtain them in the purest and best form; having carefully examined every Collection extant; availed himself of the communications of such intelligent friends as bad been much conversant with their native music; and visited distant parts of the country, to collect on the spot what he could not obtain by means of Correspondents; invariably preferring that set or copy of every Melody which seemed the most simple and beautiful, whether be found it in print, or in manuscript, or got it from a voice, or an instrument.

The Symphonies and Accompaniments next engaged his solicitude. For the composition of these, he had the peculiar good fortune to enlist the talents of Pleyel, Kozeluch, Haydn, and Beethoven; and thus to give an additional interest to the Melodies, very far exceeding what they before possessed. About one half of those Symphonies and Accompaniments were composed by Haydn alone, who, to the inexpressible satisfaction of the Editor, proceeded all along with the work con amore. It occupied the leisure of that inimitable Composer for upwards of three years, and, on finishing it, he thus wrote to the Editor: "I boast of this " Work, and by it I flatter myself my name " will live in Scotland many years after my " death."

The Symphonies form an Introduction and Conclusion to each Melody, so characteristic and delightful, and comprise in themselves such a rich collection of new and original compositions, as to form an invaluable appendage to the Melodies: while the Accompaniments will be found to support the voice, and to beautify the Melodies, without any tendency to injure their simple character.

Second-voice parts were also composed by these great Masters, for such of the Melodies as seemed best fitted to be sung as DUETTS; as well as for the Chorus parts, formerly sung by one voice only, or by different voices in unison.

The Poetical part of the Work was, to the Editor, a subject of most anxious consideration, and attended with far greater difficulty than he had ever anticipated: for although a considerable portion of the Airs had long been united to unexceptionable Songs, yet a far greater number stood matched with Songs of such a silly, vulgar, or indelicate character, as could no longer be sung in decent society, or among persons of good taste: and it became necessary, in order to preserve and perpetuate those beautiful Melodies, to rid them. of their coarse metrical associates, and to get them matched with others more congenial to their nature and worthy of their beauty. It is observed by Dr Currie, in bis interesting Life of Burns, that "there is no species of " Poetry, the productions of the drama not ex-" cepted, so much calculated to influence the "morals, as well as the happiness of a people, " as those popular verses which are associated " with national airs, and which being learnt in "the years of infancy, make a deep impression "on the heart, before the evolution of the " powers of the understanding."

It was under a similar impression with respect to the Poetry, that the Editor undertook its revisal and purification. Most fortunately for the lovers of music and song, he applied to our great National Poet, ROBERT BURNS; who, in the most liberal and cordial manner, undertook to write a large proportion of the Songs

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wanting. He performed what he promised, in a manner that transcended the most sanguinc expectations of the Editor, having enriched the Work with the most exquisite Songs, both Scottish and English, that exist in any language: they exhibit all the charms of the Poet's genius in the utmost variety, both of serious and humorous composition; and every intelligent reader will contemplate his luxuriant fancy, his ardent feeling, and manly sentiment, and the impressive energy and simplicity of his style, with equal wonder and delight. All his tender and impassioned Songs breathc the genuine, glowing, unaffected language of the heart; while the scenes, the manners, the innocence, and the pleasures of rural life, are pourtrayed with a pencil so true to nature, as to engage our warmest sympathies and admiration.

On the lamented death of Burns, the Editor, after a considerable pause, sought, and fortunately obtained the assistance of Mrs Joanna Baillie, Mrs Grant, Mrs John Hunter, Sir Alexander Boswell, Sir Walter Scott, Thomas Campbell, and William Smyth, Esqrs., whose valuable contributions to his Scottish, Irish, and Welsh Collections, exceed 130 Songs; which, with those of Burns, form upwards of two hundred and fifty new songs—in addition to the best anonymous Songs of the olden time—and the sclect ones of Ramsay, Crawford, Hamilton, Thomson, Smollett, Skinner, Macnell, Hogg, &c.

Dr. Burney says, "It should be a principal "object of mankind to attach the fair sex hy "every means to music, as it is the only a-" museuucnt that may be enjoyed to excess,

"and the heart still remain virtuous and un"corrupted." The great object of the Editor
has been to heighten and refine that amusement: and accordingly, amidst all the variety
of Songs contained in his Volumes, whether
plaintive, amatory, gay, or humorous, not one
will be found inimical to the most virtuous and
delicate feeling; not one which he hesitates to
put into the hands of his own daughters, or,
one, "which dying, he could wish to blot."

The present Work will be found to contain nearly the whole of the Scottish Melodies, together with a selection of the most popular Irish and Welch Melodies, in the Editor's folio edition of those three Works.

The Symphonies and Accompaniments of the folio volumes have been adopted in the present Work, and arranged so as to be complete for the Piano-Forte, without the addition of the Violin and Violoncello. The Poetry attached to the Melodies in the great Works, is also retained in the present Publication, and includes a number of additional new Songs.

The characteristic Engravings, from Scottish song, which embellish this Work, from Designs of Allan and Stothard, will, it is hoped, be duly appreciated by every person of taste.

To what period, and to what description of persons, the Public are indebted for the original production of the Scottish Melodies, have long heen questions for the investigation of the Antiquary. Whether, in the annexed Dissertation, a near approach has been made to the solution of these questions, the Editor will not presume to decide.

Edinburgh, Royal Exchange, March 1822.

^{**} With respect to the mode of singing the Scottish Melolies, there is one great error which the Editor has frequently observed with peculiar regret; that is, the very slow time, and languid manner, which many of his fair countrywomen have been taught to adopt. This not only imparts a lifeless character to the Music, but occasions such a very indistinct and imperfect pronunciation of the words, that the heavers, far from receiving any mental pleasure, can searcely find out the subject of the song. The Scottish Songs, when performed in this very slow drawling way, lose their proper character; and, instead of delighting the fance or touching the heavt, as they must do, if sung and spoken with feeling and animation, they rather tend to full the passive heavers asleep.

DISSERTATION

CONCERNING THE

NATIONAL MELODIES OF SCOTLAND.

THE National Music of Scotland comprehends s very great number of Melodies, adapted to the expression of emotion and passion in their various gradations, from the most plaintive to the most joyous. The Melodies of the Lowlands are essentially different from those of the Highlands; the Vocal Melodies are, of course, very different from the tunes composed for instruments; and the old Vocal Melodies, or what may be considered as the original stock of our national music, differ from the Melodies of more modern date, which have been added to that stock at various periods. An inquiry into the nature and causes of these diversities, would lead to a very long discussion; but an attempt to ascertain the origin and antiquity of the Vocal Melodies of the Lowland Scots, and a few remarks on their style and character, compared with the national music of other countries, may form an appropriate introduction to a Collection of the best of those Melodies.

There is hardly any people, however rude, that has not its music. The warrior, the hunter, and the shepherd, sing their triumphs, their exploits, and their loves, in strains dictated by nature, and inspired by feeling. Even among the most barbarous tribes, if there are any traces of the softer and better emotions, it is in their Songs that these traces are to be tourd; and music is thus, not merely the most innocent and refined pleasure which a rude

people can enjoy, but a powerful instrument in quickening the progress of improvement, by cherishing the best feelings of our nature.

It is to be expected that the original music of different nations, though differing in its character according to the varieties of their situations and manners, will yet, as being prompted by nature, agree in containing the most simple and elementary sounds of the musical scale. Our musical scale of the present day, though it appears simple and natural to us, is, in reality, the gradual result of theoretical deduction and practical improvement; and it is certain, that a great part of what is called national music, is constructed according to a scale, which, though different from the regular scale of the moderns, is found to be the same in the most remote and unconnected parts of the world. When the nature and properties of this scale, which, for the sake of distinction, shall be called the national scale, are precisely defined, it becomes a criterion for separating our old national music from that which is modern, and for ascertaining what must have been the primary form of the original airs.

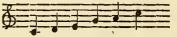
In Scotland, as well as every other country in Europe which possesses a body of national music, this music has been much changed and modified by the cultivation of the art during a long period, in the course of which a knowledge of it has been gradually diffused among

the people, and instruments introduced that were formerly unknown. The old Scottish airs, however, are so strongly marked, that it is by no means difficult, hy analysing, and comparing them, to discover in what their peculiar character consists, and thus to find a test by which to try their antiquity.

The peculiarity of the Scottish scale has been frequently remarked, though its properties, so far as we know, have never yet heen accurately defined. Attempts have indeed heen made to deduce, from the character and structure of the Melodies, some conclusions as to their antiquity, particularly hy Mr Tytler, in his Dissertation on Scottish Song :- " The distinguishing strain," he remarks, " of our old Me-" lodies, is plaintive and melancholy; and what " makes them soothing and affecting to a great " degree is, the constant use of the concordant "tones, the third and fifth of the scale, often " ending upon the fifth, and some of them up-" on the sixth of the scale." Upon this slender foundation he grounds a number of conclusions respecting the comparative age of the most noted melodies. But it must be ohvious to every musician, that his account of the structure of the airs can afford no data from which any satisfactory conclusion can he drawn.

Other enquirers have remarked the circumstance, which, in truth, forms the sole peculiarity of the national scale, -the want, namely, of the fourth and seventh of the key; but, not having heen able to account, in this manner, for the seeming variety arising from the airs being sometimes in the major and sometimes in the minor mode, they have been under the nccessity of supposing that there are two different scales, the one major, and the other minor. Thus, they have said, that while the major scale wants the fourth and seventh, the minor wants the second and sixth of the key; and, even this not being sufficient to account for the structure of many airs, they have imagined another minor scale, similar to the major, except in having the third and sixth flattened. This ohviously implies the supposition, that the national scale, instead of consisting of one simple series of sounds, without semitones, and of the most natural and easy intonation, contained different series, in some of which semitones were introduced. Besides, it will immediately be shewn, that it is incorrect to say that the minor scale wants the second, for there are some minor airs which have this interval, and (strange as it may appear) want the third; and that there can he no such thing in the national scale, as the interval of a semitone. The truth, in short, is, that there is hut one series of sounds in the national scale, upon which every ancient Scottish air is constructed, whatever may be its varieties, either of mode or of character.

This national scale is the modern diatonic scale, divested of the fourth and seventh;—thus:



It is impossible to hear this scale without feeling how entirely it possesses the character of Scottish melody; and, from a careful examination of the whole body of our national music, it appears that every air (with a very few exceptions) which is really ancient, is constructed precisely according to this scale, and does not contain a single note which is foreign to it,—excepting only in the case of those airs (which are few in number) of which the series has occasionally been altered by the introduction of the flat seventh. The truth of this remark will appear from an analysis of some of the airs which are most diversified in their character.

In saying, that an air is constructed upon a certain scale, it is meant that the melody is strictly confined to the notes of that scale, though they may be taken in any order, or carried upwards or downwards to any extent. Our primitive musicians might wander up and down the scale, forming such successions of notes, and dwelling or stopping on such parts of the scale as pleased them; but they could no more introduce minuter divisions of the scale, or sounds not comprehended in it, than a musician of the present day could introduce sounds not to he found in the scale to which his ear has been accustomed. A person, whose

ideas are confined to the diatonie scale, could never introduce chromatic intervals into his melodies; and even those who are familiar with the chromatic scale, cannot introduce enharmonic intervals, though those intervals seem to have been in common use among the Greeks, in consequence of their musicians having discovered and introduced into practice the enharmonic scale. From this manner of wandering up and down the scale, and stopping on any part of it at pleasure, our old airs are found not always to close on what we call the key-note, but frequently on other parts of the scale; and a greater or lesser degree of wildness is given to the melody, in consequence of its close being more or less different from what we are used to in modern music. A considerable variety of character will be given to the airs, as they happen to rest chiefly, or close upon certain parts of the scale, which will thus become principal, or key-notes, and will give the airs the appearance of heing composed in different keys, and in different modes, though they contain invariably no sounds but those in the simple series which has already been given. A strain beginning and ending, for instance, with C, and running through the series of sounds already given, as filling up the distance between C and its octave, will appear to be in the modern key of C major. An air beginning and closing on A, and running through the sounds in the same series between that note and its octave, will have an effect similar to a modern composition in A minor; and similar varieties will be produced by taking D, or E, as the predominating note in the melody. Thus, a scale producing an impression like that of A minor, is formed by merely placing the note A at the beginning of the scale already given;



and, by commencing with D, or E, the following scales are produced:



By singing or playing these scales, it will be found that they have a character different from the scale commencing with C, as well as from each other. The scales beginning with A and E have an effect resembling very nearly the modern minor scale. They agree in having the minor third, the great characteristic of the minor mode, and the flat seventh; but the one has the fifth without the sixth, and the other has the sixth without the fifth. A scale, however, without so essential a note as the fifth of the key, seems not adapted for practical use; and, therefore, it will be found, on examining the old melodies in the minor mode, that they generally contain the notes in the series commencing with A. Various airs are to be found consisting of the notes in the series beginning with D; and although this series wants the third, yet these airs give the impression of being in the minor mode, and require minor harmony.

It will be observed, however, that, as all these different kinds of airs are, in reality, constructed upon one series or scale of sounds, and as their composers had no idea of the distinction of major and minor modes, but were prompted merely by their taste or feeling to rest or close upon particular notes of the scale, we cannot expect that exact distinction of modes which is to be found in modern music. The melody is frequently equivocal in this respect, and may be considered as belonging either to one mode or the other; modern composers, in harmonizing these airs, find it necessary to make frequent transitions from the harmony of the major mode to that of the minor, and vice versa: and it is in the skill with which these transitions have been managed, so as to gratify the ear with beautiful harmony, without impairing the original character of the air, that the celebrated composers, whose labours have contributed so much to the value of this work, have so greatly distinguished themselves.

All this will be elearly illustrated by a few passages from different melodies.

In the series of C-the air "Auld lang syne,"



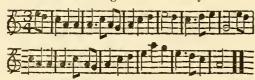
, In the series of A-the air "Wandering Willie,"



The air, of which this is the first part, is considered as in the minor mode, hecause both the first and second parts terminate in that mode; hut it is evident, that a considerable portion of the above passage must be treated as being in the key of C major.

The following (in the same series) is a remarkable instance of the same sort of equivocal modulation.

The Mucking of Geordie's Byre.



The close in A minor here determines the key, and renders it necessary, in harmonizing the air, to preserve the impression of this key as much as possible; hut if the final note were changed from A to C, and a slight change made on the preceding har, the whole air might he considered and harmonized as in the key of C major.

The following passage (the first part of "Bonny Dundee") is constructed upon the series of D; and, though the third is always passed over, yet it is felt to be in the key of D minor.



The second part of the same air is a curious

instance of that mixture of modes already mentioned:

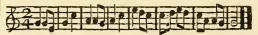


This strain hegins in C major, and passes into A minor, on which there is a decided close; it then returns to C major, and finally closes in D minor, the original key. It would he difficult to find, in the works of the most skilful composer, any passage so short as this, so full of variety in its modulation, and yet so unaffectedly sweet and simple in its expression.

Other varieties in the character of Scottish airs are produced by their closing on the second, third, fifth, or sixth of the scale. One or two instances of these will be sufficient.

The close on the fifth is of very frequent occurrence.

Hey Tutti Taiti.



The close on the sixth has a very wild effect.

Woo'd and Married and a'.



All the varieties which have heen hitherto noticed, are produced without the slightest deviation from the original scale. There are, however, some few instances of old airs in which this series is not precisely adhered to. This happens, in the first place, where the flat seventh is introduced, as a note of great emphasis and expression, without any other change in the series. It is done, with the most exquisite effect, in the second part of the air "Waly waly," which hegins thus:



⁺ It is perhaps scarce necessary to mention that, in the above examples, the Airs are given in their primitive form, divested of all modern embellishment.

The same effect is produced by the same means, in "The Flowers of the Forest," "Lochaber," &c. Of this last air, however, it may be observed, that the introduction of the flat seventb, in the second part, which adds so much patbos to the melody, seems of modern date,-for the air, as printed in the Orpheus Caledonius, wants it. There is something, however, so natural and pleasing in sliding from the sixth to the flat seventh, while it has such a melancholy and sighing expression, that a minstrel of more than ordinary refinement and feeling may easily bave hit upon it, in a moment of inspiration, even at a very early period of the art.

The only other variety, arising from a deviation from the original scale, happens where the flat seventh is introduced, not merely as a note of expression, but as the primary note of a new series of sounds, or, in modern language, as the fundamental of a new key. There are very few instances of this; and the airs in which it occurs are not good, the effect being harsh and unpleasing. The following example is from the air "Bonny Lesly."

This is a modulation from one major key to another, on the note immediately below; a modulation utterly inadmissible in regular music.

It thus appears, that, unless in those few instances in which a variety is produced by the introduction of the flat seventh, the Scottish Melodies are constructed upon a scale which differs from the modern diatonic scale, in its wanting the fourth and seventh; from which it may be inferred, that it is natural to leave out these notes, and that their introduction into the modern scale is an artificial process. This inference is confirmed, in the first place, from observing the difficulty which untaught singers have in sounding one of its most predominating notes, the sharp seventh, particularly in the minor mode. To a cultivated taste, it appears quite barbarous to rise from the flat seventh to

the octave, and yet we hear this invariably done in minor airs, by rustic musicians, who do not exhibit either want of ear or musical feeling. It has often been remarked, too, that the fourth is not easily sung in tune by uneducated singers: And it thus appears, that the notes of the modern scale the most difficult to be sung, are those which involve the interval of a semitone; and that the national scale, by passing over these notes, avoids the difficulty of sounding this minute interval. The same conclusion is still more remarkably confirmed by observing, not only that our national scale has been ascertained to be the same with that of various other countries, but that it appears to be precisely the same with the most ancient scale of the Greeks.

The Vocal Music of the Highlands of Scotland, though differing greatly from the Lowland airs in its expression, is of precisely the same structure in regard to its scale, a circumstance of which ample proof is to be obtained from the Rev. Mr M'Donald's valuable collection of Highland airs. The vocal airs of the Highlanders are of a character totally different from their instrumental music, a great part of which (their pibroch, for example,) is elaborate and complicated in its structure, and contains all the notes of the diatonic scale, extended to a very considerable compass. There is reason to believe, from the researches of Mr Gunn,* that instrumental music was much cultivated in the Highlands at a very remote period, and that the harp was used at an era prior to the introduction of the bagpipe. In like manner, most of the old Irish vocal airs (for many of the finest of their airs have been composed by Carolan, and other modern harpers) are constructed according to the same scale with our own; while their dances, and other tunes composed for their instruments, are more regular and extensive in their scale. The music of Wales is almost entirely instrumental. † The harp has been generally used in

much in the habit of singing, and that their musical recreation consists chiefly in listening to the performances of Wales, that the common people in that country are not their harpers, of whom there is one in almost every village.

[#] Historical Enquiry into the Performance on the Harp. † The Editor was informed, by a lady of rank in

that country from a very remote period, and still continues to he so; and the natural consequence of the use of an instrument of such powers, is, that the Welch airs are almost as regular in their structure as modern compositions. The popular airs of Italy, and particularly of Venice, (which are the most remarkable,) though simple, are exquisitely polished and clegant; but no rudeness could he expected in the music of a people among whom the gondolieri, and other common classes, have made it their amusement to recite the poetry of Tasso. The French national airs of the present day may plainly be traced from the airs of the Troubadours in Provence and the other southern provinces;* the oldest even of which possess very few of the peculiarities of national melody. The same is the case with the Melodies of Spain, which, though often wild and singular in their measure, are, in general, perfectly smooth and regular, in so far as regards the succession of notes, -- a circumstance easily explained from the prevalence of the guitar for so many centuries in that country. It is

not equally easy to account for the peculiar character of the national music of the Danes, Norwegians, and other Scandinavian tribes, which, though exceedingly simple, gives free admission to notes which are not to be found in our national scale. The airs of those countries are almost always in the minor mode; and, not only is the sharp seventh of common occurrence in them, hut they contain intervals which are rarely met with, even in modern music.+ It is difficult, certainly, to understand how this music should contain passages of such nice and difficult intonation; though there seems reason to helieve, that music was cultivated, and the use of the harp known, among the Scandinavian nations, at a very early period. 1 But, notwithstanding this exception, and perhaps some others, the general fact of the extensive prevalence of the national scale is suficiently established. It has been ascertained, that the Chinese music is exactly conformable to this scale, and has, consequently, a great deal of the Scottish character. Dr Burney gives

and romance,) are, though belonging to the same period, set to airs of a very different character, resembling the rudest of our own melodies in their structure and conformity to the national scale. The history of the Chatelain de Couey, and a number of his songs, some of them accompanied with their music, are given in the "Essai sur la Musique," (Vol. II. p. 251. et seq.) and two of the most pleasing of them are selected by Dr Burney, who has given them in modern notes, and with a bass, (Vol. II. p.285, 286.) These songs are exactly copied from manuscripts near 500 years old; and it is perfectly evident, from their whole character and structure, that, in their original state, they must have been precisely according to the national scale: though, when they were united to the poetry of the Chatelain de Coucy, and reduced to writing, (which must have been the work of a regular musician,) they were smoothed and embellished by the introduction of notes of taste,-in the same manner as has happened to our own melodies. It may, therefore, be inferred that these airs, so unlike the other melodies of that time of which specimens have been preserved, are the remains of the popular music of a still older period, prior to the cultivation of music as an art, and the general use of musical instruments.

^{*} The most ancient Melodies, known to be such by positive evidence, (not to speak of the fragments of Greek melody which have been preserved) are those set to the verses of the Provencal poets, or Troubadours, who were also the composers and performers of their music. A number of these songs and melodies are to be found in the "Essai sur la Musique Ancienne et Moderne," by Mr Laborde, a very splendid work published at Paris in 1780, (Vol. II.) - and Dr Burney gives a few of those of which the authenticity is best established. The Provençal poetry and music seem to have flourished chiefly during the 13th and 14th centuries; and the airs of those days, composed by the Troubadours, appear, from the specimens preserved, to have been almost as polished and regular as the French airs of the present day. This is particularly the case with regard to two of the airs composed by Thibaut, King of Navarre, who died in 1254, which are given by Burney, Vol. II. pages 297 and 300,-and also an air given by the same author, (p. 290,) from a manuscript of the 14th century in the Bodleian Library; and this is to be ascribed to the attention which was then paid to the cultivation of music, and the variety of instruments in general use. But it is a remarkable circumstance, that the bcautiful and eelebrated songs of the Chatelain de Coucy, (whose romantic and melancholy story is so well known to the readers of old poetry

[†] A number of these airs are given in the Essai sur la Musique Ancienne et Moderne.

¹ Vide Encyclopædia Britannica, Art. Minstrel.

an account of a Chinese musical instrument, which could produce only the intervals of this scale.* Rousseau,† gives a Chinese air precisely according to it; and other Chinese airs of the same kind have been collected by different travellers.‡ Many wild and beautiful airs, strongly resembling our own, have been found in Persia, and the mountainous parts of India; and melodies of the same cast have been remarked among the Moors in Barbary, and the natives of North America.

The musical scale of the Greeks, it is well known, assumed a very artificial and complex form in the *later* ages of that people. But it appears to be the result of Dr Burney's laborious enquiries into this subject, that, at an early period, there was a scale, called by him the *old Enharmonic scale*, which he conceives to have been formed, not from the deductions of science, but from a natural feeling of its beauty; and which, he observes, has a very remarkable resemblance to the Scottish scale. Dr Burney eoncludes, that the old Enharmonic scale existed in two varieties, which, in modern notes, are as follow:



The first of these scales, however, differs from the Scottish scale in the very essential circumstance, that it contains the interval of a semitone between the B flat and A. The second possesses the Scottish character in a very striking degree; for (to use Dr Burney's words) "if we suppose the key note to be G" instead of E, a major key instead of a minor, "this omission gives precisely the Scots scale." But Dr Burney seems to have made a mistake in expressing this last variety of the scale in modern notes, by correcting which, the identity of the old Enharmonic with the Scottish scale becomes still more apparent.

Dr Burney quotes & the passage in Plutarch, in which an account is given of the origin of the old Enharmonic scale. From this account, it appears, that this scale was formed in the Dorian mode, by skipping or passing over the note called Lichanos, in each tetrachord of which that mode consisted; and Plutarch further says, || that it was likewise usual for the old Grecian minstrels to pass over the note called Trite. To make this understood, it is necessary to attend to the structure of the Greek diatonic scale, as it subsisted till after the days of Pindar. It did not consist, like ours, of two separate tetrachords, or series of four notes each, forming the octave; but it consisted of two conjoint tetrachords; the highest note of the first tetrachord being the lowest note of the second. Greek diatonic scale thus consisted, strictly speaking, of only seven notes; and a note was added to the bottom of it to complete the diapason or octave. Thus,



Now, the third sound from the bottom of a tetrachord was called *Lichanos*, and the third sound from the *top* was called *Trite*. And, therefore, the first variety of the old Enharmonie scale was formed by leaving out the third sound from the *bottom* of each tetrachord, while the second variety was produced by leaving out the third sound from the *top* of each. Plutarch says, that it was in the *Dorian mode* that this was done. The Dorian mode was just a transposition of the foregoing series into a similar series, commencing with D; and its scale, accordingly, was the following:

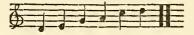


^{*} Vol. I. p. 38. † Dict. de Musique. § Burney, Vol. I. p. 34.

[‡] See the Essai sur la Musique Ancienne et Moderne.

¶ Ibid, p. 59.

The third sounds from the bottom of cach tetrachord in this scale, are G and C; and by leaving them out, we have exactly the first series of the old Enharmonic scale, as given by Dr Burney. The third sounds from the top of each tetrachord are F and B b; and by leaving them out, we have, not the scale given by Dr Burney as the second variety of the old Enharmonic, but the following:



which is precisely the series of the Scottish scale, commencing with D: and thus the remarkable circumstance is clearly established, that the most ancient scale of the Greeks consisted of the very same series of notes with that which is found in the Scottish scale.*

It will now be pretty evident, that, by the application of this national scale (which has thus been ascertained to be of so ancient a date, and of such general prevalence) to our Scottish melodics, a good deal may be done towards discriminating between such of them as are really ancient, and such as are modern. In doing this, however, it is necessary to keep in view some general conclusions, which may be deduced from what has already been said.

The prevalence of the national scale appears

plainly to belong to a very rude and primitive state of society, when music is nothing more than the art of giving utterance to the few clementary tones which are immediately prompted by nature. As soon as music is more cultivated, and instruments of some power and compass are introduced, the airs must begin to assume a different character, and to shew marks of being constructed according to a scale formerly unknown. From Allan Ramsay's Tea-Table Miscellany, we are informed what were the airs which were considered old in the year 1724, when that work was published. On examining these airs, it appears, that, by far the greater proportion of them are precisely agreeable to the national scale, while a small number are of a more artificial struc-The former, it may be concluded, were formed at a period when music, as an art, was unknown in Scotland; † and the latter at periods comparatively modern, when, from the cultivation of the art, the people came to have the idea of sounds not to be found in the primitive scale. Of this latter class, those airs may be considered the oldest which deviate from the scale mcrely by the introduction of the flat seventh in the manner already pointed out; while those airs which contain all the intervals of the diatonic scale may be considered as the most recent. A short time before the

ancient history of Scottish music. Succeeding writers who have noticed Dr Burney's discovery of the resemblance of the Scottish to the old Enharmonic scale, have attended only to the first variety of that scale, which differs essentially from the Scottish scale, in containing the interval of a semitone. This has been done by Mr Graham, in his Essay subjoined to his elegant account of the Edinburgh Musical Festival in 1815. Mr Graham, however, like Dr Burncy, was not engaged in any inquiry respecting Scottish music, and merely mentioned the subject incidentally. Dr Burney's authority upon this subject has also been followed in a paper upon Scottish music in the 12th number of the Quarterly Musical Magazine and Review, a work conducted with very considerable talent. † The Editor, of course, does not speak of the Highlands of Scotland, where, if we may believe some writers, music was scientifically cultivated at a period more remote than either in Wales or Ireland. (See Mr Gunn's ingenious work on this subject.)

^{*} The scale given by Dr Burney, as formed by passing over the note called Trite, may certainly be obtained, by leaving out the Trite of the three last of the five tetrachords, of which the Greek diatonic scale consisted, in its latest and most improved state. But these three tetrachords were not added till after the time of Pindar; and Olympus, (who flourished before the Trojan war,) and the other old musicians of whom Plutarch speaks, could have had no scale but that already described, which consisted only of two tetrachords, corresponding, in the Dorian mode, to our key of D minor. In making the above remarks, we by no means wish to convey any reflection unfavourable to that learned and excellent writer, Dr Burney. His discussion on the nature of the old Enharmonic scale of the Grecks is highly ingenious and original, and throws much light on one of the most curious questions in musical antiquities; while his error, as to the precise notes of one of the forms of that scale, is trivial, when considered in relation to the object he had in view, which was not an investigation into the

publication of the Tea-Table Miscellany, it had become very much the fashion in London to write and compose songs and tunes in the Scottish style, for the theatres and public gardens. Some of these were adopted by Ramsay; and, by this means, have obtained a place among our popular airs, though they possess very little of the Scottish character. The composers of those airs, from Dr Green down to Dr Arne, seem to have adopted a kind of conventional style, which they chose to call Scottish; and a good many of their airs having found their way into Scotland, have become naturalized among us.

With regard to the first class of the airs mentioned by Ramsay, or those which are of the most antique structure, it may safely be concluded, that these airs could not have been composed by persons conversant in music. They must, at all events, have been of considerable antiquity in Ramsay's time; and several of them are supposed to have been the work of some of our Scottish kings,-particularly of James I. and James IV. But it may be almost demonstrated, that this could not have been the case. It is well known to those who are at all acquainted with musical history, that, from the revival of learning after the dark ages, down to the middle of the seventeenth century, music, as scientifically studied, was infinitely more remote from popular or national music than it is at the present day. Music, as then studied and practised, was totally destitute of melody and rhythm, of which national music is entirely made up, and consisted of elaborate harmonical combinations, and of all the puzzles and intricacies of fugue and canon. This was the only kind of music which was cultivated by the great masters of those

days, or by the dilettanti who followed their footsteps; and it was not till a comparatively recent period, that the Italian composers began to discover, that many beauties might be borrowed from the national airs of their country. If James the First, or James the Fourth, therefore, or any other dilettante of high rank in our country, studied music in those days, it must have been the music fashionable throughout Europe at that period; -and it is impossible to suppose, that such a student, wholly occupied with madrigals in six and seven parts, consisting of nothing but harmony and contrivance, could ever have composed any thing like one of our national airs. This evidently shews the absurdity of the often-repeated story, that James I. introduced a sweet and plaintive music, in which he was imitated by Carlo Gesualdo, Prince of Venosa. The works of the Prince of Venosa are still extant, consisting of laboured madrigals, in a great number of parts, but totally destitute of melody, or rhythm, or indeed of any thing at all resembling an air of any kind.* This illustrious amateur employed himself like every other musician of his day; and if James I. ever attempted musical composition, it would doubtless be in a similar style. The words of Tassoni, therefore, as Dr Burney justly remarks, can only be understood to imply that these princely dilettanti were equally cultivators and inventors of music.+ The same conclusion may be drawn from an examination of the noted collection of songs, with music, published at Aberdeen in 1666. The music of these songs is evidently composed by a scientific musician, and resembles, in style, the English music of that period. It is in parts, and of regular structure; but it has that air of psalmody which pervaded all mu-

^{*} Specimens of the compositions of Gesualdo are given both by Dr Burney and Sir John Hawkins. These authors differ widely in their estimate of the merit of these productions; but the specimens speak for themselves.

[†] Pinkerton, in his History of Scotland, Vol. I. p. 180, on the authority of Bower, says, that "James I. sung well, and played on the thor, bagpipe, psaltery, organ, the flute, the harp, the trumpet, the shepherd's reed; on the harp, in particular, his performances were ad-

[&]quot;mirable, and were highly applauded both by Irish and "English masters." That this prince must have encouraged music greatly, is evident from a passage in Bellenden's Chronicle, B. xvii. e. 5., which, after mentioning his patronage of learning, proceeds thus: "Thairfore all "maner of virtew spred fast during his time: and above all other commodities, the service of God incressit with gret reverence and honour, in maist crafty musick, as "yet occures to our dayes."

sic in those days, from the total want of rhythm and accent; and is as remote as possible from the character of our national airs. It is impossible, then, to suppose, that the musical composers of those times, whose thoughts were wholly bent on the weighty matters of learned harmony and deep contrivance, and who do not seem to have even had an idea of melody or rhythmical movement, could ever have composed any of those fine airs which derive from these qualities almost all their beauty.

We are, therefore, warranted in concluding, that the era of the melodies mentioned as old by Ramsay, which conform to the national scale, must have been a very remote one, anterior to the common use, among the people, of those instruments which are capable of producing the diatonic scale. Now, it appears, that different musical instruments have been in use in Scotland from a very distant period; and, without going into much detail on this subject, it may be observed, that the Scottish Lowland bagpipe, (a distinct instrument from the great Highland bagpipe) was a favourite and popular instrument for many centuries. It is mentioned as a popular instrument in James the First's celebrated poem of Peblis to the Play; and this prince was murdered in 1457. It is also mentioned as a popular instrument in a poem of Sir David Lindsay, written about 1550. From the following curious passage in Brantome, who accompanied Queen Mary to Scotland, and describes the reception she met with from the populace of Edinburgh, it appears that violins, or rather viols and rebecs, were in common use among them :- "Estant logée en bas en l'Abbaye de "l'Islebourg, vindrent sous la fencstre cinq " ou six cents marauts de la ville, lui donner " aubade de meschants violons et petits rebecs " dont il n'y en a faute en ce pays la; et se mi-" rent à chanter pseaumes, tant mal chantez, "et si mal accordez, que rien plus. " (adds Brantome,) quelle musique, et quel " repos pour sa nuit!" The scale of the Lowland bagpipe, as well as of the viol and rebcc, was the regular diatonic scale; and the intervals of that scale, though unknown when a large body of Scottish airs were composed, must have been pretty familiar to the ears of the people, so far back as the age of James I. or the beginning of the 15th century. It is probable, indeed, that this was the case at a much earlier date; for an instrument which was popular at that time, may be presumed to have been known for a long time before.

What has already been said, applies to those airs which appear to have been of some standing in the time of Allan Ramsay, or of which historical notices are to be found of a still earlier date. There are, besides these, however, a great many airs, of which nothing whatever is historically known, and whose antiquity must be judged of entirely by internal evidence. A number of these airs speak for themselves, being evidently so modern in their style and structure, that it is impossible to doubt that they are mere imitations, composed during the eightcenth century. Others, again, are marked with all the peculiarities of the national scale and character; and, though this renders it more than probable that they are old airs, yet it does not positively prove them to be so, because it is very possible for a modern composer, who is acquainted with the peculiar character of our melodies, to imitate them very exactly. Thus, the "Banks and Braes of Bonny Doon' was composed by a gentleman of Edinburgh, who had been jocularly told that a Scottish air could be produced by merely running the fingers over the black keys of a piano-forte, which give precisely the progression of the national scale. It is certain, however, that the imitators of Scottish airs have never been sufficiently aware of the properties of this scale; and therefore, their productions, though often pretty, and sometimes tolerably Scottish in their style, can, in general, be easily detected, from their containing notes, essential to the melody, which do not belong to the national scale. Among all the numerous airs which are known to be imitations, it may safely be affirmed, that, with the single exception just mentioned, there is not one which could be mistaken for an ancient

air; and therefore it is, at least, more than probable, that those airs which possess strictly the character of the old airs, are really old,—and, if so, coeval with the airs of the oldest class which has been described.

In pursuing this investigation, there is another consideration very necessary to be attended to, that almost all the old airs, in the form in which they are now found in our collections, differ more or less from their primitive shape. In some few cases, the air is essentially altered, so that it can no longer be reconciled to the scale on which it was originally constructed; while, in all the other instances, the air is merely rendered smoother and more graceful, without any essential change in its structure.

Of the first kind of alterations, the following appear to be some of the most remarkable instances. The " Ewe Bughts" is known to be an old air; yet, in its present shape, it is irreconcileable to the national scale. But in its more ancient form, as given in the Orpheus Caledonius, it is quite antique in its structure. In that form, the melody is rude and ungraceful; and the air owes almost all its beauty to the refinement which it has borrowed from modern tastc. It has already been observed, that the exquisite flat seventh in the air of " Lochaber" is a modern innovation. " Mill, Mill, O," as given in the Orpheus Caledonius, is very rugged, and contains little of the beauty of the air as it now stands. Similar changes have been made on the "Auld Gudeman," "Lass of Patie's Mill," and some other melodies.

Though such material changes as these seem few in number, yet almost every one of the old airs has, in the progress of taste and refinement, undergone those slighter changes which consist merely in softening or rounding the contour of the melody (if the expression may be allowed) so as to make it more agreeable to modern taste,—not in mutilating its body, or altering any of its essential lineaments, but only in bestowing on the same form and features a greater degree of grace and elegance. These changes do not

in the least conceal the original form of the air, or render it at all difficult to reduce it to its primary elements; -so that it is perfectly easy, by obscrving, from the general tenor of an air, upon what variety of the scale it has been constructed, to divest it of all modern embellishment, and to discover with unerring certainty what must have been its primitive form. This is of great use in a speculative point of view; but surely nothing but pedantry or gross affectation can dictate those complaints, which are sometimes heard, of the modern graces of our airs, and the deviations which have been made from their native simplicity. One might just as reasonably complain of the gradual refinement or civilization of a rude people.

Having thus explained the principles upon which, it is conceived, the comparative antiquity of our different airs may be ascertained, we shall next endeavour to give a view of the opinions of the principal writers on this subject, and the amount of the positive information which we have been able to collect regarding it.

It has been asserted, without the shadow of proof or probability, that some of our finest melodics were composed by David Rizzio; and the Editor of the Orpheus Caledonius takes it upon him to mark The Lass of Patie's Mill, Bessy Bell, The bush aboon Traquair, The Bonny boatman, An thou wert my ain thing, Auld Rob Morris, and Down the burn, Davie, as the composition of that Italian! But the assertion, as Ritson justly observes in his historical Essay on Scottish Song, is a proof at once of his ignorance and absurdity.

Dr Campbell, in his philosophical survey of the south of Ireland, 1777, contends, that "the honour of inventing the Scots music "must be given to Ireland, the ancient Scotia; from whence, he says, the present Scotia "derived her name, her extraction, her language, ber poetry." Ritson thinks this conjecture by no means improbable; though, in the same sentence, he admits, that "there extraction is the same sentence, he admits, that "there extraction is the same sentence, he admits, that "there extraction is the same sentence, he admits, that "there extraction is the same sentence, he admits, that "there extraction is the same sentence, he admits, that "there extraction is the same sentence, he admits, that "there extraction is the same sentence, he admits, that "there extraction is the same sentence, he admits, that "there extraction is the same sentence, he admits, that "there extraction is the same sentence, he admits, that "there extraction is the same sentence, he admits, that "there extraction is the same sentence, he admits, that "there extraction is the same sentence, he admits, that "there extraction is the same sentence, he admits, that "there extraction is the same sentence, he admits, that "there extraction is the same sentence, he admits is the same sentence, he admits is the same sentence, he admits is the same sentence is the same sentence

" strains of Hibernia, and the peculiar melodies
" of the Lowland Seots, as well in the mourn" ful as in the festive strain." Some airs, indeed, are claimed by both countries; but, by means of the harpers or pipers, who used to
wander through the two, particular airs might become so common to both, as to make it questionable which of the countries gave them birth.

Giraldus Cambrensis, who wrote in the 12th century, and had visited France and Italy, after praising the instrumental music of the Irish, as superior to that of any nation he had ever seen, says, that Scotland endeavoured with the greatest emulation to rival Ireland in musical excellence, and that, in the opinion of many, she even surpassed her mistress.

Whether it was the music of the Lowland or Highland Scots to which the compliment of Giraldus refers, is left to conjecture. Martin, in his description of the Western Islands, characterises the people of the isle of Skye as having a great genius for music. He says, "there are several of 'em who invent tunes " very taking in the south of Scotland and else-"where;" adding, that "some musicians have " endeavoured to pass for first inventors of "them by changing their name; but this has "been impracticable: for whatever language " gives the modern name, the tune still con-"tinues to speak its true original; and of this " (says he) I have been shew'd several in-"stances."-" It is to be wished," says Ritson, "that he had condescended to particula-" rise, as the late publication of Highland airs " affords no support, it is believed, to that hy-" pothesis." It certainly does not; we have examined that publication, (Macdonald's,) but not a single air is to be found in it which is popular or even known in the south of Scotland; so that Martin's account is altogether vague and unworthy of credit.

Dr Beattie, in his Essay on Poetry and Music, observes, that the native melody of the Highlands and Western Isles is as different from that of the southern parts of the kingdom, as the Irish or Erse language is different from the English or Scotch. Of the Highland music, he adds: "The wildest irregularity ap-

" pears in its composition; the expression is "warlike and melancholy, and approaches even "to the terrible;" while several of the old Scotch Songs "are sweetly and powerfully "expressive of love and tenderness, and other emotions suited to the tranquillity of a pas"toral life." And hence the Doctor gives it as his opinion, that the music took its rise among real shepherds, probably those who inhabited the pastoral country adjoining the Tweed and the other streams from which many of the Songs took their names.

Of all who have inquired into this subject, no one certainly has hitherto bestowed nearly the same pains on the investigation as Mr RITSON; whose acutness and extensive reading as an antiquary, enabled him easily to detect, and successfully to expose, the inconsiderate assumptions and reasonings of less diligent inquirers. The result of all his reading and researches has lcd him to form an opinion similar to that of Dr Beattie; for, after stating most of the theories and conjectures of former writers, he adds: "After all, admitting the "Irish origin of the Scottish music, it eannot " be reasonably doubted, that many, if not most, " or even all of the most celebrated and popu-" lar Scottish melodies now extant, as distin-" guish'd from the Highland airs, have aetual-"ly been composed by natives of the Low-" lands, speaking and thinking in the English " language; by shepherds tending their flocks, " or by maids milking their ewes; by persons, " in short, altogether uncultivated, or, if one " may be allowed the expression, uncorrupted " by art, and influenced only by the dietates of " pure and simple nature."

Dr Franklin, in his Letter to Lord Kaimes in the Encyclopædia Britanniea, is of opinion, that the Scottish tunes were composed by the Minstrels to be played on the harp, accompanied by the voice. He says, "the harp was "strung with wire, which gives a sound of "long continuance; and had no contrivance "like that of the modern harpsichord, by which "the sound of the preceding note can be stop-"ped the moment a succeeding note begins. "To avoid actual discord, it was therefore ne-

" cessary that the succeeding emphatic note " should be a chord with the preceding, as "their sounds must exist at the same time. "Hence arose the beauty in those tunes that " has so long pleased and will please for ever, "though men scarce know why. That they "were originally composed for the harp, and " of the most simple kind, I mean a harp with-"out any half notes but those in the natural " scale, and with no more than two octaves of " strings from C to C, I conjectured from an-" other circumstance, which is, that not one of "these tunes, really ancient, has a single half " note in it; and that in tunes where it is most " convenient for the voice to use the middle "notes of the harp, and place the key in F, "then the B, which, if used, should be a B " flat, is always omitted, by passing over it with " a third."

It is evident, on considering this passage, that Dr Franklin's supposition, that the old airs were composed by performers on the harp, is not borne out by his reasoning in support of it. It has already been shewn, that the omission of certain notes in the scale of these airs is not peculiar to them, but extends to national music in general; a circomstance of which Dr Franklin does not seem to have been at all aware. But, at any rate, his theory is insufficient to account for the fact. He admits, "that not one of those tunes, " really ancient, has a single half note in it," which is stating in effect, that both the fourth and seventh of the scale are always omitted; while his theory accounts for the omission of the fourth only; and that only in some particular cases, namely, those in which the air was not pitched upon the natural key of the instrument. What he says as to the necessity of passing over certain notes, in order to produce consonant sounds, has been shewn by other writers to be destitute of foundation.

That Minstrels, who were generally harpers, and sometimes sung with the instrument, were formerly common in the Lowlands of Scotland, admits of no doubt: and that many of our more regular melodies may have been composed by them, is not improbable; but that

our oldest simple melodies were the productions of an age anterior to the existence of performers on the harp in the Lowlands, appears beyond a doubt.

The Minstrels of the Lowlands were by no means such a dignified class as the Bards of the Highlands of Scotland, and of other countries. And here, perhaps, a brief digression relative to an order of men who exercised so much influence, and were treated with so much distinction in the early ages, on account of their poetical genius and musical talents, may not be thought out of place, or unconnected with our present inquiry.

The bards were the poets, the musicians, the historians, and the heralds of ancient times. They perpetuated, in their heroic odes, the celebrity of their warriors and princes; composed those animating strains that led them to emulate, in the day of battle, the valorous deeds of their fathers; and recorded in song their triumphs or their fall. Their compositions handed down to a succeeding age some account of the signal achievements and events they had witnessed, though perhaps tinctured by prejudice, or coloured by fancy; and, being given in verse, were the more easily treasured up in the memory of all who heard their recital: and thus tradition preserved somo knowledge of remarkable occurrences, great actions, and national manners. The poems of Homer were recited or sung in Greece for ages before any prose history appeared. Diodorus Siculus is the first author among the ancients who mentions the bards as the composers of verses, which they sung to the sound of an instrument not unlike a lyre, (l. 5. § 31.) And Ammianus Marcellinus tells us, that the bards celebrated the brave actions of illustrious men in heroic poems, which they sung to the sweet sounds of the lyre, (l. 12. c. 9.) The account given by these Greek and Latin writers is corroborated by many parts of the poems of Ossian: "Such were the words of the bards " in the days of song; when the king heard "the music of harps, the tales of other times! "The chiefs gathered from all their hills, and " heard the lovely sound. They praised the

"voice of Cona! the first among a thousand bards!"

The earliest productions of the Welch bards which have reached us, are those of Aneurin, Lewarch-hen, and Taliesin, who lived in the sixth century; and if we may judge of their merit by the translation of the Death of Hoel, by Gray, it were to be wished that those reliques could find translators of equal talents.

The songs of the Irish bards, says Warton, in his History of English Poetry. (Diss. I. Vol. I.) are by some conceived to be strongly marked with the traces of Scaldic imagination; and these traces are believed still to survive among a species of poetical historians, whom they call Tale-tellers, supposed to he the descendants of the original Irish bards. The Irish historians tell us that St Patrick, when he converted Ireland to the Christian faith, destroyed 500 volumes of the songs of the Irish bards. Such was their dignity in that country, that they were permitted to wear a robe of the same colour with that of the royal family.

In the HIGHLANDS of Scotland, many compositions of their old bards are still preserved. But the most valuable remains of these, and among the noblest specimens of uncultivated genius, are the poems of Ossian, a prince, a poet, and a hero, who is supposed to have flourished so early as the third or beginning of the fourth century; and who, (to use the words of an elegant female writer) " sung the loves, the " wars, the woes of his contemporary heroes, " and arrayed them in such truth of character " and beauty of diction, as cannot fail to at-" tract and delight through every age." That strong doubts have been entertained, and much ingenious reasoning has been brought forward to prove the non-existence of any such ancient manuscripts, as those from which the poems are said to have been translated, and that Dr Johnson pronounced the whole a forgery, is well known. There are few who believe that the poems of Fingal and Temora originally existed as long connected narratives:-but, that the subjects of them existed in the shape of heroie ballads, fragments, and unconnected

pieces, which the poetical genius of Macpherson prompted him to enlarge, and to unite by connecting links, seems to be the general and well grounded conviction. Many persons in different parts of the Highlands, (as we are assured by all Highlanders,) used to recite parts of those poems in the original Gaelic long before Macpherson's translation was thought of. The very respectable Lady above alluded to, who passed the best part of her life in the center of the Highlands, acquired the language of the country, and personally knew and often conversed with the man that accompanied Macpherson in his journey to the Western Highlands and Islands in quest of the original poems, has repeatedly assured the Editor, that no person who lived in the country ever doubted the existence of the poems, generally speaking; and that every stream, mountain, song, and tale, retained some traces of the generous hero, or the mournful bard. But while she gave the Translator the credit of always rendering the sense of his original in a pleasing, and frequently in a faithful manner, she allowed, that on many occasions he had forfeited all claim to the praise of literary integrity.

These poems, says Warton, notwithstanding the difference between the Gothic and Celtic rituals, contain many visible vestiges of Scandinavian superstition. The allusion, in the songs of Ossian, to Spirits who preside over the different parts and direct the various operations of nature, who send storms over the deep, and rejoice in the shricks of the shipwrecked mariner,—who call down lightning to blast the forest or cleave the rock, and diffuse irresistible pestilence among the people,—beautifully conducted and heightened under the skilful hand of a master bard, entirely correspond with the Runic system, and breathe the spirit of its poetry.

But to return to the Minstrels, whom Dr Franklin supposes to have been the composers of the Lowland Scottish melodies. These Minstrels were in general not poets, but musicians, though it must have occasionally happened, as among the bards, that the two characters were

united. Mr Pinkerton tells us, that James III. favoured the minstrels or musicians so highly, as to permit them to equal knights and heralds in their apparel. And it appears, that a part of the choristers at the chapel royal at Stirling always attended that monarch, "to make him "merry." * The most skilful of the minstrels were probably retained in the halls of the great, to enliven their festive hours; and the rest sought a livelihood by travelling over the country; but, in process of time, hecame so numerous, degenerate, and intolerable, as to he classed with rogues and vagahonds, and interdicted, by statutes and proclamations, from molesting the public. Dr Burney observes, that *6 the first Greek musicians were gods; the se-"cond heroes; the third hards; the fourth beggars! And although the Scottish minstrels never could even dream of celestial honours, yet the fraternity in hoth countries unhappily came at last to be on an equal footing. †

The musical compositions of the Celtic tribes, (we do not refer to the age of Ossian,) were chiefly marches, pibrochs, laments, &c. complicated in their structure, and of a warlike character; while the Lowland music, on the contrary, consisted of little simple melodies of the most artless cast, adapted entirely to express the feelings of individuals,—their hopes, their loves, their joys, or their griefs. It has already heen shewn, that, from their conformity to that scale which is natural to the human voice in an uncultivated state, the greater part of them must have originated at a period an-

terior to the introduction of any tolerable instrumental music; and, consequently, before the existence of that class of men with whom Dr Franklin supposes them to have originated.

While we, therefore, are very much inclined to believe, with Mr Ritson and Dr Beattie. that the Lowland melodies originated among the pastoral inhabitants of the country; yet, we are also disposed to think, that many of the more artificial aud less ancient melodies may have been produced by the mustrels or harpers,-and thus far only can we agree with Dr Franklin. It may be too much, perhaps, to assign the honour to the shepherds and milkmaids in the district of the Tweed, to the exclusion of other classes and other districts; yet it must be confessed, that the names of a number of the melodies and songs, such as Tweedside, Braes of Yarrow, Ettrick hanks, Broom of Cowdenknows, Gala water, &c. give a fair colour for the local preference. What a highly favoured district, then, is that of the Tweed, and its trihutary streams, if it produced our best ancient airs and ballads; while, in our own day, it has given birth to that mighty master of the lyre, whose transcendant genius commands universal homage wherever our language is known, from the Tweed to the Orcades, and from the Missisippi to the Ganges!

Before concluding, we shall advert to a few particular Melodies which have been mentioned in publications of the 16th and 17th centuries.

Lindsay says, (Dalyell's edition, Vol. I. p. 210.)

"Also he maid in the said chappel royal all kynd of office

"men, to wit, the Bischope of Galloway, the Dean, and

"the Archdean, Thesaurer, Sub-deane, Chanter, and

"Subchanter, with all kynd of other officieris, pertaining

"ane colledge; and also doubled them for that effect,

"that the one-half should ever be ready to sing and play

"with him, and hold him mirrie."

[†] It appears, from Bellenden's highly curious translation of Boece's Chronicles of Scotland, (reprinted in a very elegant manner, for W. & C. Tait, Edinburgh, 1821, Buke 10. chap. 12.) that so early as the reign of Kenneth II. "who drew all the confusit laws of Scotland in ane compendius volumen," it was ordered, that 'all va-"gabondis, fulis, bardis, scudlaris, and all siclik idill VOL. I.

[&]quot; pepill, sal be brint on the cheik, and seurgit with wandis, bot (unless) they find sum craft to win thair leving."

In the reign of Macbeth, too, the minstrels must have been deemed very troublesome subjects; for we find from the same Chronicle, (Buke 12. chap. 4.) in an enumeration of a set of singularly curious "lawis maid by him for "the commoun weil," the following enactment: "Fulis, "menstralis, bardis, and al-othir sic idil pepil, bot gif thay be "specially licent be the king, sal be compellit to seik sum "craft to win thair leving;—gif thay refuse, they sal be "drawin, like hors, in the pluch and harrowis." The Chronicler adds, "Thir and siclik lawis war usit be "King Makbeth: throw quhilk he governit the realme "x yeris in gud justice!"

In the Preface to a small volume of Spiritual Songs, called "The Saints' Recreation," published at Edinburgh in 1683, compiled by Mr William Geddes, minister of the gospel, we are told, that "grave and zealous " Divines in the kingdom have composed god-" ly Songs to the tunes of such old songs "as these, -The bonny broom,-I'll never " leave thee,-We'll all go pull the hadder; "and such like." Mr Geddes proceeds to speak of the tunes as angelical, and, after reprobating the diabolical amorous sonnets to which they were sung, suggests the probability of their having formerly been connected with spiritual hymns and songs. There is a singular little Work, which first appeared before the end of the 16th century, a new edition of which was published by Andrew Hart, Edinburgh, in 1621, and re-published by A. Constable, Edinburgh, in 1801, cntitled, "Ane "compendious Booke of Godly and Spirituall "Songs, collectit out of sundrie partes of the "Scripture, with sundrie of other Ballates, " changed out of prophaine Sanges, for avoyd-"ing of Sin and Harlotric," &c. In this, we find a number of puritanical rhapsodies, several of which, from the first lines, and from the measure in which they are written, seem applicable to particular Scottish tunes. One of these Godly Songs begins in the very words of a well known old Scottish one, viz.

Johne cum kis me now,
And make no more adow.

The Lord thy God 1 am,
That Johne dois the call.

Johne represents man
By grace celestiall.

Another of the Godly Songs begins thus:

Hey now the day dallis, Now wealth on our wallis, Now Christ on us callis, Appearis anone, &c.

This exactly suits the tune, Hey tutti taiti, which used to be sung to words beginning, "Landlady count the lawin, the day is near the "dawin." And there is every probability of

its being the same with The jolly day now dawis, mentioned by Gawin Douglas in the last prologue to his translation of Virgil, written in 1513; and also by the poet Dunbar who, addressing the merchants of Edinburgh, says,—

Your common Menstrals hes no tone But Now the day dawis—and Into Joun.

Thus, whatever may be thought of the tradition, that Hey tutti taiti was Robert Bruce's march at the battle of Bannockburn in 1314, it appears to be one of the oldest Scottish tunes concerning which we have any written evidence. There is a third Godly Song in the same publication, beginning—

Till our Gudeman, till our Gudeman, Keep faith and love till our Gudeman, For our Gudeman in hevin does reigne, In glore and bliss without ending," &c..

This is perfectly adapted to the well known tune, called *Our gudeman*, or, *The auld gudeman*; it is probable, therefore, that the latter was another of the popular Scottish tunes when the Compendious Book was published.

There is a tradition, that John Anderson, my jo-Maggie Lauder-Kind Robin loes meand some other favourite Scottish airs, were originally attached to hymns in the Latin service. But Mr Ritson shews the absurdity of this idea: "No vestige, (says he) of any Scot-"tish melody ever was, or ever will be found " in the old Scottish Church-service, which did " not, (for one of their service-books is pre-" served,) and could not possibly, differ from "that of other Catholic countries, and must "therefore have consisted entirely of chant "and counterpoint. We may, therefore, safe-" ly conclude, that the Scottish Song owes no-"thing to the Church-Music of the Cathedrals "and Abbeys before the Reformation," &c.

The Orpheus Caledonius seems to have been the earliest Collection in which the favourite

by the celebrated Bird. It is very improbable, therefore, that it is of Scottish origin, more particularly as it does not conform to the Scottish scale.

^{*} The very same Air with "John come kiss me now," is found among the Welch Melodics, under the name of "Pen Rhaw," as well as in an old M. S. collection of Music called Queen Elizabeth's Virginal Book, with variations

Scottish Airs appeared in conjunction with the Songs. It was published about the year 1725, by W. Thomson, London, who republished it, and added a second volume, in 1755.

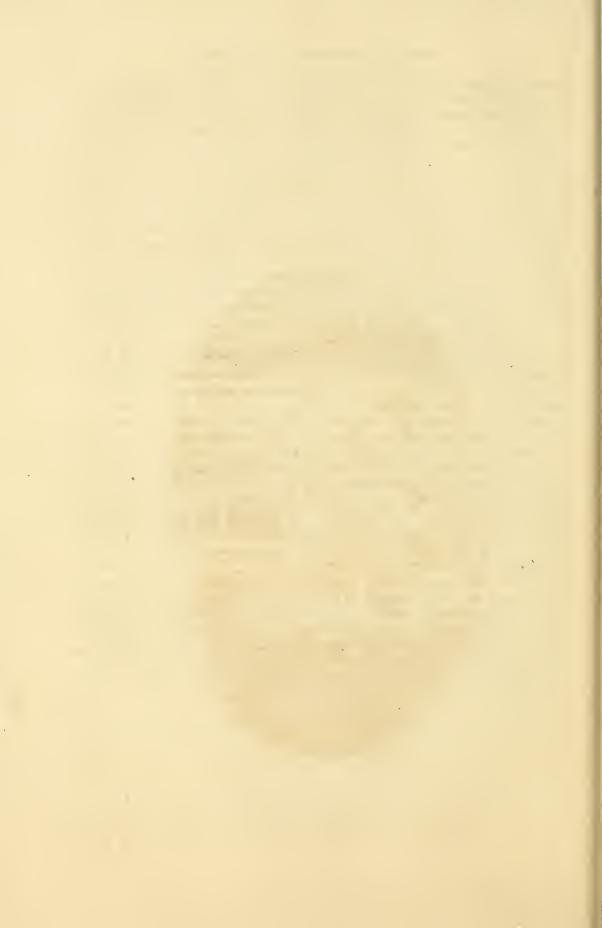
The Tea-table Miscellany, published by the celebrated Allan Ramsay, in 1724, was the first general Collection in which the admired Scottish Songs appeared without the Airs, though the poet had brought forward a smaller publication of the Songs some years before. In a separate Work, consisting of six very small books, he also published about 70 of the Airs, with a bass to each. To Ramsay's book, the publisher of the Orpheus Caledonius, as well as every succeeding publisher, has been particularly obliged, -most of the Songs which have so long been favourites, being found in the Miscellany. These were chiefly written by Ramsay and his friends for such Scottish Airs as they thought ill-suited with words,-Airs of which he says in his preface,-" What " further adds to the esteem we have for them, "is, their antiquity, and their being univer-" sally known."

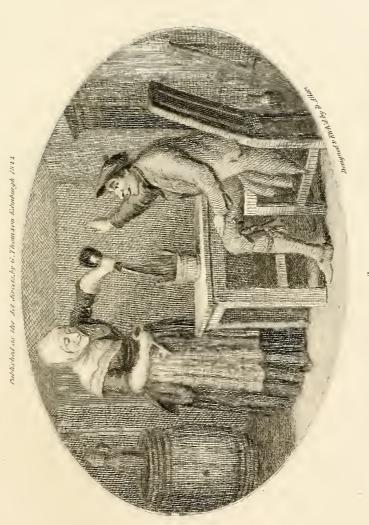
Some of the best Songs in the Miscellany, such as, The Gaberlunzie Man; Muirland Willie; Nancy's to the Greenwood gane; My Jo, Janet; Tak' your auld cloak about ye; Waly Waly, &c. were collected by Ramsay; and, but for him, it is probable, that these admirable specimens of ancient song would have been irretrievable. When, or by whom, these were written, is unknown: tradition indeed gives the Gaberlunzie Man to James V., and says it was written upon an adventure of his own, he being noted for his gallantries while strolling about his dominions in disguise; and his celebrated poem of Christ's Kirk on the Green no doubt gives probability to the tradition respecting

An English version of the song the song. "Tak' your auld eloak about ye," was recovered by Dr Percy, and published in his Reliques of Ancient Poetry: and as a stanza of it, beginning "King Stephen was a worthy peer," is introduced by Shakespeare in the drinking scene in Othello, and as the air is not marked with the Scottish stamp, it seems somewhat doubtful whether we have an exclusive claim either to the air or the words. The much admired song, set to the Flowers of the Forest, beginning, "I've heard o' lilting," written on the battle of Flodden, though it has been supposed a production of that remote period, is said to have been written about the year 1755, by a sister of Sir Gilbert Elliot of Minto.

It only remains to be mentioned, that the results of the investigation which has now been attempted, as applied to the whole Airs, will be found in the index; where a mark will be affixed to each Air, indicating, according to the principles already stated, that it is either of the most ancient class,—or of a more recent era, when music was cultivated as an art,—or a modern production,—or an English imitation.

In conclusion, we beg it may be understood that we are far from thinking that the attempt now made may not be very imperfect, notwithstanding the great pains bestowed on it, and our anxiety to render this Dissertation as intelligible and complete as our narrow limits would permit. The subject is interesting and of some importance, in so far as importance can be said to belong to subjects of this nature: and we shall be glad if what we have done, should incite some more able and learned enquirer to prosecute the investigation.





contented we little & cange we mair. I get them a skelp as they re comping along, Whenever Longather we somewas one We a cog of good ale & an anta scottish sang.







THE BIRKS OF INVERMAY. THE SONG BY MALLET.

The smiling morn, the breathing spring, Invite the tuneful birds to sing; And while they warble from each spray, Love melts the universal lay:

Let us, Amanda, timely wise,

Like them improve the hour that flies,

And in soft raptures waste the day,

Among the birks of Invermay.

For soon the winter of the year,
And age, life's winter, will appear:
At this thy lively bloom will fade,
As that will strip the verdant shade:
Our taste of pleasure then is o'er,
The feather'd songsters please no more:
And when they droop, and we decay,
Adieu the birks of Invermay!

SONG FOR THE SAME AIR. BY R. B. SHERIDAN, ESQ.

How oft, Louisa, hast thou said,
(Nor wilt thou the fond boast disown,)
Thou wou'dst not lose Antonio's love,
To reign the partner of a throne!
And by those lips that spoke so kind,
And by that hand I've pressed to mine,
To be the lord of wealth and power,
By heav'ns, I would not part with thine.

Then how, my soul, can we be poor,
Who own what kingdoms could not buy?
Of this true heart thou shalt be queen,
And, serving thee,—a monarch I.
Thus, uncontroll'd, in mutual bliss,
And rich in love's exhaustless mine,
Do thou snatch treasures from my lips,
And I'll take kingdoms back from thine!

HERE AWA', THERE AWA'.

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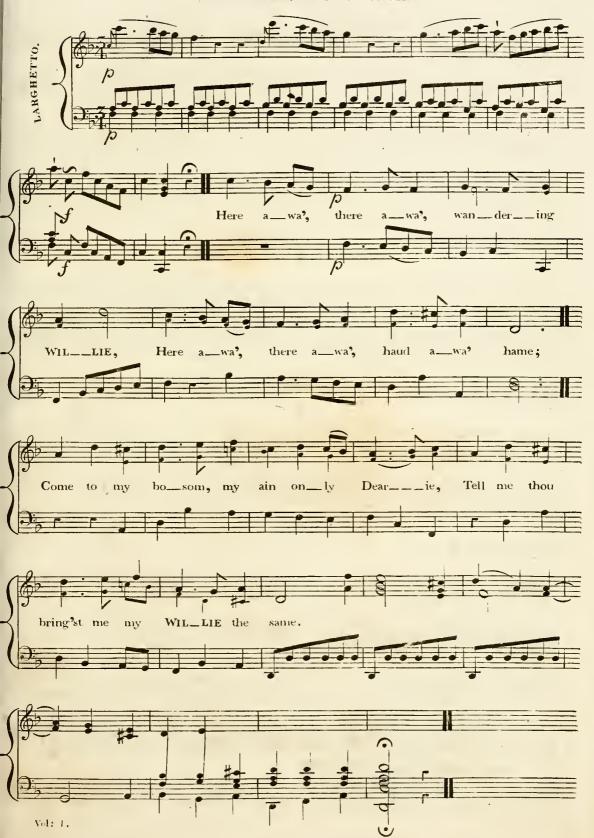
BY BURNS.

Here awa', there awa', wandering Willie, Here awa', there awa', haud awa' hame; Come to my bosom, my ain only deary, Tell me thou bring'st me my Willie the same.

Winter winds blew, loud and cauld, at our parting, Fears for my Willie brought tears in my e'e; Welcome now Simmer, and welcome my Willie; The Simmer to Nature, my Willie to me.

Rest, ye wild storms, in the cave of your slumbers, How your dread howling a lover alarms! Wauken, ye breezes! row gently, ye billows! And waft my dear Laddie ance mair to my arms.

But oh, if he's faithless, and minds na his Nanie, Flow still between us, thou wide-roaring main:
May I never see it, may I never trow it,
But, dying, believe that my Willie's my ain!





TWEEDSIDE.

THE SONG BY ROBT. CRAWFORD, ESQ.

OF THE AUCHNAMES FAMILY.

BURNS mentions that the heroine of this song was MARY STEWART of the Castlemilk family, afterwards Mrs John Ritchie;—while Sir Walter Scott, in his Notes to Canto II. of Marmion, says, that the song was written in honour of Mary Lilias Scott of the Harden family, the second flower of Yarrow. Sir Walter adds, that "he well remembers the talent and spirit "of the latter flower of Yarrow, though age had then injured "the charms which procured her the name."

What beauties does Flora disclose?

How sweet are her smiles upon Tweed?
Yet Mary's, still sweeter than those,
Both Nature and Fancy exceed.
No daisy, nor sweet blushing rose,
Not all the gay flowers of the field,
Nor Tweed gliding gently through those,
Such beauty and pleasure can yield.

The warblers are heard in each grove,
The linnet, the lark, and the thrush,
The black-bird, and sweet cooing dove,
With music enchant ev'ry bush.
Come, let us go forth to the mead,
Let us see how the primroses spring;
We'll lodge in some village on Tweed,
And love while the feather'd folks sing.

How does my love pass the long day?

Does Mary not tend a few sheep?

Do they never carelessly stray,

While happily she lies asleep?

Tweed's murmurs should lull her to rest,

Kind Nature indulging my bliss;

To relieve the soft pains of my breast,

I'd steal an ambrosial kiss,

'Tis she does the virgins excel,
No beauty with her can compare;
Love's graces around her do dwell,
She's fairest where thousands are fair.
Say, charmer, where do thy flocks stray?
Oh! tell me at noon where they feed:
Shall I seek them on sweet-winding Tay?
Or the pleasanter banks of the Tweed?

MY NANIE, O'.

WRITTEN

BY BURNS.

The heroine of this beautiful song was Miss FLEMING, whose father was a farmer in the parish of Tarbolton, Ayrshire.

Behind you hills where Lugar flows, 'Mang muirs, and mosses many, O, The wint'ry sun the day has clos'd; And I'll awa to Nanie, O.

Tho' westlin winds blaw loud and shill, And its baith mirk and rainy, O; I'll get my plaid, and out I'll steal, And o'er the hill to Nanic, O.

My Nanie's charming, sweet, and young;
Nae artfu' wiles to win ye, O:
May ill befa' the flattering tongue
That wad beguile my Nanie, O.

Her face is fair, her heart is true, As spotless as she's bonie, O; The op'ning gowan, wet wi' dew, Nae purer is than Nanie, O.

A country lad is my degree,
And few there be that ken me, O;
But what care I how few they be,
I'm welcome ay to Nanie, O.

My riches a' 's my penny fee,
And I maun guide it cannie, O;
But warld's gear ne'er troubles me,
My thoughts are a', my Nanie, O.

Our auld guidman delights to view

His sheep and kye thrive bonie, O;

But I'm as blythe that hauds his pleugh,

And has nae care but Nanie, O.

Come well, come woe, I carena by,
I'll tak' what Heav'n will send me, O;
Nae ither care in life have I,
But live, and love my Nanie, O.





I'LL NEVER LEAVE THEE.

THE SONG BY ROBERT CRAWFORD, ESQ.

There is an incongruity in coupling a Greek with a Scottish name; and the Editor has sometimes heard Montgom'ry substituted for Adonis in this song. The critical reader, it is hoped, will excuse the omission of a stanza of the song.

ONE day I heard Mary say,

How shall I leave thee?

Stay, dearest Adonis, stay,

Why wilt thou grieve me?

Alas! my fond heart will break,

If thou should'st leave me;

I'll live and die for thy sake,

Yet never leave thee.

Say, lovely Adonis, say,

Has Mary deceiv'd thee?

Did e'er her young heart betray

New love that's griev'd thee?

My constant mind ne'er shall stray,

Thou may'st believe me;

Such true love can ne'er decay,

Never deceive thee.

But leave thee, leave thee, lad,
How shall I leave thee!
O! that thought makes me sad,
I'll never leave thee.
Where would my Adonis fly?
Why does he grieve me!
Alas! my poor heart will die,
If he should leave me!

CORN RIGGS.

THE SONG

BY ALLAN RAMSAY.

My PATIE is a lover gay, His mind is never muddy. His breath is sweeter than new hay, His face is fair and ruddy: His shape is handsome, middle size, He's stately in his walking: The shining of his een surprise: 'Tis heaven to hear him talking. Last night I met him on a bawk, Where yellow corn was growing, There mony a kindly word he spake, That set my heart a-glowing. He kiss'd and vow'd he wou'd be mine. And lo'ed me best of ony: That gars me like to sing sinsyne, "O corn riggs are bonny."

COME, DEAR AMANDA, QUIT THE TOWN.

FOR THE SAME AIR.

Come, dear Amanda, quit the town, And to the rural hamlets fly;* Behold, the wintry storms are gone, A gentle radiance glads the sky: The birds awake, the flow'rs appear; Earth spreads a verdant couch for thee; 'Tis joy and music all we hear! 'Tis love and beauty all we see! Come, let us mark the gradual spring, How peep the buds, the blossom blows, 'Till Philomel begins to sing, And perfect May to spread the rose. Let us secure the short delight, And wisely crop the blooming day: For scon, too soon, it will be night! Arise, my love, and come away!

^{*} Although the 2d, 4th, 6th, and 8th lines of this Song are each a syllable longer than the corresponding lines of the Scottish verses, they are more exactly suited to the Air, which requires lines of eight syllables each.





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THE BUSH ABOON TRAQUAIR.

THE SONG

BY ROBERT CRAWFORD, ESQ.

HEAR me, ye nymphs, and ev'ry swain,
I'll tell how Peggy grieves me;
Though thus I languish, thus complain,
Alas! she ne'er believes me.
My vows and sighs, like silent air,
Unheeded, never move her;
At the bonny bush aboon Traquair,
'Twas there I first did love her.

That day she smiled and made me glad,
No maid seem'd ever kinder:
I thought myself the luckiest lad,
So sweetly there to find her.
I tried to soothe my am'rous flame,
In words that I thought tender:
In nought that pass'd was I to blame,
I meant not to offend her.

Yet now she scornful flies the plain,
The fields we then frequented:
If e'er we meet, she shews disdain,
She looks as ne'er aequainted.
The bonny bush bloomed fair in May,
It's sweets I'll ay remember:
But now her frowns make it deeay,
It fades as in December.

Ye rural Powers, who hear my strains,
Why thus should Peggy grieve me?
Oh! make her partner in my pains,
Then let her smiles relieve me.
If not, my love will turn despair,
My passion no more tender;
I'll leave the bush aboon Traquair,
To lonely wilds I'll wander!

When BURNS visited this far-famed bush in 1787, it consisted of eight or nine ragged birches. The Earl of TRAQUAIR has planted a clump of trees near it, which he calls "The New Bush."

THE EWE-BUGHTS.*

Will ye go to the ewe bughts, Marion,
And wear in the sheep wi' me?
The sun shines sweet, my Marion,

But nae half sae sweet as thee. The sun, &c.

O Marion's a bonny lassie,

The blythe blink's in her e'e;

And fain wad I marry Marion,

Gin Marion wad marry me. And fain, &c.

I've nine milk-ewes, my Marion, A cow and a brawney quey; I'll gi'c them a' to my Marion Upon her bridal-day. Ill gie, &c.

And ye's get a green say apron,

And waisteoat o' London brown;

And wow but ye will be vap'ring

Whene'er ye gang to the town. And wow, &c

I'm young and stout, my Marion,

Nane dances like me on the green;

And gin ye foresake me, Marion,

I'll e'en draw up wi' Jean. And gin, &c.

* Though this beautiful old Air is commonly reckoned a production of the south of Scotland, Burns doubts whether it may not be a northern composition, because there is a Song, apparently as ancient as "Ewe-bughts, Marion," which is sung to the same Air, and is evidently of the north; it begins thus:

- "The Lord o' Gordon had three daughters, "Mary, Margaret, and Jean,
- "They wadna stay at honie Castle-Gordon,
 - " But awa' to Aberdeen."

The following Song was a juvenile production of the Poet, who, when he transmitted it to the Editor, wrote thus of it:

"In my very early years, when I was thinking of going to the West Indies, I took the following farewell of a dear

"girl; it is quite trifling, and has nothing of the merit of the Ewe-Bughts. You must know that all my earlier love
"songs were the breathings of ardent passion; and though it might have been easy in after-times to have given them

"a polish, yet that polish to me would have defaced the legend of my heart, which was so faithfully inscribed in them.

"Their uncouth simplicity was, as they say of wines, their race."

WILL YE GO TO' THE INDIES, MY MARY.

BY BURNS.

THE SAME AIR.

Will ye go to the Indies, my Mary, And leave auld Scotia's shore? Will ye go to the Indies, my Mary, Aeross th' Atlantic's roar!

O sweet grows the lime and the orange,
And the apple on the pine;
But a' the charms o' the Indies,
Can never equal thine.

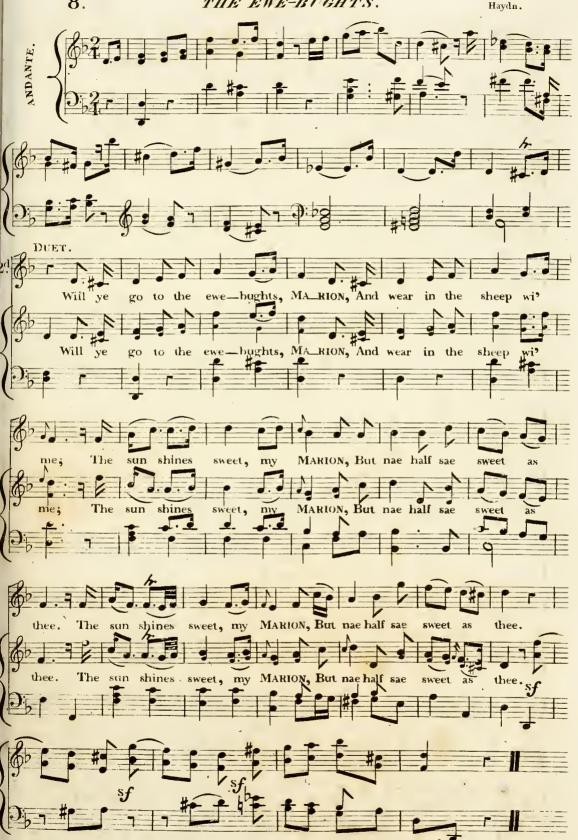
I hae sworn by the Heavens to my Mary,
I hae sworn by the Heavens to be true;

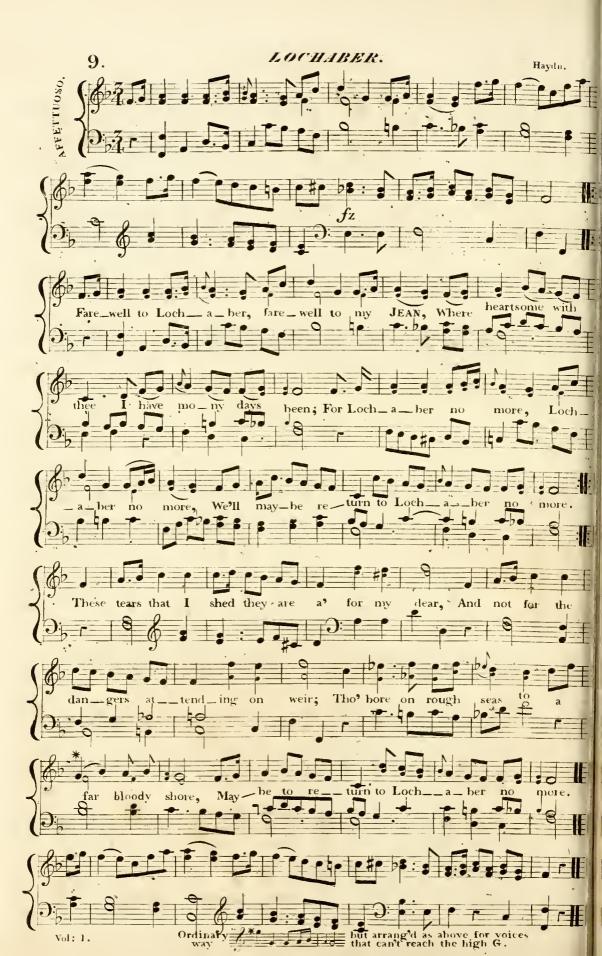
And sae may the Heavens forget me, When I forget my vow!

O plight me your faith, my Mary, And plight me your lily-white hand;

O plight me your faith, my Mary, Before I leave Scotia's strand.

We hae plighted our troth, my Mary,
In mutual affection to join;
And curst he the cause that shall part us!
The hour, and the moment o' time!





FAREWELL TO LOCHABER

THE SONG

BY ALLAN RAMSAY.

FAREWELL to Lochaber, farewell to my Jean,
Where heartsome with thee I have mony day been;
For Lochaber no more, Lochaber no more,
We'll may-be return to Lochaber no more.
These tears that I shed they are a' for my dear,
And not for the dangers attending on weir;
Tho' bore on rough seas to a far bloody shore,
May-be to return to Lochaber no more.

They'll ne'er make a tempest like that in my mind;
They'll ne'er make a tempest like that in my mind;
Tho' loudest of thunder on louder waves roar,
That's naething like leaving my Love on the shore.
To leave thee behind me my heart is sair pained;
But by ease that's inglorious no fame can be gained;
And beauty and love's the reward of the brave,
And I mann deserve it before I can crave.

Then glory, my Jeany, maun plead my excuse; Since honour commands me, how can I refuse? Without it, I ne'er can have merit for thee, And losing thy favour I'd better not be. I gae then, my lass, to win honour and fame, And if I should chance to come gloriously hame, I'll bring a heart to thee with love running o'er, And then I'll leave thee and Lochaber no more.

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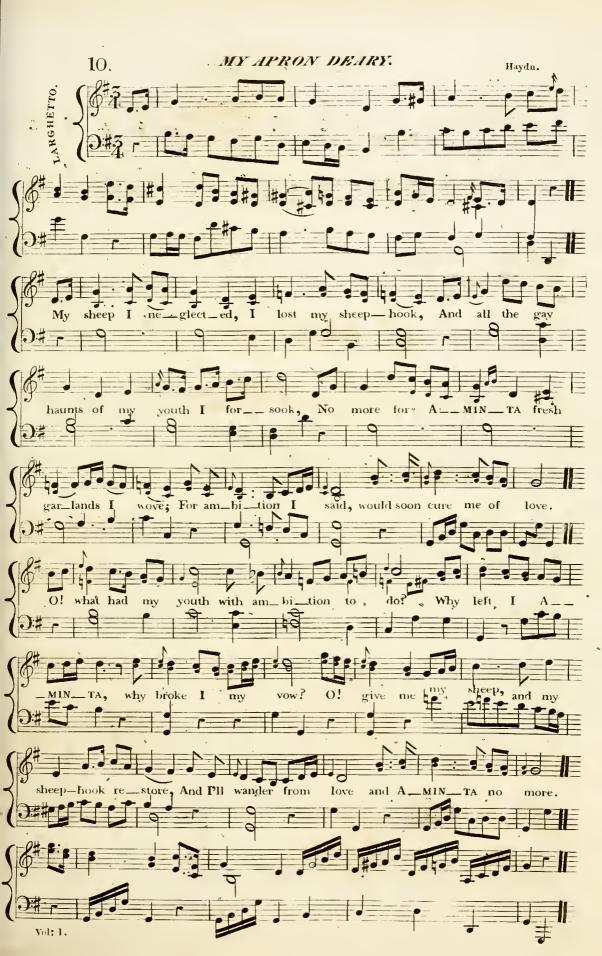
THE SONG

BY SIR GILBERT ELLIOT.

My sheep I neglected, I lost my sheep-hook,
And all the gay haunts of my youth I forsook,
No more for Aminta fresh garlands I wove;
For ambition, I said, would soon cure me of love.
O! what had my youth with ambition to do?
Why left I Aminta, why broke I my vow?
O! give me my sheep, and my sheep-hook restore,
I'll wander from love and Aminta no more.

Through regions remote in vain do I rove,
And bid the wide ocean secure me from love:
O fool! to imagine that aught can subdue,
A love so well founded, a passion so true.
O! what had my youth with ambition to do?
Why left I Aminta, why broke I my vow?
O! give me my sheep, and my sheep-hook restore,
I'll wander from love and Aminta no more.

Alas! 'tis too late at thy fate to repine:—
Poor shepherd, Aminta no more can be thine:
Thy tears are all fruitless, thy wishes are vain,
The moments neglected return not again!
O! what had my youth with ambition to do?
Why left I Aminta, why broke I my vow?
O! give me my sheep, and my sheep-hook restore,
I'll wander from love and Aminta no more.





GALLA WATER.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

BY BURNS.

Braw braw lads on Yarrow braes,
Ye wander through the blooming heather;
But Yarrow braes, nor Ettrick shaws,
Can match the lads o' Galla water.

But there is ane, a secret ane,
Aboon them a' I lo'e him'better;
And I'll be his, and he'll be mine,
The bonnie lad o' Galla water.

Altho' his daddie was nae laird,
And tho' I hae nae meikle tocher,
Yet rich in kindest, truest love,
We'll tent our flocks by Galla water.

It ne'er was wealth, it ne'er was wealth,

That coft contentment, peace, or pleasure;

The bands and bliss o' mutual love,

O that's the chiefest warld's treasure.

THE BRAES OF YARROW.

BY WILLIAM HAMILTON, ESQ. OF BANGOUR.

A. Busk ye, husk ye, my bonny bonny bride;
Busk ye, busk ye, my winsome marrow;
Busk ye, busk ye, my bonny bonny bride,
And think nae mair on the braes of Yarrow.
B. Where gat ye that bonny bonny bride?
Where gat ye that winsome marrow?
A. I gat her where I dare nae weil be seen,
Puing the birks on the bracs of Yarrow.

Weep not, weep not, my bonny bonny bride;
Weep not, weep not, my winsome marrow,
Nor let tby heart lament to leave
Puing the birks on the braes of Yarrow:
B. Why does she weep, thy bonny bonny bride?
Why does she weep, thy winsome marrow?
And why dare ye nae mair weil be seen,
Puing the birks on the braes of Yarrow?

A. Lang maun she weep, lang maun she, maun she weep,
Lang maun she weep with dule and sorrow;
And lang maun I nae mair weil be seen
Puing the birks on the braes of Yarrow;
For she has tint bir luver luver dear,
Her luver dear, the cause of sorrow;
And I hae slain the comeliest swain
That e'er pu'd birks on the bracs of Yarrow.

Why runs thy stream, O Yarrow, Yarrow, red?
Why on thy braes heard the voice of sorrow?
And why you melancholous weeds,
Hung on the bonny birks of Yarrow?
What yonder floats on the rueful, rueful stream?
What yonder floats? O dule and sorrow!
'Tis he, the comely swain I slew
Upon the doleful braes of Yarrow!

Wash, O wash his wounds, his wounds in tears,
His wounds in tears, with dule and sorrow;
And wrap his limbs in mourning weeds,
And lay him on the braces of Yarrow.
Then build, then build, ye sisters, sisters sad,
Ye sisters sad, his tomb with sorrow;
And weep around in waeful wise
His hapless fate on the brace of Yarrow.

Curse ye, curse ye, bis nseless, uscless shield,
My arm that wrought the deid of sorrow,
The fatal spear that pierc'd his breast,
His comely breast on the bracs of Yarrow.
Did I not warn thee not to lue,
And warn from fight? But to my sorrow,
O'er rashly bald, a stronger arm
Thou met'st, and fell on the bracs of Yarrow.

Sweet smells the birk, green grows, green grows the grass, Yellow on Yarrow's banks the gowan,
Fair hangs the apple frae the rock,
Sweet the wave of Yarrow flowan,
Flows Yarrow sweet? as sweet flows Tweed,
As green its grass, its gowan yellow,
As sweet smells on its braes the birk,
The apple frae the rock as mellow.

Fair was thy Luve, fair fair indeed thy Luve, In flow'ry bands thou him didst fetter: . Tho' he was fair and well beluv'd again, Than me he never lued thee better. Busk ye, then husk, my bonny bonny bride,
Busk ye, busk ye, my winsome marrow,
Busk ye, and lue me on the banks of Tweed,
And think nae mair on the brase of Yarrow.

C. How can I busk a bonny bonny bride?
How can I busk a winsome marrow?
How lue him on the banks of Tweed,
That slew my Luve on the braes of Yarrow?
O Yarrow fields, may never never rain,
No dew thy tender blossoms cover;
For there was basely slain my luve,
My Luve, as he had not been a luver.

The boy put on his robes, his robes of green,
His purple vest, 'twas my ain sewing!
Ah! wretched me! I little little kend
He was in these to meet his ruin.
The boy took out his milk-wbite milk-white steed,
Unheedful of my dule and sorrow:
But ere the toofal of the night,
He lay a corpse on the hraes of Yarrow.

Much I rejoic'd that waeful, waeful day,
I sang, my voice the woods returning:
But lang ere night the spear was flown
That slew my Luve and left me mourning.
What can my barbarous, barbarous lather do,
But with his cruel rage pursue me?
My lover's blood is on thy spear,
How canst thou, barbarous man, then woo me?

My happy sisters may be, may be proud;
With cruel and ungentle scoffing,
May bid me seek on Yarrow braes
My lover nailed in his coffin.
My brother Douglas may upbraid,
And strive with threat'niug words to move me.
My lover's blood is on thy spear,
How can'st thou ever bid me luve thee?

Yes, yes, prepare the bed, the bed of luve!
With bridal sheets my body cover;
Unbar, ye bridal maids, the door,
Let in the expected husband luver.
But who the expected husband, husband is?
His hands, methinks, are bath'd in slaughter:
Ah me! what gastly spectre's yon
Comes in his pale shroud bleeding after?

Pale as he is, here lay him, lay him down,
O! lay his cold head on my pillow:
Tak' aff, tak' aff these bridal weids,
And crown my careful head with willow.
Pale tho' thou art, yet best, yet best beluv'd,
O could my warmth to life restore thee!
Ye'd lie all night between my breasts,
No youth lay ever there before thee.

Pale, pale indeed, O luvely luvely youth,
Forgive, forgive, so foul a slaughter!
And lie all night between my breasts,
No youth shall ever lie there after.

A. Return, return, O mournful mournful bride,
Return, and dry tby useless sorrow;
Thy luver heeds nought of thy sigbs,
He lies a corpse on the brace of Yarrow.





THE YELLOW HAIR'D LADDIE.

THE SONG

BY ALLAN RAMSAY.

In April, when primroses paint the sweet plain,
And summer approaching rejoiceth the swain;
The Yellow-hair'd Laddie would oftentimes go
To wilds and deep glens, where the hawthorn trees grow.

There, under the shade of an old sacred thorn, With freedom he sung his loves ev'ning and morn: He sung with so soft and enchanting a sound, That Sylvans and Fairies unseen danc'd around.

The shepherd thus sung:—Though young Madie be fair, Her beauty is dash'd with a scornful proud air; But Susie is handsome and sweetly can sing, Her breath's like the breezes perfum'd in the spring:

That Madie, in all the gay bloom of her youth, Like the moon is inconstant, and never spoke truth; But Susie is faithful, good-humour'd, and free, And fair as the goddess who sprung from the sea.

That mama's fine daughter, with all her great dow'r, Was aukwardly airy, and frequently sour; Then, sighing, he wished, would parents agree, The witty sweet Susie his mistress might be.

ROSLIN CASTLE.

THE SONG BY RICHARD HEWIT.

The Anthor of this beautiful Song, when a boy, during the residence of Dr Blacklock in Cumberland, was employed in leading him, and for some years acted as his amanuensis.

'Twas in that season of the year,
When all things gay and sweet appear,
That Colin, with the morning ray,
Arose and sung bis rural lay:
Of Nanny's charms the shepherd sung,
The hills and dales with Nanny rung,
While Roslin castle heard the swain,
And echo'd back the cheerful strain.

Awake, sweet Muse, the breathing spring With rapture warms, awake and sing;
Awake and join the vocal throng,
And bail the morning with a song:
To Nanny raise the cheerful lay,
O bid her haste and come away;
In sweetest smiles herself adorn,
And add new graces to the morn.

O hark, my love, on every spray
Each feather'd warbler tunes his lay;
'Tis beauty fires the ravish'd throng,
And love inspires the melting song:
Then let my ravish'd notes arise,
For beauty darts from Nanny's eyes,
And love my rising bosom warms,
And fills my soul with sweet alarms.

O come, my Love, thy Colin's lay
With rapture calls, O come away;
Come, while the Muse this wreath shall twine
Around that modest brow of thine;
O hither haste, and with thee bring
That beauty blooming like the spring,
Those graces that divinely shine,
And charm this ravish'd heart of mine.

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DONALD.

THE SONG

BY BURNS.

The heroine of this Song was Miss Milles, afterwards Mrs
TEMPLETON, Mauchline.

From thee, Eliza, I must go,
And from my native shore:
The cruel fates between us throw
A boundless ocean's roar:
But boundless oceans, roaring wide,
Between my Love and me,
They never never can divide
My heart and soul from thee.

Farewell, farewell, Eliza dear,
The maid that I adore!
A boding voice is in mine ear,
We part to meet no more!
But the last throb that leaves my heart,
While Death stands victor by,
That throb, Eliza, is thy part,
And thine that latest sigh!

THE WAEFU' HEART.

Gin living worth could win my heart,
You wou'd na speak in vain;
But in the darksome grave it's laid,
Ne'er ne'er to rise again.
My waefu' heart lies low wi' his,
Whose heart was only mine;
And oh! what a heart was that to lose!
But I maun no repine.

Yet oh! gin heav'n in mercy soon,
Would grant the boon I crave,
And tak' this life, now naething worth,
Sin' Jamie's in his grave.
And see his gentle spirit comes
To shew me on my way,
Surpris'd, nae doubt, I still am here,
Sair wond'ring at my stay!

I come, I come, my Jamie dear,
And oh! wi' what gude will!
I follow, wheresoe'er ye lead,
Ye canna lead to ill.
She said, and soon a deadlie pale
Her faded check possest;
Her waefu' heart forgot to beat,
Her sorrows sunk to rest!





AULD ROB MORRIS.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

BY BURNS.

THERE's auld Rob Morris, that wons in you glen, He's the king of gude fellows, and wale of auld men; He has gowd in his coffers, he has sheep, he has kine, And ae bonny lassie, his darling and mine.

She's fresh as the morning, the fairest in May, She's sweet as the ev'ning among the new hay; As blythe and as artless as the lambs on the lea, And dear to my heart as the light to my e'e.

But oh, she's an heiress, auld Robin's a laird, And my daddie has nought but a cot-house and yard: A wooer like me maunna hope to come speed; The wounds I maun hide which will soon be my dead.

The day comes to me, but delight brings me nane: The night comes to me, but my rest it is gane; I wander my lane, like a night-troubled ghaist, And I sigh as my heart it wou'd burst in my breast.

O had she but been of a lower degree,

I then might hae hoped she wou'd smiled upon me!

O, how past descriving had then been my bliss,

As now my distraction no words can express!

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GILDEROY.

An! Culoris, could I now hut sit,
As unconcern'd as when
Your infant beauty could beget
Nor happiness nor pain,
When I this dawning did admire,
And praised the coming day,
I little thought that rising fire,
Would take my rest away.

Your charms in harmless childhood lay As metals in a mine; Age from no face takes more away, Than youth conceal'd in thine. But as your charms insensibly To their perfection prest; So love as unperceiv'd did fly, And center'd in my breast.

My passion with your beauty grew,
While Cupid, at my heart,
Still as his mother favour'd you,
Threw a new flaming dart
Each gloried in their wanton part;
To make a beauty, she
Employ'd the utmost of her art;
To make a lover, he.

THE OLD SONG OF GILDEROY.

[The Hero of this elegant Lamentation was a celebrated Highland Freebooter, who was executed at Edinburgh.]

GILDEROY was a bonny boy,
Had ro es till his shoon;
His stockings were of silken soy,
Wi' garters hanging doun.
It was, I ween, a comely sight
To see sae trim a boy;
He was my joy and heart's delight,
My handsome Gilderoy.

O sic twa charming een he had!
Breath sweet as ony rose;
He never wore a highland plaid,
But costly silken clothes.
He gain'd the luve of ladies gay,
Nane e'er to him was coy:
Ah, wae is me! I mourn the day
For my dear Gilderoy.

My Gilderoy and I were born
Baith in ae toun thegither;
We seant were seven years beforn
We gan to love ilk ither:
Our daddies and our mammies they
Were fill'd wi' meikle joy,
To think upon the bridal day
Of me and Gilderoy.

For Gilderoy, that Luve of mine,
Gude faith I freely bought
A wedding sark of Holland fine,
Wi' dainty ruffles wrought:
And he gied me a wedding ring,
Which I receiv'd wi' joy:
Nae lad nor lassie e'er could sing
Like me and Gilderoy.

Wi' meikle joy we spent our prime,
Till we were baith sixteen,
Aud aft we past the langsome time
Amang the leaves sae green:
Aft on the banks we'd sit us there,
And sweetly kiss and toy;
While he wi' garlands deck'd my hair,
My handsome Gilderoy.

Oh that he still had been content
Wi' me to lead his life!
But ah! his manfu' heart was bent
To stir in feats of strife.
And'he in many a vent'rous deed
His courage bauld wad try;
And this now gars my heart to bleed
For my dear Gilderoy!

And when of me his leave he tuik,

The tears they wat my e'e;
I gied him sic a parting luik!

'My benison gang wi' thee!

'God speed thee weel, mine ain dear heart,

'For gane is all my joy;

'My heart is rent sith we mann part,

'My handsome Gilderoy!'

My Gilderoy, baith far and near,
Was fear'd in ev'ry toun;
And baldly bare awa' the geir
O' mony a lawland loun.
For man to man durst meet him nane,
He was sae brave a boy;
At length wi' numbers he was tane,
My wiusome Gilderoy.

Wae worth the louns that made the laws
To hang a man for gear;
To reave of life for sic a canse
As stealing horse or mare!
Had not their laws been made sae strick,
I ne'er had lost my joy;
Wi' sorrow ne'er had wet my cheek
For my dear Gilderoy!

Gif Gilderoy had done amiss,

He might hae banisht been;

Ah, what sair cruelty is this,

To hang sic handsome men!

To hang the flower o' Scottish land,
Sae sweet and fair a boy:

Nae lady had sae white a hand

As thee, my Gilderoy.

Of Gilderoy sae fear'd they were,
Wi' irons his limbs they strung;
To Edinborow led him there,
And on a gallows hung.
They hung him high aboon the rest,
He was sae bauld a boy;
There died the youth whom I loed best,
My handsome Gilderoy!

Sune as he yielded up his hreath
I bare his corse away,
Wi' tears that trickled for his death
I wash'd his comlie clay;
And sicker in a grave right deep
I laid the dear hed boy:
And now for ever I maun weep
My winsome Gilderoy,





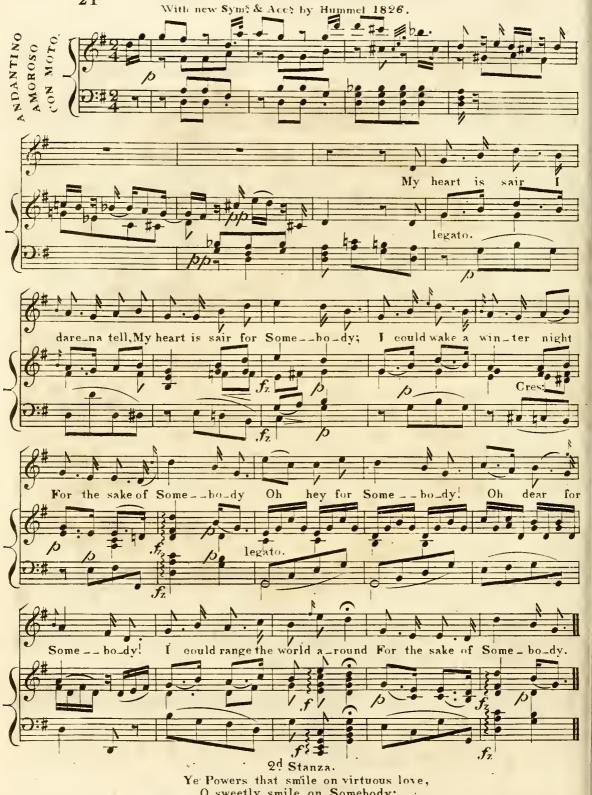
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Now Arthur-seat shall be my bed, The sheets shall ne'er be warm'd by me; Saint Anton's well shall be my drink, Since my true Love's forsaken me. O Mart'mas wind! when wilt thou blaw, And shake the green leaves aff the tree; O gentle Death when wilt thou come, And take a life that wearies me.

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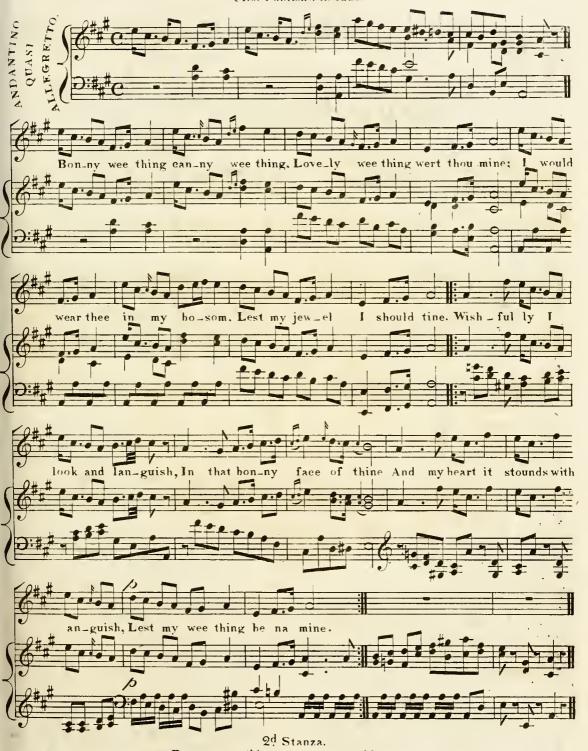
O sweetly smile on Somebody; From ev'ry danger keep him free, And send me safe my Somebody. Oh! hey for Somebody, Oh! dear for Somebody,

I would do __what would I not For the sake of Somebody.

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Bonny wee thing, canny wee thing,

Lovely wee thing, wert thou mine;
I would wear thee in my bosom,

Lest my jewel I should tine.

Wit, and grace, and love, and beauty,

In one constellation shine;
To adore thee is my duty,

Goddess of this soul of mine.

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Burns.



THE MILL MILL, O.

THE SONG WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

BY BURNS.

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The following incident, relative to this song, was recently communicated to the Editor by a friend, a Clergyman in Dumfries-shire: "Burns, I have been informed, was one summer evening at the inn at Brownhill, with a "couple of friends, when a poor way-worn Soldier pass'd the window: of a sudden it struck the Poet to call him "in, and get the story of his adventures: after listening to which, he all at once fell into one of those fits of "abstraction not unusual with him. He was lifted to the region where he had his 'Garland and Singing Robes "about him,' and the result was the admirable song which he sent you for 'The Mill Mill, O!'

When wild War's deadly blast was blawn,
And gentle Peace returning,
Wi' mony a sweet babe fatherless,
And mony a widow mourning:
I left the lines, and tented field,
Where lang I'd been a lodger,
My humble knapsack a' my wealth,
A poor and honest soldier.

A leal, light heart was in my breast,
My hand unstain'd wi' plunder;
And for fair Scotia, bame again,
I cheery on did wander.
I thought upon the banks of Coil,
I thought upon my Naney,
I thought upon the witching smile
That caught my youthful fancy.

At length I reach'd the bonny glen,
Where early life I sported;
I pass'd the mill and trysting thorn,
Where Nancy aft I courted:
Wha spied I but my ain dear maid,
Down by her mother's dwelling!
And turn'd me round to hide the flood
That in my cen was swelling.

Wi' alter'd voice, quoth I, sweet lass, Sweet as you hawthorn's hlossom,
O! happy, happy may he be,
That's dearest to thy bosom:
My purse is light, I've far to gang,
And fain would be thy lodger;
I've serv'd my king and country lang,
Take pity on a soldier!

Sae wistfully she gaz'd on mc,
And lovelier was than ever;
Quo' she, a soldier ance I lo'ed,
Forget him shall I never:
Our humble cot, and hamely fare,
Ye freely shall partake it,
That gallant badge, the dear cockade,
Ye're welcome for the sake o't.

She gaz'd—she redden'd like a rose—
Syne pale like ony lily,
She sank within my arms, and eried,
Art thou my ain dear Willie?—
By him who made yon sun and sky!
By whom true love's regarded,
I am the man—and thus may still
True lovers be rewarded!

The wars are o'er, and I'm come hame,
And find thee still true-hearted:
Tho' poor in gear, we're rich in love,
And mair,—we'se ne'er be parted!
Quo' she, my grandsire left me gowd,
A mailin plenish'd fairly;
And come, my faithful soldier lad,
Thou'rt welcome to it dearly!

For gold the mercbant ploughs the main,
The farmer ploughs the manor;
But glory is the soldier's prize,
The soldier's wealth is honour:
The brave poor soldier ne'er despise,
Nor count him as a stranger;
Remember, he's his country's stay
In day and hour of danger.

SHE ROSE AND LET ME IN

The night her silent sable wore,
And gloomy were the skies,
Of glitt'ring stars appear'd no more
Than those in Nelly's eyes.
When to her father's door I came,
Where I had often been,
I begg'd my fair, my lovely dame,
To rise and let me in.

But she, with accents all divine,
Did my fond suit reprove;
And while she chid my rash design,
She but inflam'd my love.
Her beauty oft had pleas'd before,
While her bright eyes did roll;
But virtue only had the pow'r
To charm my very soul.

Then who would cruelly deceive,
Or from such beauty part!
I lov'd her so, I could not leave
The charmer of my heart.
My eager fondness I obcy'd,
Resolv'd she should be mine,
'Till Hymen to my arms convey'd
My treasure so divine.

Now happy in my Nelly's love,
Transporting is my joy:
No greater blessing can I prove;
So blest a man am I.
For beauty may a while retain
The conquer'd flutt'ring heart,
But virtue only is the chain
Holds never to depart.





SWEET ANNIE.

Sweet Annie frae the sea-beach came,
Where Jocky speel'd the vessel's side;
Ah! wha can keep their beart at hame,
When Jocky's tost aboon the tide.
Far aff to distant realms he gangs,
Yet I'll be true as he has been;
And when ilk lass about him thrangs,
He'll think on Anne, his faithful ain.

I met our wealtby laird yestreen,
Wi' gowd in hand he tempted me,
He prais'd my brow, my rolling een,
And made a brag of wbat he'd gi'e:
What though my Jocky's far away,
Tost up and down the awsome main,
I'll keep my heart anither day,
Since Jocky may return again.

Nae mair, false Jamie, sing nae mair,
And fairly cast your pipe away;
My Jocky wad be troubled sair,
To see his friend his love betray:
For a' your songs and verse are vain,
While Jocky's notes do faitbful flow,
My heart to bim shall true remain,
1'll keep it for my constant jo.

Blaw saft, ye gales, round Jocky's head,
And gar your waves be calm and still;
His hameward sail with breezes speed,
And dinna a' my pleasure spill:
What though my Jocky's far away,
Yet he will braw in siller sbine;
I'll keep my heart anither day,
Since Jocky may again be mine.

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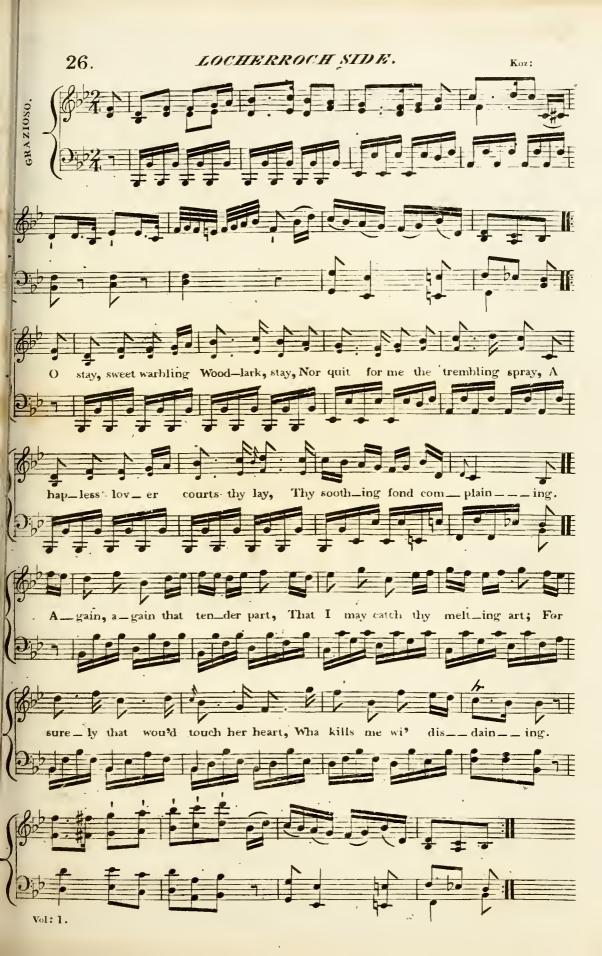
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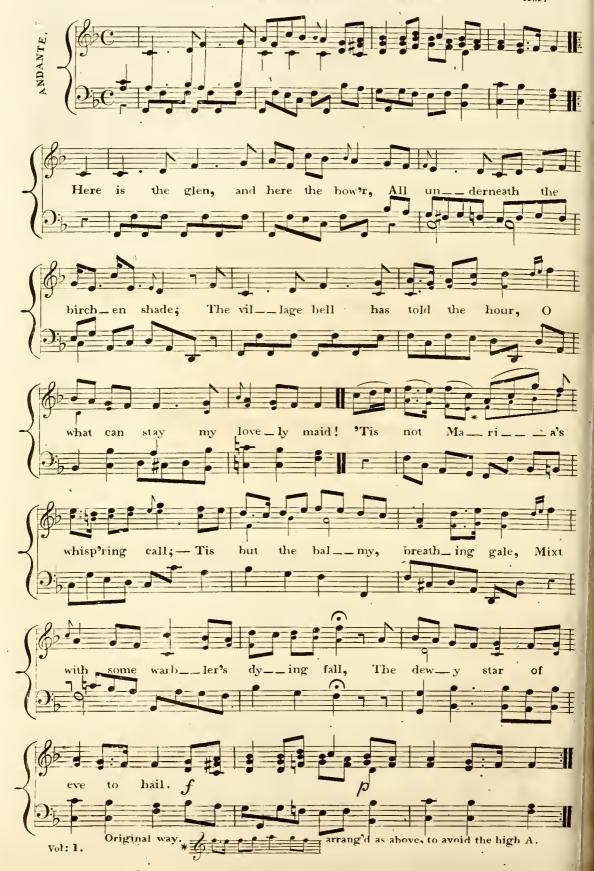
THE SONG WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

BY BURNS.

O STAY, sweet warbling wood-lark, stay,
Nor quit for me the trembling spray,
A hapless lover courts thy lay,
Thy soothing fond complaining.
Again, again that tender part,
That I may catch thy melting art;
For surely that would touch her heart
Wha kills me wi' disdaining.

Say, was thy little mate unkind,
And heard thee as the careless wind?
Oh, nought but love and sorrow join'd,
Sic notes of woe could wauken!
Thou tell'st of never-ending care,
Of speechless grief, and dark despair:
For pity's sake, sweet bird, nae mair,
Or my poor heart is broken!





THE FLOWERS OF EDINBURGH.

THE SONG

BY BURNS.

Here is the glen, and here the bower,
All underneath the birchen shade;
The village bell has told the hour,
O what can stay my lovely maid!
'Tis not Maria's whispering call;—
'Tis but the balmy, breathing gale,
Mixt with some warbler's dying fall,
The dewy star of eve to hail.

It is Maria's voice I hear!

So calls the woodlark in the grove,
His little faithful mate to cheer,
At once 'tis music,—and 'tis love!

And art thou come, and art thou true!

O welcome dear to love and me!

And let us all our vows renew,

Along the flowery banks of Cree.

THE SEVENTH OF NOVEMBER.

THE SONG

BY BURNS.

"I composed this song (says the Poet) out of compliment to one
"of the happiest and worthiest married couples in the world,
"ROBERT RIDDEL, Esq. of Glenriddel, and his lady. At their
"fireside I have enjoyed more pleasant evenings than at all
"the houses of fashionable people in this country put together;
"and to their kindness and hospitality I am indebted for many
"of the happiest hours of my life."

In Johnston's Museum, the Air is marked as the composition of the aforesaid gentleman. If it be so, Burns's silence as to that circumstance is unaccountable, considering how eagerly he inquired after the origin of our Airs.

The day returns, my bosom burns,
The blissful day we twa did meet;
Though winter wild in tempest toil'd,
Ne'er summer sun was half so sweet.
Than a' the pride that loads the tide,
And crosses o'er the sultry line;
Than kingly robes, than crowns and globes,
Heav'n gave me more, it made thee mine!

While day and night can bring delight,
Or nature aught of pleasure give;
While joys above my mind can move,
For thee, and thee alone I live:
When that grim foe of life below,
Comes in between to bid us part;
The iron hand that breaks our band,
It breaks my bliss,—it breaks my heart!





O JEAN, I LOVE THEE.

THE SONG WRITTEN

BY BURNS.

Mrs Burns is the heroine of this beautiful Song.

O were I on Parnassus' hill,
Or had of Helicon my fill,
That I might catch poetic skill,
To sing how dear I love thee.
But Nith maun be my Muse's well,
My Muse maun be thy bonnie sell;
On Corsicon* I'll glowr and spell,
And write how dear I love thee.

Then come, sweet Muse, inspire my lay!

For a' the lee-lang summer day,

I cou'dna sing, I cou'dna say,

How much, how dear I love thee.

I see thee dancing o'er the green,

Thy waist sae jimp, thy limbs sae clean,

Thy tempting lips, thy roguish een,—

By heaven and earth I love thee!

By night, by day, a-field, at hame,
The thoughts o' thee my breast inflame:
And ay I muse and sing thy name,—
I only live to love thee.
Though I were doom'd to wander on
Beyond the sea, beyond the sun,
'Till my last weary sand was run,
'Till then—and then I love thee!

^{*} A high bill near the source of the river Nith.

DONALD AND FLORA.

THE SONG BY H. MACNEILL,

AS ALTERED AND CORRECTED BY HIM FOR THIS WORK.

When merry hearts were gay, Careless of aught but play, Poor Flora slipt away, Sad'ning to Mora; Loose flow'd her yellow hair, Quick heav'd her bosom bare, As thus to the troubled air She vented her sorrow.

- " Loud howls the stormy west,
- " Cold, cold, is winter's blast;
- " Haste, then, O Donald, haste, " Haste to thy Flora!
- " Twice twelve long months are o'er,
- " Since on a foreign shore
- "You promis'd to fight no more, " But meet me in Mora.
- ' Where now is Donald dear?'
- " Maids cry with taunting sneer;
- " Say, Is he still sincere " To his lov'd Flora?
- " Parents upbraid my moan;
- " Each heart is turn'd to stone,-
- " Ah! Flora, thou'rt now alone,
 - " Friendless, in Mora!
- " Come then, O come away!
- " Donald, no longer stay!
- " Where can my rover stray " From his lov'd Flora?
- " Ah, sure he ne'er can be
- ' False to his vows and me:
- " Oh heaven !- is not yonder he " Bounding o'er Mora!"

- ' Never, ah wretched fair!' (Sigh'd the sad messenger)
 - ' Never shall Donald mair
 - ' Meet his lov'd Flora!
 - ' Cold as you mountain snow,
 - ' Donald, thy Love, lies low,
 - ' He sent me to soothe thy woe,
 - Weeping in Mora.
 - . Well fought our gallant slain
 - ' On Saratoga's plain:
 - ' Thrice fled the hostile train
 - ' From British glory.
 - ' But, ah! though our foes did flee,
 - ' Sad was each victory:
 - ' Youth, Love, and Loyalty,
 - ' Fell far from Mora!
 - ' Here, take this love-wrought plaid,
 - ' (Donald, expiring, said)
 - ' Give it to you dear Maid,
 - ' Drooping in Mora.
 - ' Tell her, Oh Allan! tell
 - ' Donald thus bravely fell,
 - ' And that in his last farewel
 - ' He thought on his Flora.'

Mute stood the trembling fair, Speechless with wild despair; Then, striking her bosom bare, Sigh'd out-" Poor Flora! " Ah, Donald! ah, well-a-day!" Was all the fond heart could say:

At length the sound died away

Feebly in Mora.





CAULD KAIL IN ABERDEEN.

THE SONG WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

BY BURNS.

How lang and dreary is the night,
When I am frae my dearie;
I restless lie frae e'en to morn,
Though I were ne'er so weary.
For oh, her lanely nights are lang;
And oh, her dreams are eerie;
And oh, her widow'd heart is sair
That's absent frae her dearie!

When I think on the lightsome days
I spent wi' thee, my dearie;
And now what seas between us roar,
How ean I be but eerie.

For oh, her lanely nights are lang;
And oh, her dreams are eerie;
And oh, her widow'd heart is sair
That's absent frae her dearie!

How slow ye move, ye heavy hours,
The joyless day how dreary:
It was na sae ye glinted by
When I was wi' my dearie.
For oh, her lanely nights are lang;
And oh, her dreams are eerie;
And oh, her widow'd heart is sair
That's absent frae her dearie!

CRAIGIEBURN WOOD.

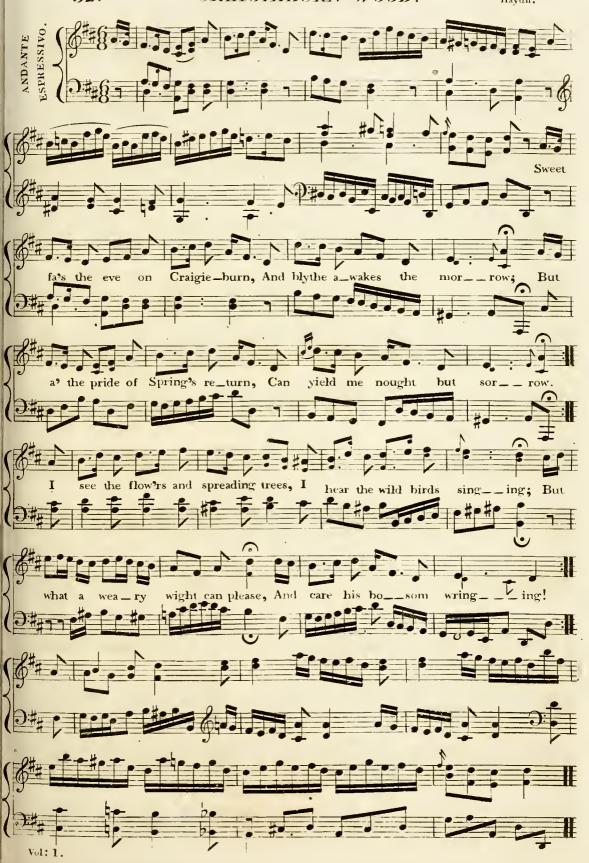
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BY BURNS.

The heroine of this Song was a Miss Lorimer, to whom, under the name of Chioris, the Poet has addressed several of his most enchanting songs, and who lived at Craigieburn, near Moffat. The Air is probably a production of that country, which the Poet considers as the confine of the district where the greatest part of our Lowland Music has been composed, as far as we may venture to localize it from the title, the words, &c. From Craigieburn, he says, till one reaches the West Highlands, we have scarcely any slow air of antiquity.

Sweet fa's the eve on Craigieburn,
And blythe awakes the morrow,
But a' the pride of Spring's return
Can yield me nought but sorrow.
I see the flow'rs and spreading trees,
I hear the wild birds singing;
But what a weary wight can please,
And care his bosom wringing!

Fain, fain, would I my griefs impart;
Yet dare na for your anger;
But secret love will break my heart,
If I conceal it langer.
If thou refuse to pity me,
If thoushalt love another,
When you green leaves fade frae the tree,
Around my grave they'll wither.





THE COLLIER'S BONNIE LASSIE.

THE SONG WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK,

On Miss Lesley Baillie of Ayrshire, now Mrs Cuming of Logic;

BY BURNS.

O saw ye bonnie Leslcy,
As she gaed o'er the Border?*
She's gane, like Alexander,
To spread her conquests farther.
To see her, is to love her,
And love but her for ever;
For Nature made her what she is,
And ne'er made sic anither!

Thou art a queen, fair Lesley,
Thy subjects we before thee;
Thou art divine, fair Lesley,
The hearts of men adore thee.
The De'il he cou'dna skaith thee,
Or aught that would belang thee;
He'd look into thy bonnie face,
And say, "I canna wrang thee."

The Powers aboon will tent thee,
Misfortune sha' na steer thee;
Thou'rt like themsels sae lovely,
That ill they'll ne'er let near thee.
Return again, fair Lesley,
Return to Caledonie!
That we may brag we hae a lass,
There's nane again sae bonnie.

^{*} That part of Scotland bordering on England.

THE BONNIE HOUSE OF AIRLY.

FROM A MANUSCRIPT TRANSMITTED TO THE EDITOR, (Now first Published, 1822.)

On a summer day, when our Chief was away,
And the flow'rs bloom'd fresh and fairly,
A sound from afar, like the dread voice of war,
Was heard in the bonnic house of Airly,
A sound, &c.

Argyle led on his well arm'd men,
That glance in the sun so rarely;
And wand'ring many a lonely glen,
They reach'd the bonnie house of Airly.
And wand'ring, &c.

The Lady look'd frae her high castle wa',
And oh! but she sigh'd sairly,
To see Argyle like a reaver come
To plunder the bonnie house of Airly,
To see Argyle, &c.

Come down, come down, thou fair Lady, Your castle is mann'd but sparely, Come down and safety find with me, And leave the falling house of Airly. Come down, &c.

O spare thy flattery, fause Argyle,
With thee I will not parley;
My troth thou never shall beguile
From my lov'd lord of Airly.
My troth, &c.

O were they here, my brave gallant sons, That now are wi' good Lord Airly, They'd soon gar you rue the day that you drew A traitor's sword 'gainst Charlie. They'd soon, &c.

Tho' your proud banners fly, and the reek rise high Around the towers of Airly, The dearest blood in your kinsmen's veins Shall pay their price but barely. The dearest, &c.

'Twas mutter'd here, by a grey hair'd Seer, Wha spied fu mony a ferlie, He saw a headless chief appear To light a low in Airly! He saw, &c.

And when a traitor's doom you meet,
You'll rue this day right early;
You'll think that you bought your treason dear
'Gainst our King and his faithful Airly.
You'll think, &c.

James Earl of Arrly having left Scotland in 1640, to avoid being compelled to sign the Covenant, the Estates of Parliament ordered the Marquis of Arryle to proceed against Airly eastle; which he did with such an irresistible force, that Lord OGILYIE found it prudent to withdraw, with all his retainers, and leave the eastle to its fate. It was destroyed, and the country belonging to the family laid waste,

34. THE BONNIE HOUSE OF MIRLY

The Syms and Accomps and the Words new, 1822.





THE POSIE.

WRITTEN

BY BURNS.

O Love will venture in, where it dare na weel be seen:
O Love will venture in, where wisdom ance has been:
But I will down you river rove among the wood sae green,
And a' to pu' a posie to my ain dear May.

The primrose I will pu', the firstling o' the year,
And I will pu' the pink, the emblem o' my dear:
For she's the pink o' womankind, and blooms without a peer;
A'nd a' to be a posie to my ain dear May.

I'll pu' the budding rose, when Phæbus peeps in view, For it's like a baumy kiss o' her sweet bonnie mou': The hyacinth for constancy, wi' its unchanging blue, And a' to be a posie to my ain dear May.

The lily it is pure, and the lily it is fair, And in her lovely bosom I'll place the lily there: The daisy for simplicity and unaffected air, And a' to be a posie to my ain dear May.

The hawthorn I will pu', wi' its locks o' siller grey, Where, like an aged man, it stands at break o' day; But the songster's nest within the bush I winna take away, And a' to be a posie to my ain dear May.

The woodbine I will pu', when the ev'ning star is near, And the diamond drops o' dew shall be her een sae clear: The violet for modesty, which weel she fa's to wear, And a' to be a posie to my ain dear May.

I'll tie the posie round wi' the silken band o' love,
And I'll place it in her breast, and I'll swear by a' above,
That to my latest draught o' life the band shall ne'er remove,
And this will be a posie to my ain dear May.

NORA'S VOW.

WRITTEN BY

SIR WALTER SCOTT, BART.

AND HERE PUBLISHED BY EXPRESS PERMISSION OF THE FRO-PRIETORS—1822.

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Nora's Vow is set to a Gaelic air, "Cha teid mis a chaoidh, l "will never go with him," in Albyn's Anthology. The Editor finding, however, that the Song is finely suited to the Lowland air, The Deuks dang o'er my daddy, has here united them.

"In the original Gaelic, (says the Poet) the Lady makes protestations that she will not go with the Red Earl's son until the
swan should build in the cliff, and the eagle in the lakeuntil one mountain should change places with another, and
so forth. It is but fair to add, that there is no authority for
supposing that she altered her mind,—except the vehemence
of her protestations."

HEAR what Highland Nora said:

- " The Earlie's son I will not wed,
- " Should all the race of Nature die,
- " And none be left but he and I.
- " For all the gold, for all the gear,
- " And all the lands both far and near,
- "That ever valour lost or won,
- "I would not wed the Earlie's son."
- ' A maiden's vows,' old Callum spoke,
- ' Are lightly made and lightly broke;
- ' The heather on the mountain's height
- D to 11 to 12 to 12 to 15 to 1
- · Begins to bloom in purple light:
- ' The frost-wind soon shall sweep away
- 'That lustre deep from glen and brae;
- ' Yet, Nora, ere its bloom be gone,
- May blythely wed the Earlie's son.
- " The swan," she said, the lake's clear breast
- " May barter for the eagle's nest;
- " The Awe's fierce stream may backward turn,
- " Ben-Cruachan fall, and erush Kilehurn.
- " Our kilted elans, when blood is high,
- "Before their foes may turn and fly;
- " But I, were all these marvels done,
- " Would never wed the Earlie's son.

Still in the water-lily's shade

Her wonted nest the wild swan made,
Ben-Cruachan stands as fast as ever,
Still downward foams the Awe's fierce river;
To shun the clash of foeman's steel,
No Highland brogue has turn'd the heel:
But Nora's heart is lost and won,
—She's wedded to the Earlie's son!





LORD GREGORY.

THE SONG WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

BY BURNS.

O MIRK, mirk, is this midnight hour,
And loud the tempests roar;
A waefu' wanderer seeks thy tower,
Lord Gregory ope thy door!
An exile frae her father's ha',
And a' for loving thee;
At least some pity on me shaw,
If love it mayna be!

Lord Gregory, mind'st thou not the grove,
By bonnie Irvine-side,
Where first I own'd that virgin love
I lang, lang had denied.
How aften didst thou pledge and vow,
Thou would'st for ay be mine;
And my fond heart itsel' sae true,
It ne'er mistrusted thine.

Hard is thy heart, Lord Gregory,
And flinty is thy breast;
Thou dart of Heav'n that flashest by,
O wilt thou give me rest!
Ye mustering thunders from above
Your willing victim see!
But spare and pardon my false Love,
His wrongs to Heav'n and me!

SONG FOR THE SAME AIR, WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK BY DR WOLCOT,*

AH ope, Lord Gregory, thy door,
A midnight wanderer sighs!
Hard rush the rains, the tempests roar,
And lightnings cleave the skies!
Who comes with woe in this drear night,
A pilgrim of the gloom?
If she whose love did once delight,
My cot shall yield her room.

Alas! thou hear'st a pilgrim mourn,
That once was prized by thee:
Think of the ring by yonder burn
Thou gav'st to love and me.
But shouldst thou not poor Marian know,
I'll turn my feet and part;
And think the storms that round me blow,
Far kinder than thy heart.

^{*} It is but doing justice to the Author of the latter Song to mention, that it is the original. Burns saw it, liked it, and immediately wrote the other on the same subject.

THE AULD WIFE AYONT THE FIRE.

The following Jacobite ballad, from a M.S. communicated to the Editor, appears to him preferable to any of the printed editions of the ballad which he has seen.

Our gallant Scottish Prince was elad Wi' honnet blue and tartan plaid, And O he was a handsome lad, Nanc could compare wi' Charlie. The wale o' chiefs, the great Lochiel, At Boradale his Prince did hail, And meikle friendship did prevail Between the Chief and Charlie.

CHORUS.

O but ye've been lang o' coming, Lang o' coming, lang o' coming, O but ye've been lang o' coming, Welcome royal Charlie.

Arouse, ilk valiant kilted clan,
Let highland hearts lead on the van,
And charge the foe, claymore in hand,
For sake o' royal Charlic.
O welcome Charlie o'cr the main,
Our highland hills are a' your ain,
Thrice welcome to our isle again,
Onr gallant royal Charlie.
Chor.—O but ye've been lang o' coming, &c

Auld Seotia's sons 'mang heather hills,
Can fearless face the warst of ills,
For kindred fire ilk bosom fills,
At sight of royal Charlie.
Her ancient thistle wags its pow,
And proudly waves o'er dale and knowe,
To hear our pledge and saered vow
To live or die wi' Charlie.
Chor.—O but ye've been lang o' coming, &c.

We darena brew a peek o' ma't,
But Geordie ay is finding fau't,
We eanna make a pickle sa't,
For want o' royal Charlie.
Then up and quaff alang wi' me
A bumper crown'd wi' ten times three,
To him that's come to set us free,
Huzza for royal Charlie.
Chor.—O but ye've been lang o' coming, &c.

From a' the wilds o' Caledon,
We'll gather every hardy son,
'Till thousands to his standard run,
And rally round Prince Charlie.
Come let the flowing queeh go round,
And boldly bid the pibroeh sound,
'Till ev'ry glen and rock resound
The name o' royal Charlie.
Chor.—O but ye've been lang o' coming, &c.





SHE'S FAIR AND FAUSE.

THE SONG WRITTEN

BY BURNS.

She's fair and fause that causes my smart,
I loe'd her meikle and lang;
She's broken her vow, she's broken my heart,
And I may e'en gae hang.
A coof came in wi' rowth o' gear,
And I hae tint my dearest dear;
But woman is but warld's gear,
Sae let the bonnie lass gang.

Whae'er ye be that woman love,

To this be never blind;

Nae ferlie 'tis tho' fickle she prove,

A woman has't by kind.

O woman, lovely woman fair,

An angel form's faun to thy share!

'Twou'd been o'er meikle to've gi'en thee mair,—

I mean an angel mind.

THE SILKEN SNOOD.

THE SONG WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK BY BURNS.

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

Love's veriest wretch, unseen, unknown,
I fain my griefs would cover:
The bursting sigh, th' unweeting groan,
Betray the hapless lover:
I know thou doom'st me to despair,
Nor wilt, nor canst relieve me;
But oh! Eliza, hear one prayer,—
For pity's sake, forgive me!

The music of thy voice I heard,
Nor wist while it enslav'd me;
I saw thine eyes, yet nothing fear'd,
Till fears no more had saved me.
Th' unwary sailor, thus, aghast,
The wheeling torrent viewing,
Mid eireling horrors sinks at last
In overwhelming ruin.

THE OLD SONG TO THE SAME AIR.

OH I hae lost my silkeu snood,
That tied my hair sae yellow:
I've gi'en my heart to the lad I loo'd,
He was a gallant fellow.
And twine it weel, my bonnie dow,
And twine it weel, the plaiden;
The lassie lost her silken snood,
In pu'ing of the bracken.

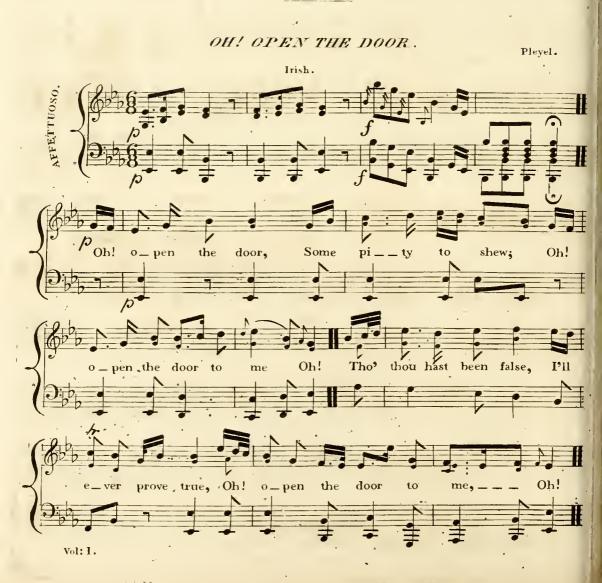
He prais'd my een sae bonny blue,
Sae lily-white my skin, O;
And syne he pried my bonny mou',
And swore it was nae sin, O!
But he has left the lass he loo'd,
His ain true love forsaken,
Whieh gars me sair to greet the snood,
I lost amang the bracken.



SELECT

IRISH & WELCH

MELODIES.





The wan moon is setting behind the white wave,

And time is setting with me, Oh!

False friends, false love, farewell, for more,

I'll ne'er trouble them, nor thee, Oh!

She has open'd the door, she has open'd it wide,
She sees his pale corse on the plain, Oh!
"My true Love she cried"—and sunk down by his side,
Never to rise again, Oh!

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THE FOX'S SLEEP.

THE WORDS WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

BY WILLIAM SMYTH, ESQ.

The Hero may perisb his country to save,

And he lives in the records of fame;
The Sage may the dungcons of tyranny brave—
Ever honour'd and blest be his name!
But Virtue that silently toils or expires,
No wreath for the brow to entwine;
That asks but a smile—but a fond sigh requires—
O Woman! that virtue is thine.

THE DYING FATHER TO HIS DAUGHTER.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK
BY WILLIAM SMYTH, ESQ.

INTENDED FOR THE SAME AIR, WITHOUT THE SECOND-VOICE PART.

To me, my sweet Kathleen, the Bensbee has cried,
And I die—ere to morrow I dic.—*

This rose thou hast gather'd, and laid by my side,
Will live, my child, longer than I.

My days they are gone, like a tale that is told—
Let me bless thee, and bid thee adieu;

For never to father, when feeble and old,
Was daughter so kind and so true.

Thou hast walk'd by my side, and my board thou hast spread,
For my chair the warm corner hast found;
And told my dull ear what the visitor said,
When I saw that the laughter went round.
Thou hast succour'd me still, and my meaning exprest
When memory was lost on its way—
Thou hast pillow'd my head ere I laid it to rest—
Thou art weeping beside me to-day.

O Kathleen, my Love! thou couldst choose the good part,
And more than thy duty hast done:—
Go now to thy Dermot, be clasp'd to his heart,
He merits the love he has won.
Be duteous and tender to him, as to me;
Look up to the mercy-seat then:
And passing this shadow of death, which I see,
Come, come to my arms back again.

* In the Irish superstition, the Benshee is the warning spirit that announces death.

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MY LODGING IS ON THE COLD GROUND.

THE SONG WRITTEN

BY BURNS.

Scene.—A Field of Battle—Evening.—The wounded and dying of the victorious army are supposed to join in the following song.

Farewell! loves and friendships, ye dear tender ties!

Our race of existence is run!

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

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

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



Irish.



GRAMACHREE.

THE SONG WRITTEN

BY R. B. SHERIDAN, ESQ.

Had I a heart for falsehood fram'd, I ne'er could injure you; For tho' your tongue no promise claim'd, your charms would make me To you no soul shall bear deceit, no stranger offer wrong: [true: But friends in all the aged you'll meet, and lovers in the young.

But when they learn that you have blest another with your heart, They'll bid aspiring passion rest, and act a brother's part:
Then, lady, dread not their deceit, nor fear to suffer wrong;
For friends in all the aged you'll meet, and brothers in the young.

SONG FOR THE SAME AIR,

SAID TO HAVE BEEN WRITTEN IN BEDLAM

BY A NEGRO.

ONE morning very early, one morning in the spring, I heard a maid in Bedlam who mournfully did sing; Her chains she rattled on her hands, while sweetly thus sung she; I love my Love, because I know my Love loves me.

O! cruel were his parents, who sent my Love to sea,
And cruel, cruel was the ship, that bore my Love from me;
Yet I love his parents, since they're his, altho' they've ruin'd me;
And I love my Love, because I know my Love loves me.

O! should it please the pitying pow'rs to call me to the sky, I'd claim a guardian-angel's charge around my Love to fly; To guard him from all dangers how happy should I be; For I love my Love, because I know my Love loves me.

I'll make a strawy garland, I'll make it wond'rous fine; With roses, lilies, daisies, I'll mix the eglantine; And I'll present it to my Love when he returns from sea; For I love my Love, because I know my Love loves me.

Oh, if I were a little bird, to build upon his breast!
Or if I were a nightingale, to sing my Love to rest!
To gaze upon his lovely eyes, all my reward should be;
For I love my Love, because I know my Love loves me.

Oh, if I were an eagle, to soar into the sky!
I'd gaze around with piercing eyes where I my Love might spy;
But ah, unhappy maiden! that Love you ne'er shall see!
Yet I love my Love, because I know my Love loves me.

ROBIN ADAIR.

THE SONG WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

BY BURNS.

Had I a cave on some wild distant shore,
Where the winds howl to the waves dashing roar;
There would I weep my woes,
There scek my lost repose,
'Till grief my eyes should close
Ne'er to wake more.

Falsest of woman-kind, canst thou declare,
All thy fond plighted vows, fleeting as air!
To thy new lover hie,
Laugh o'er thy perjury—
Then in thy hosom try
What peace is there!

AN OLD SONG FOR THE SAME AIR.

Since all thy vows, false maid, are blown to air,
And my poor heart hetray'd to sad despair,
Into some wilderness,
My grief I will express,
And thy hard heartedness,
O cruel Fair.

Have I not grav'n our loves on every tree,
In yonder spreading groves, tho' false thou he:
Was not a solemn oath,
Plighted hetween us both,
Thou thy faith, I my troth,
Constant to he.

Some gloomy place I'll find, some doleful shade,
Where neither sun nor wind e'er entrance had:
Into that hollow cave,
There will I sigh and rave,
Because thou dost hehave
So faithlessly.

Wild fruit shall be my meat, I'll drink the spring;
Cold earth shall he my seat; for covering
I'll have the starry sky
My head to canopy,

My head to canopy, Until my soul on high Shall spread its wing.

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

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





THE MEN OF HARLECH'S MARCH.

THE SONG WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

BY SIR ALEX. BOSWELL, BART.

In singing the second stanza, a quaver must be supplied for the first word of the fifth and sixth lines.

Dauntless sons of Celtic sires,
Whose souls the love of freedom fires:
Hark, every harp to war inspires
On Cader Idris side.
See the brave advancing,
See the brave advancing!
Each well-tried spear, which Saxons fear,
In warlike splendour glancing!
Proud Harlech from her frowning towers*
Pours forth her never-failing powers:
Rouse, heroes, glory shall be ours;
March on, your country's pride!

Shall heart-rending sounds of woe
Be heard where Conway's waters flow?
Or shall a rude and ruthless foe
Find here one willing slave?
From mountain and from valley,
From mountain and from valley;
From Snowdon, from Plinlimmon's brow,
Around your Prince ye rally.
Let cowards kiss th' oppressor's scourge,
Home to his heart your weapons urge,
Or whelm him in th' avenging surge;
To victory, ye brave!

^{*} HARLECH CASTLE stands on a lofty rock, upon the sea-shore of Merionethshire: The original tower, called Two Bronwen, is said to have been built in the sixth century; it afterwards received the name of Caer Colwyn, and eventually its more descriptive name, Harlech, or Ardd lech, the high cliff. The present eastle, still nearly entire, was the work of Edward I. and a place of great strength. In 1468, being possest by DAFYDD, AP JEVAN, AP EINION, a steady friend of the House of Lancaster, it was invested by William Earl of Pemiroke, after a most difficult march through the heart of the Welsh Alps; and surrendered on honourable terms to his gallant brother, Sir Richard Herbert, who engaged to save the life of the brave Welsh commander, by interceding with his cruel master Edward IV. The king at first refused his request, when Herbert told him plainly, that his Highness might take his life instead of that of the Welsh captain, for that he would assuredly replace Dafydd in the castle, and the King might send whom he pleased to take him out again. This prevailed, but Sir Richard received no other reward for his service.—Pennant.

THE DAWN OF DAY.

THE SONG WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

BY WILLIAM SMYTH, ESQ.

I GAZE upon you mountains that mingle with the sky,
And if my wishes were but wings, he youd them I would fly;
For far he youd the mountains that look so distant here,
To fight his country's hattles, last May-day went my dear.
Ah! well do I remember with hitter sighs the day;
Why Owen didst thou leave me, at home why did I stay!

I count the passing moments the weary live long day,
For every day's a week long since Owen went away.
Ah! cruel was my father, who did my flight restrain,
And I was cruel-hearted that did at home remain:
With thee, my Love, contented, I'd journey far away;
Why Owen didst thou leave me, at home why did I stay!

In short and broken slumbers I dream of thee alone,
And when my mother calls me, I start and find thee gone;
When thinking of my Owen, my eyes with tears they fill,
And then my mother chides me, hecause my wheel stands still:
How can I think of spinning whilst Owen's far away;
Why Owen didst thou leave me, at home why did I stay!

And oft in waking visions I see some danger near,
To fright my troubled fancy, that hovers round my dear!
O! may it please kind heaven, to shield my Love from harm;
To clasp him to my bosom would ev'ry care disarm:
But, ah! I fear it's distant far that happy, happy day;
Why, Owen, didst thou leave me, at home why did I stay!





THE OLD SIBYL.

The Song has generally been considered a translation from the Welsh by GILBERT COOPER; but, in the Edinburgh Review, Vol. XI. p. 37, the honour of the production is given to STEEVENS, the Commentator on SHAKESPEARE.

Away, let nought to love displeasing,
My Winifreda move your fear;
Let nought delay the heavenly blessing,
Nor squeamish pride, nor gloomy care.
What though no grants of royal donors,
With pompous titles grace our blood;
We'll shine in more substantial honours,
And to be noble we'll be good.

What though from fortune's lavish bounty,
No mighty treasures we possess,
We'll find within our pittance plenty,
And be content without excess.
Still shall cach kind returning season
Sufficient for our wishes give,
For we will live a life of reason,
And that's the only life to live.

Our name, while virtue thus we tender,
Shall sweetly sound where'er 'tis spoke:
And all the great ones much shall wonder,
How they admire such little folk.
Through youth, and age, in love excelling,
We'll hand in hand together tread;
Sweet smiling peace shall crown our dwelling,
And babes, sweet smiling babes, our bed.

How should I love the pretty creatures, Whilst round my knees they fondly clung; To see them look their mother's features; To hear them lisp their mother's tongue. And when with envy, time transported, Shall think to rob us of our joys, You'll in your girls again be courted, And I'll go wooing in my boys.

THE DYING BARD TO HIS HARP.

THE SONG WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

BY SIR WALTER SCOTT, BART.

DINAS EMLINN lament, for the moment is nigh, When mute in the woodlands thine echoes shall die, No more by sweet Teivi Cadwallon shall rave, And mix his wild notes with the wild dashing wave.

In spring and in autumn, thy glories of shade, Unhonour'd shall flourish, unhonour'd shall fade; For soon shall be lifeless the eye and the tongue, That view'd them with rapture, with rapture that sung.

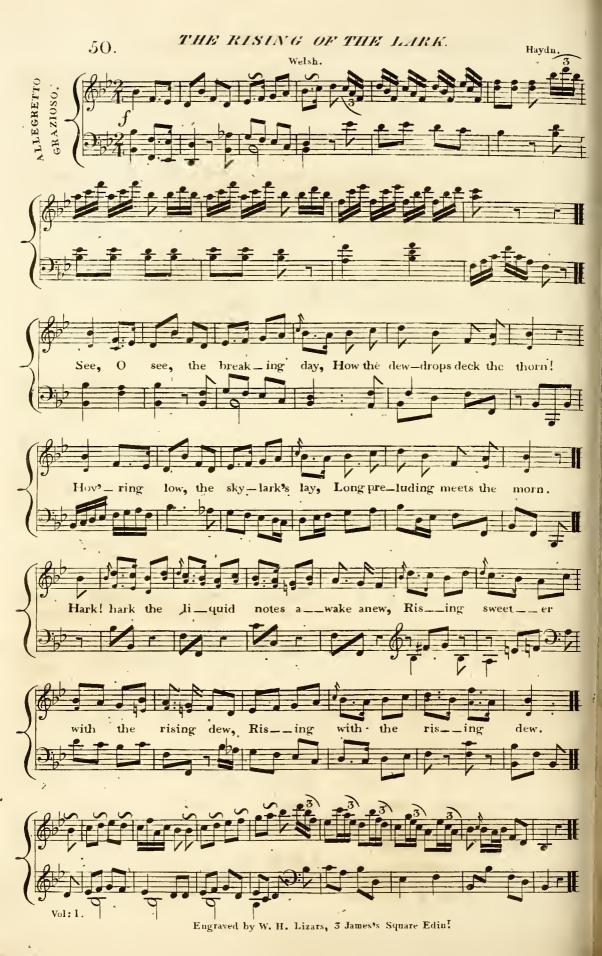
Thy sons, Dinas Emlinn, may march in their pride, And chase the proud Saxon from Prestatyn's side; But where is the harp shall give life to their name? And where is the bard shall give heroes their fame?

And, oh, Dinas Emlinn! thy daughters so fair, Who heave the white bosom and wave the dark hair; What tuneful enthusiast shall worship their eye, When half of their charms with Cadwallon shall die?

Then adieu, silver Teivi? I quit thy lov'd scene, To join the dim choir of the bards who have been; With Lewarch, and Meilor, and Merlin the old, And sage Taliessin, high harping to hold.

And adieu, Dinas Emlinn! still green be thy shades, Unconquer'd thy warriors, and matchless thy maids! And thou, whose faint warblings my weakness can tell, Farewell, my lov'd harp! my last treasure farewell! 49. THE DYING BARD, DAVID OF THE WHITE ROCK. Haydn.





THE RISING OF THE LARK,

THE SONG WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK,

BY MRS GRANT,

SEE, O see, the breaking day;
How the dew-drop decks the thorn!
Hov'ring low, the sky-lark's lay
Long preluding meets the morn.
Hark! the liquid notes awake anew,
Rising sweeter with the rising dew.
Rising with the rising dew.

Come, my Love, and drink the sound
Ere the dazzling sun appears;
While each drooping flow'ret round
Bends with nature's early tears.
Poising, as she mounts with humid wings,
Still above her lowly nest she sings,
O'er her lowly nest she sings.

Now the dappled clouds among,
Sweet and clear ascends the lay;
Come, hefore the plumy throng
Wake to hail the king of day!
Warbling louder still she mounts alone,
Near and nearer to his amber throne,
Nearer to his amher throne!

See the blazing gates unfold!
See his radiant head appear!
Through yon op'ning clouds of gold
Still the less'ning note we hear.
Sinking softly with the sinking strain,
See her seek her lowly nest again,
See her seek her nest again.

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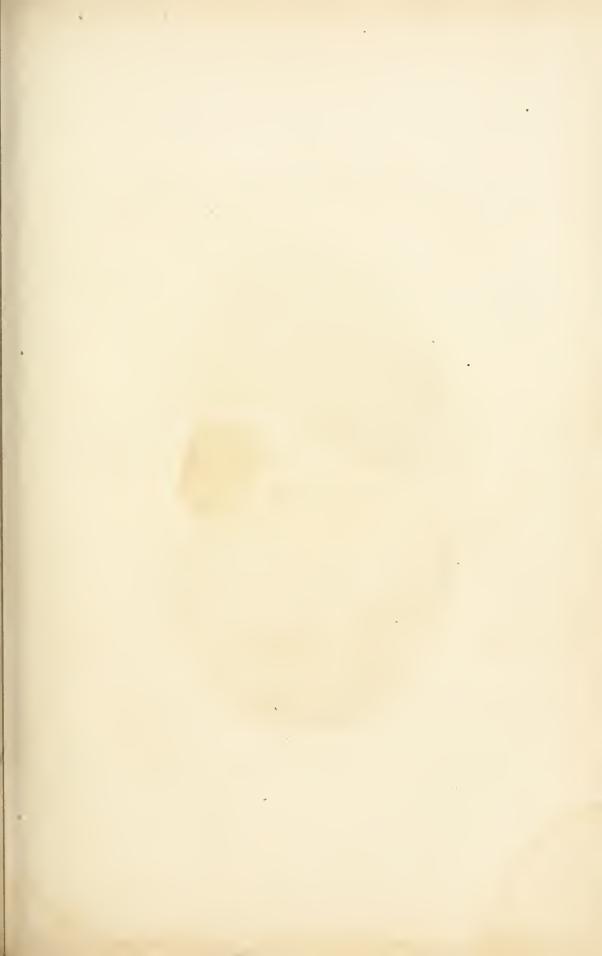
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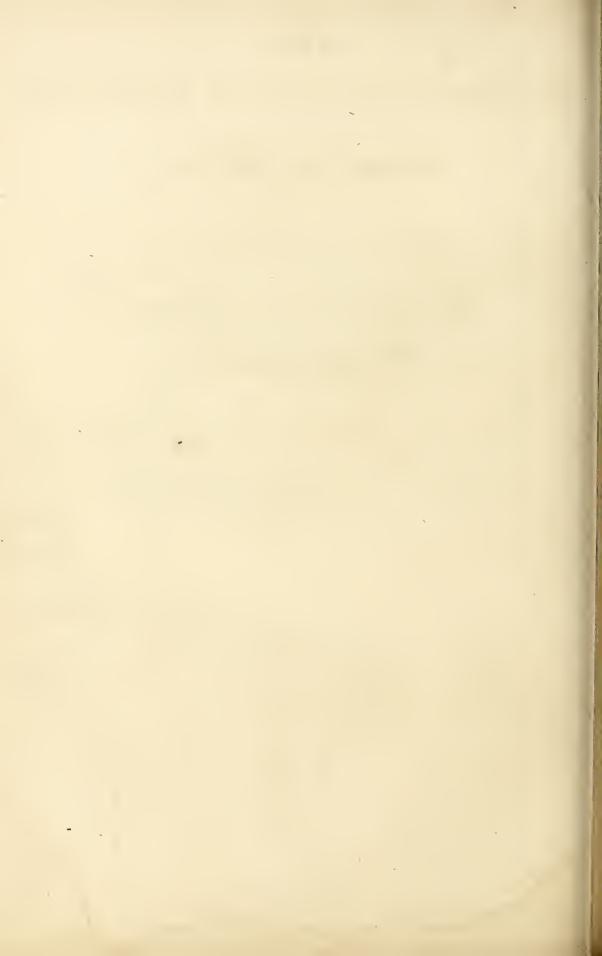
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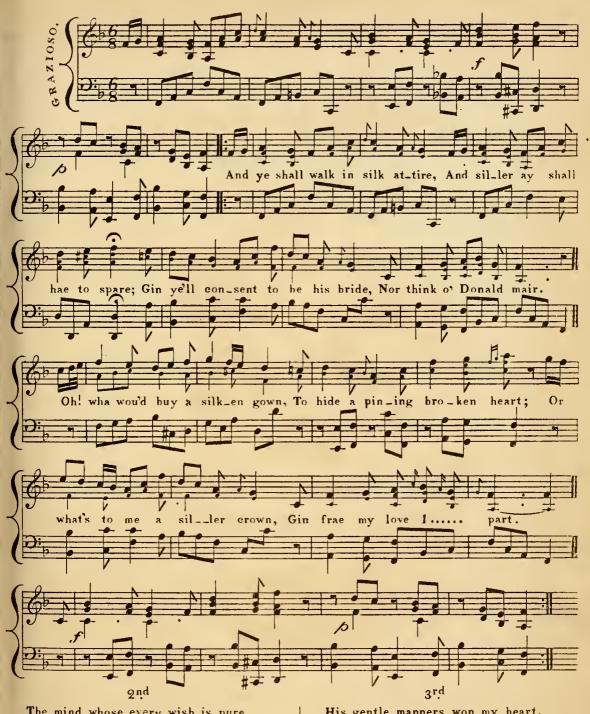
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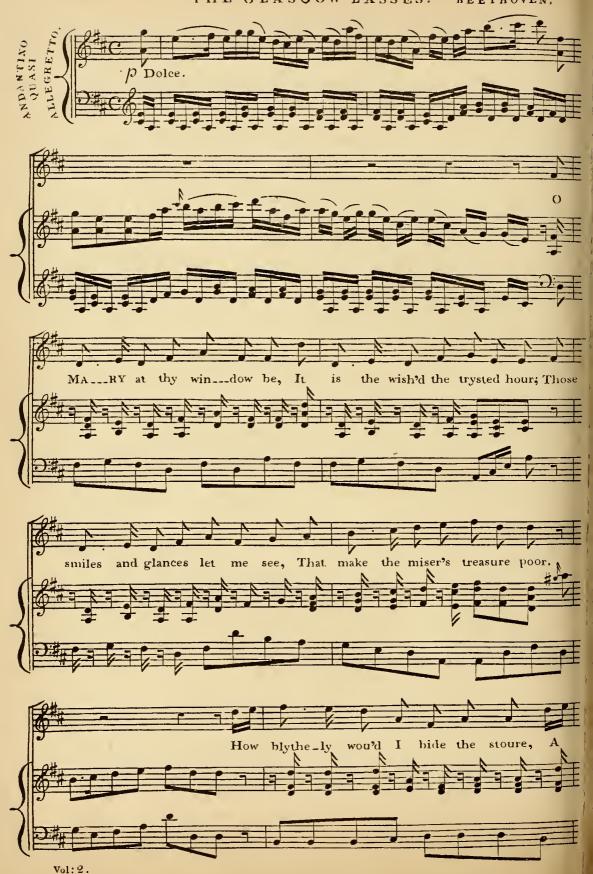
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The mind whose every wish is pure,
Is dearer far than gold to me;
And ere I'm fore'd to break my faith,
I'll lay me down and die:
For I hae pledg'd my virgin troth,
My ain brave Donald's fate to share;
And he has gi'en to me his heart,
Wi' a' its virtues rare.

His gentle manners won my heart,
He, grateful, took the willing gift;
I wou'd na seek my pledge again,
For a beneath the lift.
For langest life can ne'er repay,
The well tried love he bears to me;
And ere I'm forc'd to hreak my troth,
I'll lay me down and die.





Yestreen when to the trembling string,
The dance gaed through the lighted ha?,
To thee my fancy took its wing,
I sat,—but neither heard nor saw:
Tho? this was fair, and that was braw,
And you the toast of a? the town;
I sigh?d, and said, amang them a?,
"Ye are na MARY MORISON.

 3^{rd}

O MARY, canst thou wreck his peace, Wha for thy sake wou'd gladly die! Or canst thou break that heart of his, Whase only fau't is loving thee: If love for love thou wilt na gie, At least be pity to me shewn; A thought ungentle canna be, The thought o' MARY MORISON.

4 THEIR GROVES OF SWEET MYRTLE.



THEIR GROVES OF SWEET MYRTLE.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

BY BURNS.

AIR-BY NATHANIEL GOW.

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

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

THE SHEPHERD'S SON.

THE SONG WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK
BY JOANNA BAILLIE.

The gowan glitters on the sward,
The lavrock's in the sky,
And Colley on my plaid keeps ward,
And time is passing by.
Oh, no! sad and slow!
I hear nae welcome sound;
The shadow of our trysting bush
It wears so slowly round!

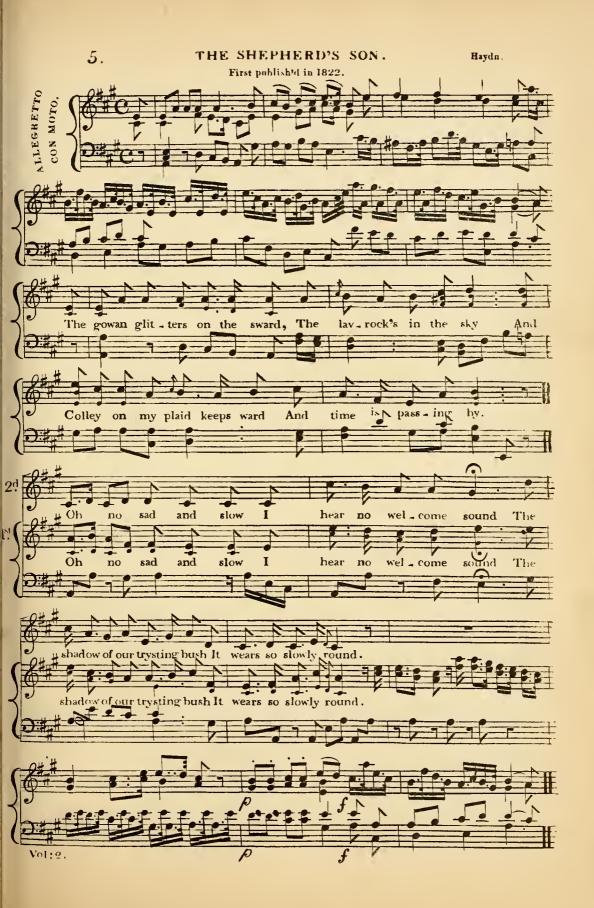
My sheep-bell tinkles frae the west,
My lambs are bleating near,
But still the sound that I lo'e best,
Alack! I canna hear.
Oh, no! sad and slow!
The shadow lingers still,
And like a lanely ghaist I stand
And croon upon the hill.

I hear below the water roar,
The mill wi' clacking din,
And Lucky scolding frae her door
To bring the bairnies in.
Oh, no! sad and slow!
These are nae sounds for me;
The shadow of our trysting bush,
It creeps sae drearily.

I coft yestreen from Chapman Tam
A snood of bonnie blue,
And promised, when our trysting cam',
To tie it round her brow.
Oh, no! sad and slow!
The time it winna pass:
The shadow of that weary thorn
Is tether'd on the grass.

O, now I see her on the way,
She's past the Witches' Knowe:
She's climbing up the Browney's Brae,
My heart is in a lowe.
Oh, no! 'tis na so!
'Tis glamrie I hae seen:
The shadow of that hawthorn bush
Will move nae mair till e'en.

My book o' grace I'll try to read,
Though conn'd wi' little skill;
When Colley barks, I'll raise my head,
And find her on the hill.
Oh, no! sad and slow!
The time will ne'er be gane:
The shadow of the trysting bush
Is fix'd like ony stane.



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I HAD A HORSE AND I HAD NAE MAIR.

THE SONG WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

BY BURNS.

O POORTITH cauld, and restless love,
Ye wreck my peace between ye;
Yet poortith a' I could forgive,
An' 'twerna for my Jeanie.
O, why should Fate sic pleasure have,
Life's dearest bands untwining?
O why sae sweet a flower as love,
Depend on Fortune's shining?

This warld's wealth when I think on,
It's pride, and a' the lave o't;
Fie, fie on silly coward man,
That he should be the slave o't!
O why, &c.

Her een sae bonny blue, betray
How she repays my passion;
But prudence is her o'erword aye,
She talks of rank and fashion.
O why, &c.

O wha can prudence think upon,
And sic a lassie by him;
O wha can prudence think upon,
And sae in love as I am?
O why, &c.

How blest the humble cotter's fate, He wooes his simple dearie; The silly bogles, wealth and state, Can never make them eerie. O why, &c.

HERE'S A HEALTH TO MY TRUE LOVE.

THE SONG,

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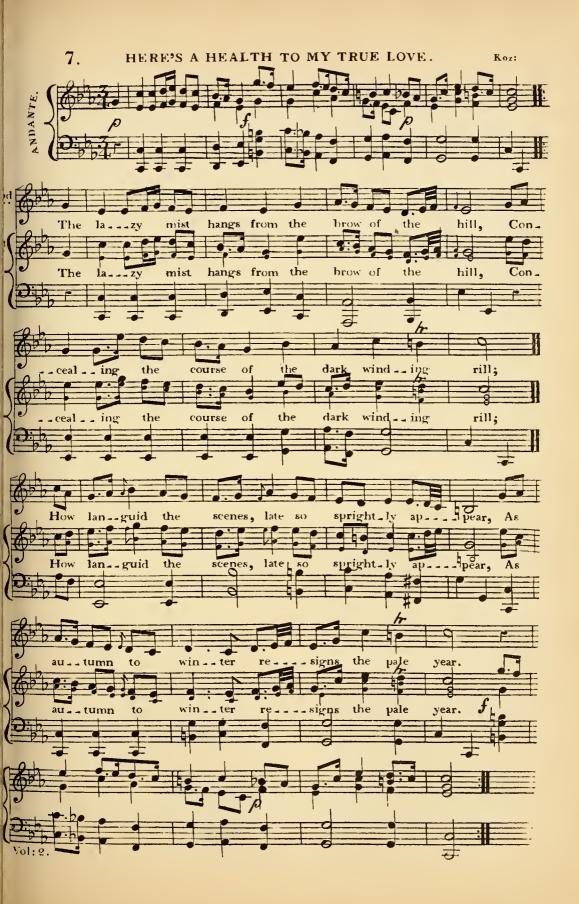
BY BURNS.

The lazy mist hangs from the brow of the hill, Concealing the course of the dark-winding rill: How languid the scenes, late so sprightly, appear, As autumn to winter resigns the pale year!

The forests are leafless, the meadows are brown, And all the gay foppery of summer is flown; Apart let me wander, apart let me muse, How quick Time is flying, how keen Fate pursues.

How long I have lived—but how much lived in vain; How little of life's scanty span may remain; What aspects old Time in his progress has worn; What ties cruel Fate in my bosom has torn.

How foolish, or worse, till our summit is gain'd! And downward, how weaken'd, how darken'd, how pain'd! Life is not worth having with all it can give, For something beyond it poor man sure must live.





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RISE UP AND BAR THE DOOR.

THE SONG WRITTEN IN 1795,

BY BURNS.

The Symphonies and Accompaniments new, and first united to the Song in 1822.

Does haughty Gaul invasion threat?
Then let the loons beware, sir,
There's wooden walls upon our seas,
And Volunteers on shore, sir.
The Nith shall run to Corsincon,*
And Criffel † sink in Solway,
Ere we permit a foreign foe
On British ground to rally.

O let us not, like snarling curs,
In wrangling be divided,
'Till slap come in an unco loon,
And wi' a rung decide it.
Be Britain still to Britain true,
Among ourselves united;
For never but by British hands
Must British wrongs be righted.

* A high hill at the source of the river Nith.

The kettle of the Kirk and State,
Perhaps a claut may fail in't;
But deil a foreign tinkler loon
Shall ever ca' a nail in't.
Our fathers' blood the kettle bought,
And who would dare to spoil it?
By Heav'n, the sacrilegious dog
Shall fuel be to boil it!

Shall fuel be to boil it!

The wretch that would a tyrant own,
And the wretch, his true-born brother,
Who'd set the mob aboon the throne,
May they be damn'd together.

Who will not sing, "God save the King!"
Shall hang as high 's the steeple;
But while we sing, "God save the King!"
We'll ne'er forget the people.

† A mountain at the mouth of the same river, on the Solway Frith.

THE OLD SONG TO THE SAME AIR.

In the following Song the interjection O is commonly put at the end of the second and fourth lines of each verse by the Singer, as the Air requires the addition of a monosyllable to those lines.

THERE dwelt a man in Crawford muir,
And John Blunt was his name,
He made gude maut, and brew'd gude ale,
And had a wondrous fame.

It was about the Martimas time;
And a gude time it was then,
When our gudewife had puddings to make,
And she boil'd them in the pan.

The wind it blew baith cauld and raw,
And it blew into the floor;
Quoth our gudeman to our gudewife,
"Get up and bar the door."

" My hand is in my hussyfskap, Gudeman, as ye may see; Should it nae be barr'd this hunder year, It's nae be barr'd for me."

They made a paction 'tween them twa,
They made it firm and sure,
That the first of them that spake a word,
Shou'd rise and bar the door.

Then by there came two gentlemen,
At twelve o'clock at night,
And they could see nor house nor ha',
Nor coal nor candle light.

"Now, whether is this a rich man's house, Or whether is't a poor?"— But never a word wad ane o' them speak, For barring of the door.

Then first they ate the white puddings,
And syne they ate the black;
Tho' muckle thought the gudewife to hersell,
Yet ne'er a word she spake.

Then said the one unto the other,
"Here, man, tak ye my knife;
Do you tak aff the auld man's beard,
And I'll kiss the gudewife."

'But there's nae water in the house, And what shall we do then?'

"What ails you at the pudding-bree, That boils into the pan?"

O up then started our gudeman, An angry man was he;

"Will ye kiss my wife before my een, And scald me wi' pudding-bree?"

O up then started our gudewife, Gied three skips on the floor;

"Gudeman, you've spoke the foremost word, Get up and bar the door!"

BONNY DUNDEE.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

BY BURNS.

Miss JESSIE STAIG of Dumfries, afterwards Mrs Major MILLER, Dalswinton, was the Heroine of this Song.

TRUEHEARTED was he the sad swain of the Yarrow,
And fair are the maids on the banks of the Ayr;
But by the sweet side of the Nith's winding river,
Are lovers as faithful, and maidens as fair.
To equal young Jessie, seek Scotland all over;
To equal young Jessie, you seek it in vain;
Grace, beauty, and elegance, fetter her lover,
And maidenly modesty fixes the chain.

Oh! fresh is the rose in the gay dewy morning,
And sweet is the lily at evening close;
But in the fair presence of lovely young Jessie,
Unseen is the lily, unheeded the rose.
Love sits in her smile, a wizard ensnaring;
Enthron'd in her eyes, he delivers his law;
And still to her charms she alone is a stranger!
Her modest demeanour's the jewel of a'.

MARY O' CASTLE-CARY,

WRITTEN BY H. MACNIEL, FOR THE SAME AIR.

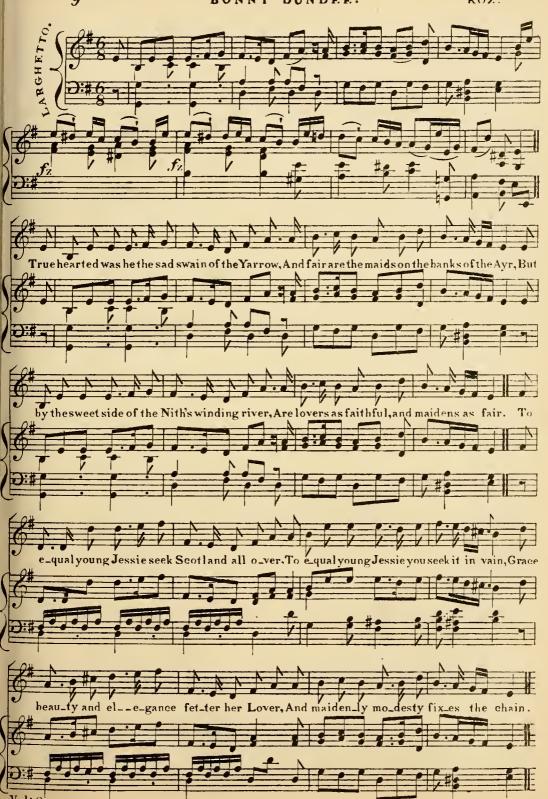
"Saw ye my wee thing? saw ye mine ain thing? Saw ye my true love down on yon lea? Cross'd she the meadow, yestreen at the gloaming? Sought she the burnie where flow'rs the haw-tree? Her hair it is lint-white; her skin it is milk-white; Dark is the blue o' her saft-rolling ee! Red, red her ripe lips, and sweeter than roses! Where could my wee thing wander frae me?"

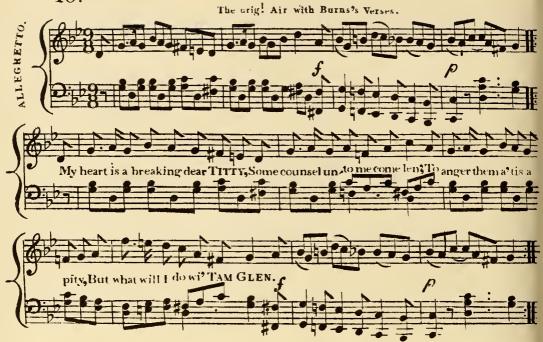
'I saw na your wee thing, I saw na your ain thing, Nor saw I your true love down by yon lea; But I met my bonny thing, late in the gloaming, Down by the burnie, where flow'rs the haw-tree. Her hair it was lint-white, her skin it was milk-white, Dark was the blue o' her saft-rolling e'e! Red were her ripe lips, and sweeter than roses! Sweet were the kisses that she gae to me.'

"It was na my wee thing! it was na mine ain thing! It was na my true love ye met by the tree! Proud is her leal heart, modest her nature; She never loed ony till ance she loed me. Her name it is Mary, she's frae Castle-Cary, Aft has she sat, when a bairn, on my knee! Fair as your face is, were 't fifty times fairer, Young bragger! she ne'er would gie kisses to thee!"

'It was then your Mary, she's frae Castle-Cary;
It was then your true love I met by the tree!
Proud as her heart is, and modest her nature,
Sweet were the kisses that she gae to me!'
Sair gloom'd his dark brow, blood-red his cheek grew,
Wild flash'd the fire frae his red-rolling ee;
"Ye's rue sair this morning, your boasts and your scorning,
Defend ye, fause traitor; fu' loudly ye lie!"

'Awa wi' beguiling,' cried the youth, smiling:
Aff went the bonnet,—the lint-white locks flee—
The belted plaid fa'ing, her white bosom shawing,
Fair stood the loved maid wi' the dark-rolling ee!
"Is it my wee thing? is it mine ain thing?
Is it my true love here that I see?"
'Oh Jamie! forgie me, your heart's constant to me:
I'll never mair wander, dear laddie, frae thee!'







TAM GLEN.

THE SONG WRITTEN

BY BURNS.

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

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

There's Lowrie, the laird o' Drumeller, "Good day to you," (coof,) he comes ben; He brags and he blaws o' his siller, But when will he dance like Tam Glen?

My minny does constantly deave me, And bids me beware o' young men; They flatter, she says, to deceive me, But wha can think sae o' Tam Glen? My daddy says, gin I'll forsake him,
He'll gie me gude hunder marks ten;
But if it's ordain'd I maun tak him,
O wha will I get but Tam Glen?

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

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

Come counsel, dear titty, don't tarry;
I'll gie you my bonny black hen,
Gin ye will advise me to marry
The lad I loe dearly, Tam Glen-

THE MUCKING OF GEORDIE'S BYRE.

THE SONG WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

BY BURNS.

The Heroine of these admirable verses was MISS PHILLIS MACMURDO, Drumlanrig, who married NORMAN LOCKHART, Esq.

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

The daisy amus'd my fond fancy,
So artless, so simple, so wild;
Thou emblem, said I, of my Phillis,—
For she is simplicity's child.
The rose-bud 's the blush of my charmer,
Her sweet balmy lip when 'tis prest:
How fair and how pure is the lily,
But fairer and purer her breast!

Yon knot of gay flow'rs in the arbour,

They ne'er wi' my Phillis can vie:

Her breath is the breath of the woodbine,

Its dewdrop of diamond her eye.

Her voice is the song of the morning,

That wakes through the green-spreading grove;

When Phæbus peeps over the mountains

On music, and pleasure, and love.

But beauty how frail and how fleeting,
The bloom of a fine summer's day!
While worth, in the mind of my Phillis,
Will flourish without a decay.
Awa wi' your belles and your beauties,
They never wi' her can compare:
Whaever has met wi' my Phillis,
Has met wi' the queen o' the fair.

MY JO JANET.

'Sweet sir, for your courtesie,
When ye come by the Bass, then,
For the love ye bear to me,
Buy me a keeking glass then.'—
"Keek into the draw-well,
Janet, Janet;

And there ye'll see your bonny sell, My jo Janet!"

'Keeking in the draw-well clear,
What if I should fa' in, sir?

Syne a' my kin will say an' swear,
I drown'd mysell for sin, sir.'—
"Haud the better by the brae,
Janet, Janet;
Haud the better by the brae,
My jo Janet."

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

'But what if dancing on the green,
And skipping like a mawkin,
If they should see my clouted sheen,
Of me they will be tawkin.'—
"Dance aye laigh, and late at e'en,
Janet, Janet;
Syne a' their fauts will no be seen,

My jo Janet."

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

Janet, Janet;
Pace upo' your spinning-wheel,
My jo Janet."

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

SONG FOR THE SAME AIR.

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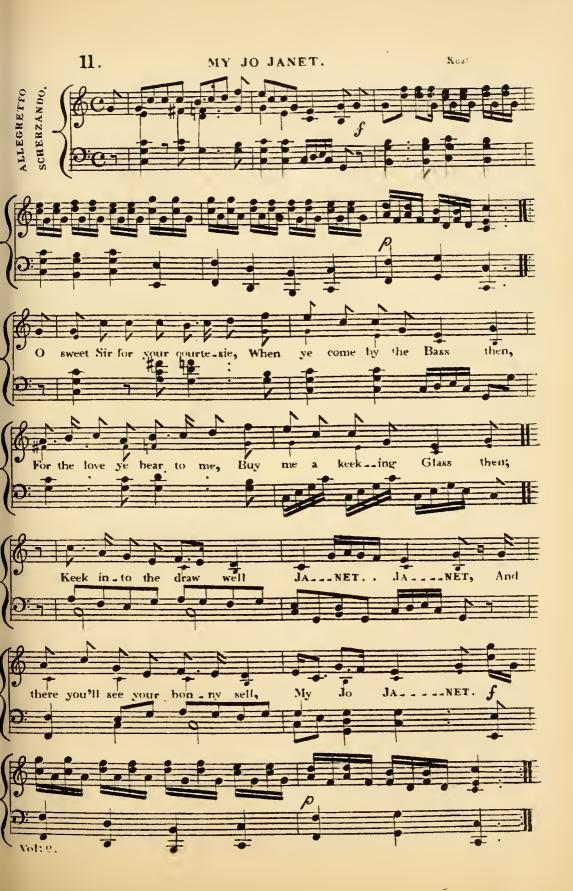
'Husband, husband, cease your strife,
Nor longer idly rave, sir;
Though I am your wedded wife,
Yet I am not your slave, sir.'—
"One of two must still obey,
Nancy, Nancy;
Is it man or woman, say,
My spouse Nancy?"

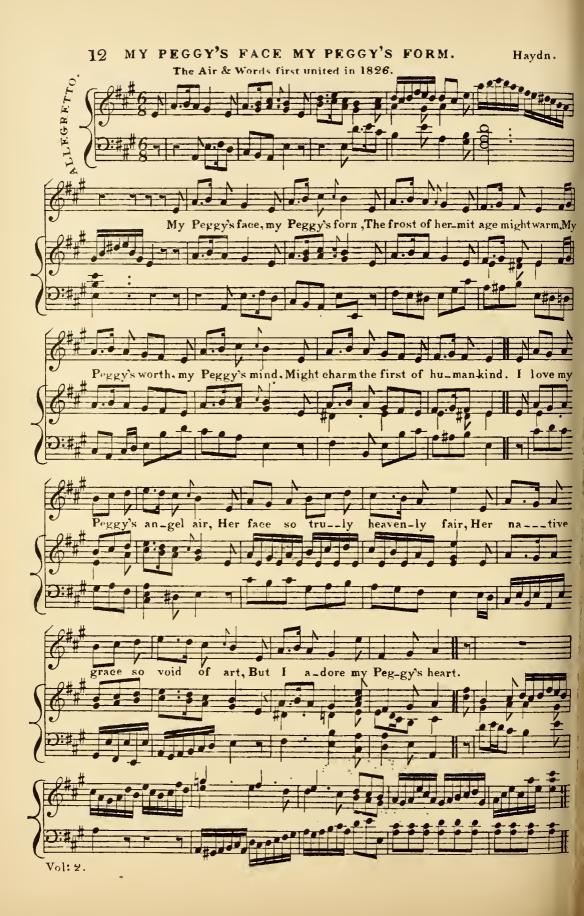
'If 'tis still the lordly word, Service and obedience, I'll desert my sovereign lord, And so good-by, allegiance !'— "Sad will I be so bereft, Nancy, Nancy; Yet I'll try to make a shift,

My spouse Nancy."

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

Well, sir, from the silent dead, Still I will try to daunt you;
Ever round your midnight bed Horrid sprites shall haunt you.'—
"I'll wed another like my dear Nancy, Nancy;
Then all hell will fly for fear, My spouse Nancy!"





MY PEGGY'S FACE, MY PEGGY'S FORM.

WRITTEN

BY BURNS.

AIR-THE AULD GUDEMAN.

My Peggy's face, my Peggy's form,
The frost of hermit age might warm;
My Peggy's worth, my Peggy's mind,
Might charm the first of human kind.
I love my Peggy's angel air,
Her face so truly heavenly fair,
Her native grace so void of art;
But'I adore my Peggy's heart.

The lily's hue, the rose's dye,
The kindling lustre of an eye—
Who but owns their magic sway?—
Who but knows they all decay?
The tender thrill, the pitying tear,
The generous purpose, nobly dear,
The gentle look that rage disarms,—
These are all immortal charms.

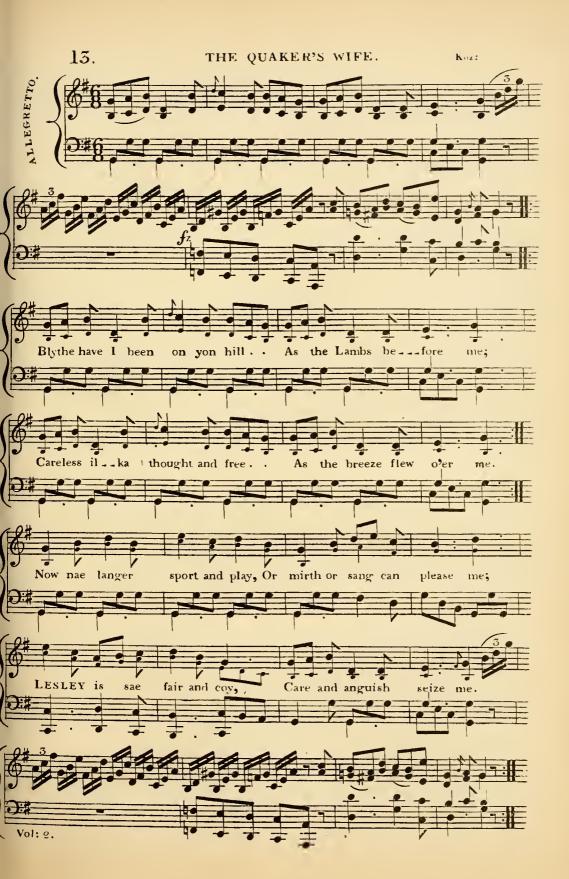
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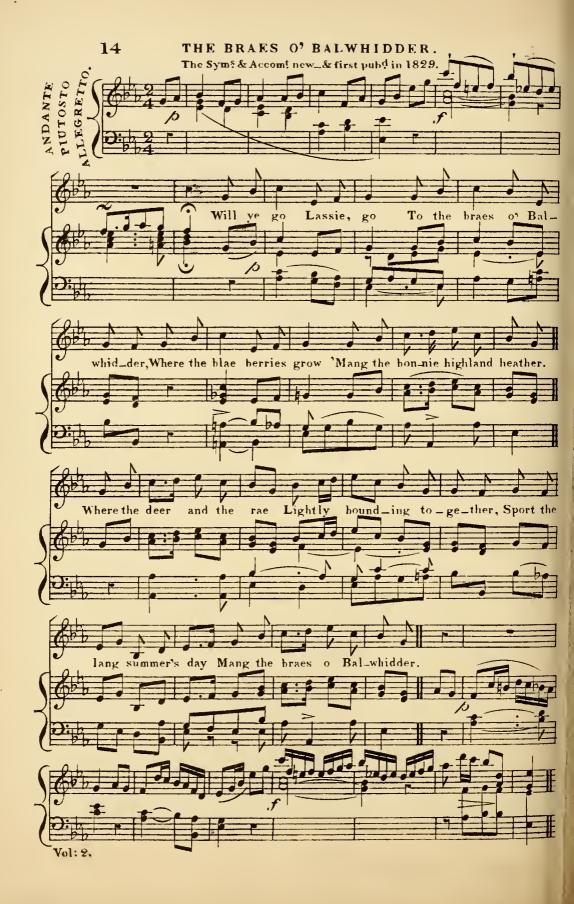
THE SONG WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

BY BURNS.

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

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





THE BRAES OF BALWHIDDER.

WRITTEN

BY TANNAHILL.

Will ye go, lassie, go
To the braes o' Balwhidder,
Where the blae-berries grow,
'Mang the bonnie Highland heather?
Where the deer and the rae,
Lightly bounding together,
Sport the lang simmer day
On the braes o' Balwhidder?

I will twine thee a bower
By the clear siller fountain;
And I'll cover it o'er
Wi' the flowers o' the mountain.
I will range through the wilds
And deep glens sae drearie,
And return wi' the spoils
To the bower o' my dearie.

When the rude wintry win'.

Idly raves round our dwelling,
And the roar of the lin
On the night-breeze is swelling,
So merrily we'll sing,
As the storm rattles o'er us,
Till the dear shieling ring
Wi' the light lilting chorus.

Now the summer is in prime,
Wi' the flowers richly blooming,
And the wild mountain-thyme
A' the moorlands perfuming.
To our dear native scenes
Let us journey together,
Where glad innocence reigns
'Mang the braes o' Balwhidder.

O WELCOME HOURS OF SOCIAL NIGHT!

THE MELODY BY G. THOMSON—THE VERSES BY PROFESSOR SMYTH, 1830.

O welcome hours of social night!

The feast, the dance, the song;
And love, with dreams of rosy light,
And pleasure's merry throng;
Yes, welcome to my longing eyes,
The forms, the visions gay,
That save me from the cares that rise,
When comes the colder day.

Who counts the hour? what's time to me?
When friends I love are near;
Whose lyre, whose song, whose mirth and glee,
Whose very look can cheer.
Oh! may not hours be sometimes found,
Oh! sometimes sure they may,
Worth days and years that circle round
In dull life's tick-tick way.

Then leave me not! O fly not yet!
Ye Syrens, graces, dear;
The sweetest hours in all the set
Are those now coming here:—
The little hours—a smiling train—
That move on noiseless feet,
And clear the world from care and pain,
When night and morning meet.

15 O WELCOME HOURS OF SOCIAL NIGHT.





ANDREW AND HIS CUTTY-GUN.

THE SONG WRITTEN

BY BURNS.

The heroine of this song was Miss Euphemia Murray of Lintrose.

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

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

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

THE OLD VERSES TO THE SAME AIR.

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

We loed the liquor weel eneugh;
But, waes my heart! the cash was done
Before that I had quench'd my drowth,
And laith was I to pawn my shoon!
When we had three times toom'd our stoup,
And the neist chappin new begun,
In started, to heeze up our hope,
Young Andro' wi' his cutty-gun.

The carline brought her kebbuck ben,
With girdle-cakes weel toasted brown:
Weel does the canny kimmer ken
They gar the swats gae glibber down.
We ca'd the bicker aft about;
Till dawning we ne'er jee'd our bun;
And aye the clearest drinker out,
Was Andro' wi' his cutty-gun.

He did like ony mavis sing,
And while upon his knee I sat,
He ca'd me aye his bonny thing,
And mony a kindly kiss I gat.
I hae been east, I hae been west,
I hae been far ayont the sun;
But the blythest lad that e'er I saw,
Was Andro' wi' his cutty-gun.

DAINTY DAVIE.

THE SONG WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

BY BURNS.

Now rosy May comes in wi' flowers,

To deck her gay green spreading bowers;

And now come in my happy hours,

To wander wi' my Davie.

The crystal waters round us fa',

The merry birds are lovers a',

The scented breezes round us blaw,

A-wandering wi' my Davie.

-CHORUS.

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

CHORUS.

Meet me on the warlock knowe, Dainty Davie, dainty Davie; There I'll spend the day wi' you, My ain dear dainty Davie.

SONG ALTERED TO SUIT THE SAME AIR, BY BURNS.

It was the charming month of May,
When all the flowers were fresh and gay,
One morning by the break of day,
The youthful charming Chloe,
From peaceful slumber she arose,
Girt on her mantle and her hose,
And o'er the flowery mead she goes,
The youthful charming Chloe.

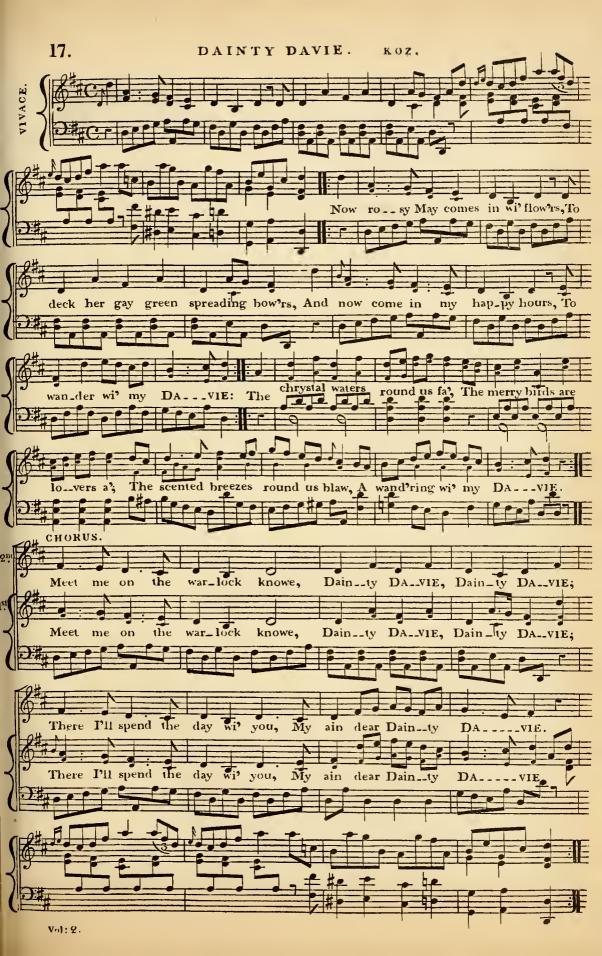
CHORUS.

Lovely was she by the dawn, Youthful Chloe, charming Chloe, Tripping o'er the pearly lawn, The youthful charming Chloe. The feather'd people, you might see, Perch'd all around on every tree; In notes of sweetest melody They hail the charming Chloe: Till, painting gay the eastern skies, The glorious sun began to rise;

Out-rivalled by the radiant eyes Of youthful charming Chloe.

CHORUS.

Lovely was she by the dawn, Youthful Chloe, charming Chloe, Tripping o'er the pearly lawn, The youthful charming Chloe.



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THE CAMPBELLS ARE COMING.

SONG

ON THE HERO OF KILLIECRANKIE.

WRITTEN

BY SIR WALTER SCOTT, BART.

HERE PUBLISHED BY THE SPECIAL PERMISSION OF THE PROPRIETOR, 1831.

AIR-THE CAMPBELLS ARE COMING.

WITH NEW SYMPHONIES AND ACCOMPANIMENTS, COMPOSED IN 1829.

To the Lords of Convention, 'twas Clavers who spoke, Ere the King's crown go down, there are crowns to be broke; So each cavalier who loves honour and me, Let him follow the bonnet of bonnie Dundee. Come fill up my cup, come fill up my can, Come saddle my horses, and call up my men—Come open the West-Port, and let me gae free, And it's room for the bonnets of bonnie Dundee.

Dundee he is mounted—he rides up the street—
The bells are rung backward—the drums they are beat;
But the Provost, douce man, said, "Just e'en let him be,
The town is weel quit of that deil of Dundee."
As he rode down the sanctified bends of the Bow,
Ilk carline was flyting and shaking her pow;
But the young plants of grace, they look'd couthie and slee,
Thinking, luck to thy bonnet, thou bonnie Dundee!

With sour-featured Whigs the Grassmarket was pang'd, As if half the west had set tryste to be hang'd; * There was spite in each face, there was fear in each ee, As they watch'd for the bonnets of bonnie Dundee. These cowls of Kilmarnock had spits and had spears, And lang hafted gullies, to kill cavaliers; But they shrunk to close heads, and the causeway was free, At a toss of the bonnet of bonnie Dundee.

He spurr'd to the foot of the proud castle rock,
And to the gay Gordon he gallantly spoke—
"Let Mons Meg and her marrows speak twa words or three,
For love of the bonnets of bonnie Dundee."
The Gordon demands of him whither he goes.
"Where'er shall direct me the shade of Montrose;
Your Grace, in short space, shall hear tidings of me,
Or that low lies the bonnet of bonnie Dundee.

"There are hills beyond Pentland, and lands beyond Forth; If there's lords in the lowlands, there's chiefs in the north; There are wild dunnie-wassels, three thousand times three, Will cry hoigh! for the bonnet of bonnie Dundee. Away to the hills, to the caves, to the rocks, Ere I own a usurper, I'll couch with the fox: And tremble, false Whigs, though triumphant ye be, You have not seen the last of my bonnet and me."

He waved his proud arm, and the trumpets were blown, The kettle-drums clash'd, and the horsemen rode on, Till on Ravelston-craigs, and on Clermiston lea, Died away the wild-war notes of bonny Dundee. Come fill up my cup, come fill up my can, Come saddle my horses, and call up my men—Fling all your gates open, and let me gae free, For 'tis up with the bonnets of bonnie Dundee.

^{*} Till of late years the Grassmarket was the common place of execution in Edinburgh.

POVERTY PARTS GOOD COMPANY.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK, IN 1821,

By JOANNA BAILLIE.

AIR-TODLIN HAME.

It affords peculiar satisfaction to the Editor, to have obtained these uncommonly heautiful Verses for one of the most pleasing of the Scottish Melodies;—a Melody to which he must ever be partial, from a recollection of the matchless way in which it was sung by the most exhilarating of all Scottish songsters, the late Mr James Balfour.

When white was my o'erlay as foam on the lin,*

And siller was chinking my pouches within;

When my lambkins were bleating on meadow and brae,

As I gaed to my love in new cleeding so gay:

Kind was she, and my friends were free,

But poverty parts good company.

How swift pass'd the minutes and hours of delight, When piper play'd cheerly, and cruisy burnt bright! And link'd in my hand was the maiden so dear, As she footed the floor in her holyday gear.

Woe is me! and can it then be, That poverty parts sic company!

We met at the fair, and we met at the kirk; We met i' the sunshine, we met i' the mirk; And the sound o' her voice, and the blinks o' her een, The cheering and life o' my bosom hae been.

Leaves frae the tree at Martinmas flee, And poverty parts sweet company. At bridle and infare I've braced me wi' pride, †
The bruse I hae won, and a kiss of the bride; ‡
And loud was the laughter gay fellows among,
When I utter'd my banter or chorus'd my song.
Dowie and dree are jesting and glee,
When poverty spoils good company.

Wherever I gaed the blythe lasses smiled sweet,
And mithers and aunties were unco discreet,
While kebbuck and beaker were set on the board,
But now they pass by me, and never a word
So let it be,—for the warldly and slie
Wi' poverty keep nae company.

But the hope of my love is a cure for its smart;
The spaewife has tell'd me to keep up my heart;
For wi' my last saxpence her loof I ha'e cross'd,
And the bliss that is fated can never be lost.
Cruelly tho' we ilka day see
How poverty parts dear company.

- * O'erlay, a neckcloth.
- † Infare, the entertainment made for the reception of a bride in the house of the bridegroom.
- # Bruse, a race at country weddings, the winner of which has the privilege of saluting the bride.

THE OLD SONG, TODLIN HAME.

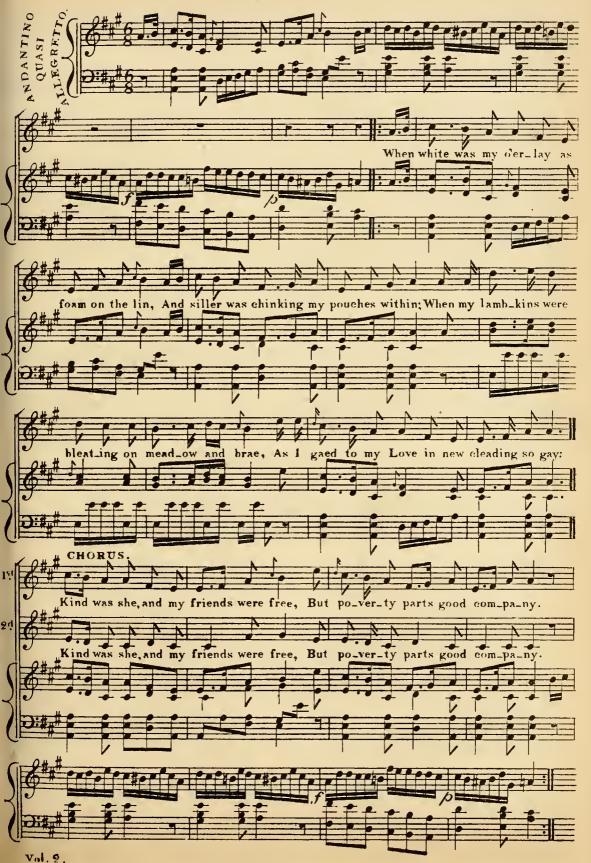
When I had a saxpence under my thumh,
O then I'll get credit in ilka town;
But aye when I'm poor they bid me gang by;
O! poverty parts good company!
Todlin hame, todlin hame,
Coudna my love come todlin hame?

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

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

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

First Publish'd in 1822.





SCORNFUL NANSIE.

WITH NEW VERSES,

HERE FIRST UNITED TO THE MUSIC, 1825.

I NEVER said thy face was fair,
Thy cheek with beauty glowing;
Nor whisper'd that thy woodland air
With grace was overflowing.
I never said thy teeth so white,
In hue were snow excelling;
Nor call'd thine eye so blue, so bright,
Young Love's celestial dwelling.

I never said thy voice was soft, Soft heart but ill concealing; Nor praised thy sparkling glance, so oft, So well thy thoughts revealing. I never said thy taper form Was, Nansie, more than handsome: Nor said thy heart, so young, so warm, Was worth a monarch's ransom.

I never said, that gentle breast
Contain'd a gen'rous spirit,
Or that the youth were doubly blest,
Who those soft smiles could merit.
I never said, to young or old,
I felt no joy without thee:
No, Nansie, no—I never told—
A single lie about thee.

THE OLD SONG TO THE SAME AIR.

This is one of the very pleasant songs of the olden time, which has come down to us by means of Allan Ramsay, in whose Tea-Table Miscellany it first appeared. Willy's account of his own descent, contrasted with that of Souple Sandy, his rival, who had passed his infancy on his mother's back as a mendicant, is highly comic and natural. The humour of the whole song, indeed, is lively, characteristic, and amusing; but lest it be thought by some rather bomely for the modern drawingroom, the Editor has given the above little song for the choice of the Singer.

Nansie's to the greenwood gane,
To hear the gowdspinks chatt'ring,
And Willy he has followed her,
To gain her love by flatt'ring;
But a' that he could say or do,
She geck'd and scorned at him;
And aye when he began to woo,
She bade him mind wha gat him.

' What ails you at my dad,' quoth he,
' My minnie, or my aunty?
With crowdy-moudy they fed me,
Lang kail and ranty-tanty;
With bannocks of good barleymeal,
Of thae there was right plenty,
With chapped castocks butter'd weel,
And was not that right dainty?

'Altho' my father was nae laird,—
'Tis dafin' to be vaunty,—
He keepit aye a good kail-yard,
A ha' house and a pantry;
A good blue bonnet on his head,
An owrlay 'bout his craigy;
And aye, until the day he died,
He rade on gude shanks' nagy.'

" Now, wae and wonder on your snout,
Wad ye hae bonny Nansie?
Wad ye compare yoursel' to me?—
A docken till a tansy?
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I hae a wooer of my ain,
They ca' him Souple Sandy,
And weel I wat his bonny mou'
Is sweet like sugar-candy."

'Wow, Nansie, what needs a' this din?
Do I not ken this Sandy?
I'm sure the chief of a' his kin
Was Rab the beggar randy;
His minnie, Meg, upon her back
Bare baith him and his billy:
Will ye compare a nasty pack
... To me, your winsome Willy?

.. To me, your winsome Willy?

'My gutcher left a guid braidsword,

Tho' it be auld and rusty,

Yet ye may tak it on my word,

It is baith stout and trusty;

And if I can but get it drawn,

Which will be right uneasy,

I shall lay baith my lugs in pawn,

That he shall get a heezy.'

Then Nansie turn'd her round about,
And said, "Did Sandy hear ye,
Ye wadna miss to get a clout,
I ken he disna fear ye:
Sae haud your tongue, and say nae mair,
Set somewhere else your fancy;
For as lang's Sandy's to the fore,
Ye never shall get Nansie."

A SOLDIER AM I, &c. WRITTEN BY WILLIAM SMYTH, ESQ.

AND HERE PUBLISHED BY HIS PERMISSION, IN 1822, WITH THE AIR—" LUMPS O' PUDDING."

A SOLDIER am I, all the world o'er I range,
And would not my lot with a monarch exchange;
How welcome a soldier wherever he roves,
Attended, like Venus, by Mars and the Loves;
How dull is the ball, and how cheerless the fair,
What's a feast, or a frolic, if we are not there;
Kind, hearty, and gallant, and joyous we come,
And the world looks alive at the sound of the drum.

"The soldiers are coming," the villagers cry, 'All trades are suspended to see us pass by; Quick flies the glad sound to the maiden up stairs, In a moment dismiss'd are her broom and her cares; Outstretch'd is her neck, till the soldiers she sees, From her cap the red ribbon plays light on the breeze, But lighter her heart plays, as nearer we come, And redder her cheek at the sound of the drum.

The veteran, half-dozing, awakes at the news, Hobbles out, and our column with triumph reviews; Near his knee his young grandson with ecstasy hears, Of majors, and generals, and fierce brigadiers; Of the marches he took, and the hardships he knew, Of the battles he fought, and the foes that he slew; To his heart spirits new in wild revelry come, And make one rally more at the sound of the drum.

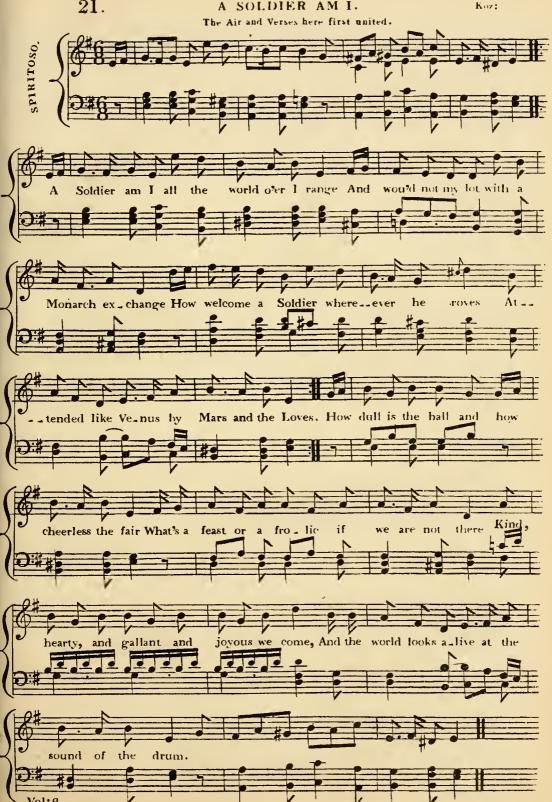
Who loves not a soldier—the generous, the brave,
The heart that can feel, and the arm that can save;
In peace the gay friend, with the manners that charm,
The thought ever liberal, the soul ever warm?
In his mind nothing selfish or pitiful known,
'Tis a temple which honour can enter alone;
No titles I boast, yet wherever I come,
I can always feel proud at the sound of the drum.

SONG FOR THE SAME AIR.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK BY BURNS.

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

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





ROY'S WIFE OF ALDIVALLOCH.

WRITTEN

BY MRS GRANT, OF CARRON.

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

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

Roy's wife of Aldivalloch,
Roy's wife of Aldivalloch,
Wat ye how she cheated me,
As I came o'er the Braes of Balloch?
Her hair sae fair, her een sae clear,
Her wee bit mou' sae sweet and bonny,
To me she ever will be dear,
Though she's for ever left her Johnie.

SONG FOR THE SAME AIR.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK BY BURNS.

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

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

MORAG.

THE SONG WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK.

BY BURNS.

O WAT ye wha that loes me,
And has my heart a-keeping?
O sweet is she that loes me,
As dews o' summer weeping,
In tears the rosebuds steeping:
O that 's the lassie o' my heart,
My lassie, ever dearer;
O that 's the queen o' womankind,
And ne'er a ane to peer her.

If thou shalt meet a lassie
In grace and beauty charming;
That e'en thy chosen lassie,
Erewhile thy breast sae warming,
Had ne'er sic powers alarming:
O that 's the lassie, &c.

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

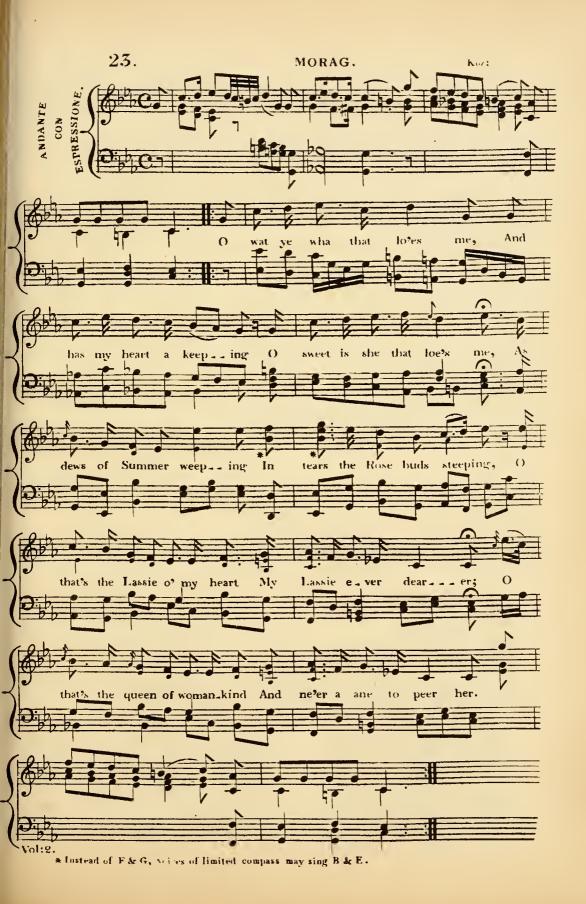
If thou hast met this fair one,—
When frae her thou hast parted,
If every other fair one,
But her, thou hast deserted,
And thou art brokenhearted:
O that 's the lassie, &c.

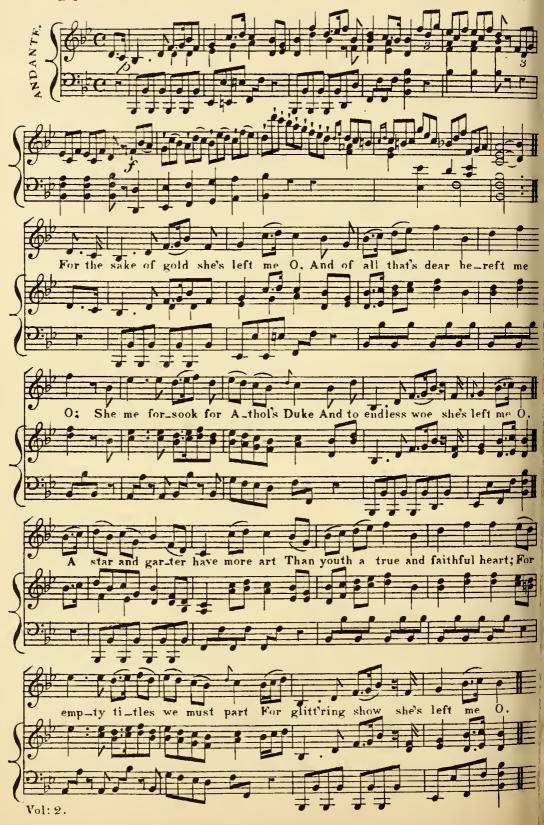
FOR THE SAME AIR.

BY BURNS.

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

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





FOR THE SAKE OF GOLD.

These Verses are said to have been written by the late Dr Austin, physician in Edinburgh, upon losing the lady to whom he had paid his addresses,—
Miss Drummond of Megginch; who was first married to the Duke of Athol, and afterwards to Lord Adam Gordon. An old lady of the Editor's acquaintance recollects a line of a song upon this celebrated beauty, "Bonnie Jeanie Drummond, she tow'rs aboon them a'."

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

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

JOHN, COME KISS ME NOW.

THE SONG WRITTEN

BY THOMSON.

Ir those who live in shepherd's bower,
Press not the rich and stately bed;
The new-mown hay and breathing flower
A softer couch beneath them spread.
If those who sit at shepherd's board,
Soothe not their taste by wanton art;
They take what Nature's gifts afford,
And take it with a cheerful heart.

If those who drain the shepherd's bowl,
No high and sparkling wines can boast;
With wholesome cups they cheer the soul
And crown them with the village-toast.
If those who join in shepherd's sport,
Gay dancing on the daisied ground,
Have not the splendour of a court,
Yet Love adorns the merry round.

SONG FOR THE SAME AIR.

BY BURNS.

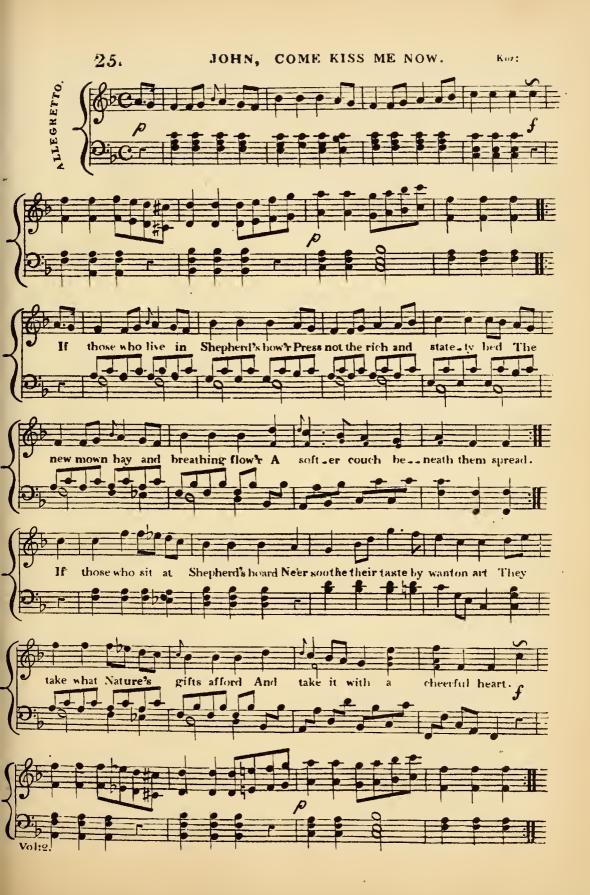
In simmer when the hay was mawn,
And corn waved green in ilka field,
While clover blooms white o'er the lea,
And roses blaw in ilka bield;
Blithe Bessie in the milking shiel,
Says, "I'll be wed, come o't what will!"
Out spak a dame in wrinkled eild,
'Of gude advisement comes na ill.

'It's ye hae wooers mony ane,
And, lassie, ye're but young, ye ken;
Then wait a wee, and carnie wale
A routhie but, a routhie ben:
There's Johnie o' the Buskie-glen,
Fu' is his barn, fu' is his byre;
Tak this frae me, my bonnie hen,
It's plenty beets the lover's fire.'—

"For Johnie o' the Buskie-glen
I dinna care a single flie;
He loes sae weel his craps and kye,
He has nae love to spare for me:
But blithe 's the blink o' Robie's ee,
And weel I wat he loes me dear;
Ae blink o' him I wadna gie
For Buskie-glen and a' his gear."

'Oh! thoughtless lassie, life's a feght,
The canniest gate, the strife is sair;
But aye fu' han't is feghtin best,
A hungry care 's an unco care.
But some will spend, and some will spare,
And wilfu' fouk maun hae their will;
Syne as ye brew, my maiden fair,
Keep mind that ye maun drink the ale!'

"O gear will buy me rigs o' land,
And gear will buy me sheep and kye;
But the tender heart o' leesome love,
The gowd and siller canna buy:
We may be poor, my Rob and I,
Light is the burden love lays on:
Content and love bring peace and joy,
What mair hae queens upon a throne?"



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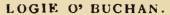
BURNS.





Gleed SANDY he came west yestreen,
. And speir'd when I saw PATE;
And ay sinsyne the neighbours round,
They jeer me ear' and late.
But let them, &c.





Koz:



LOGIE O' BUCHAN.

This song has been attributed to Lady Anne Lindsay, the accomplished writer of Auld Robin Gray: but it certainly appeared before her time; although it is probable that the following version, the best which the Editor has met with, owes its happiest touches to her pen.

'TIS HERE FIRST PUBLISHED, 1831.

O Logie o' Buchan, it's Logie the laird, Has ta'en awa Jamie that delved in the yard! Wha play'd on the pipe and the viol sae sma', He has ta'en awa Jamie, the flower o' them a': Wha said, think na lang lassie when I'm far awa, For I'll come and see thee in spite of them a'.

Though Sandy has horses, and houses, and land, And Jamie has nought but his heart and his hand; Yet his look is my life, and his wish is my law: They have ta'en awa Jamie, the flower of them a'. He said, think na lang lassie when I'm far awa, For I'll come and see thee in spite of them a'.

My daddie looks sadly, my mother looks sour, They mock me wi' Jamie because he is poor; Though I like them as weel as a daughter can do, They're nae half sae dear to me, Jamie, as you. I'll keep up my heart although Jamie's awa, For he'll come and see me in spite of them a'.

I sit in the sunshine and spin on my wheel, And think of the laddie that likes me sae weel, And I think 'till my heart's fit to start into twa,— They have ta'en awa Jamie, the flower of them a'. But summer will come when cauld winter's awa, 'And he'll come and see me in spite of them a'.

THE LOTHIAN LASSIE.

. THE SONG WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

BY BURNS.

Last May a braw wooer cam' down the lang glen,
And sair wi' his love he did deave me;
I said there was naething I hated like men,
The deuce gae wi' him to believe me, believe me,
The deuce gae wi' him to believe me.

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

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

But what would ye think? in a fortnight, or less,

The deil tak' his taste to gae near her!

He up the lang loan to my black cousin, Bess,

Guess ye, how (the jade!) I could bear her, could bear her,

Guess ye, how (the jade!) I could bear her.

But a' the niest week as I petted wi' care,
I gaed to the tryste o' Dalgarnock,
And wha but my fine fickle lover was there;
I glowr'd as I'd seen a warlock, a warlock,
I glowr'd as I'd seen a warlock.

But ower my left shouther I gae him a blink,

Lest neebours might say I was saucy;

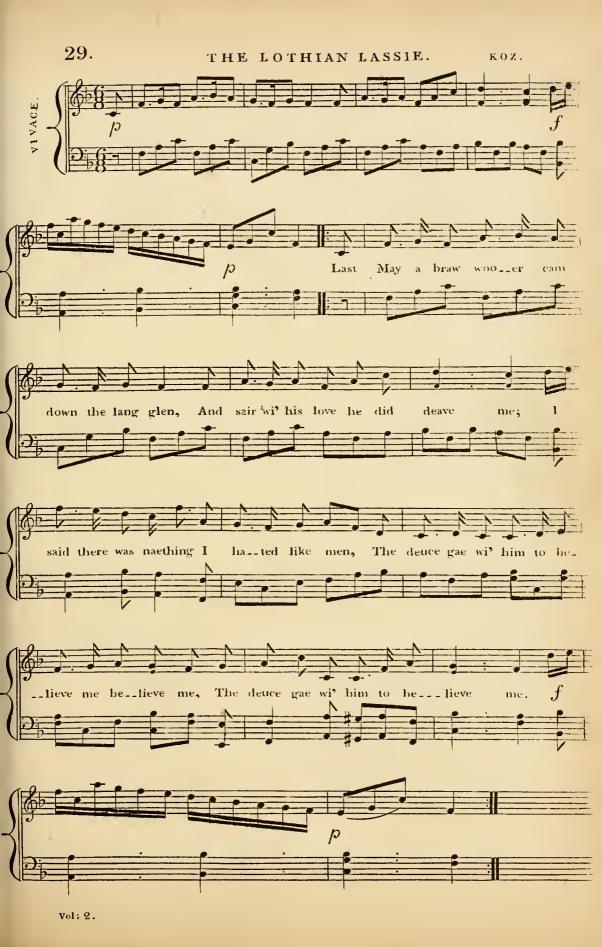
My wooer he caper'd as he'd been in drink,

And vow'd I was his dear lassie, dear lassie,

And vow'd I was his dear lassie.

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

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





In autumn when the rustling leaf,

Shall warn us of the parting year;

I'll lead thee to you woody glen,

The redbreast's ev'ning song to hear:

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And when the winter's dreary night,

Forbids us leave our shelter'd cot;

Then in the treasure of thy mind,

Shall Nature's charms be all forgot.

J. RICHARDSON.



O fear not the bugle, tho' loudly it blows, It calls but the warders that guard thy repose; Their bows would be bended, their blades would be red, Ere the step of a foeman draws near to thy bed.

O hush thee, my baby, the time soon will come, When thy sleep shall be broken by trumpet and drum; Then hush thee my darling, take rest while you may, For strife comes with manhood, and waking with day.

O this is no my ain Lassie, Fair tho' the Las_sie be; O weel ken I my ain Las_sie, Kind love is in her e'e. I see a form, I see a face, Ye weel may withe fair est place; It wants to me the witching grace, The kind love that's in her e'e.

O THIS IS NO MY AIN HOUSE.

THE SONG WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

BY BURNS.

O THIS is no my ain lassie,
Fair though the lassie be;
O weel ken I my ain lassie,
Kind love is in her ee.
I see a form, I see a face,
Ye weel may wi' the fairest place,—
It wants to me the witching grace,
The kind love that 's in her ee.

O this is no my ain lassie,
Fair though the lassie be;
Weel ken I my ain lassie,
Kind love is in her ee.
She's bonny, blooming, straight, and tall,
And lang has had my heart in thrall;
And aye it charms my very saul,
The kind love that 's in her ee.

O this is no my ain lassie,
Fair though the lassie be;
Weel ken I my ain lassie,
Kind love is in her ee.
A thief sae pawky is my Jean
To steal a blink by a' unseen;
But gleg as light are lovers' een,
When kind love is in the ee.

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

FOR A' THAT AND A' THAT.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

BY BURNS.

Is there for honest poverty
That hangs his head and a' that?
The coward slave we pass him by,
We dare be poor for a' that!
For a' that, and a' that,
Our toils obscure, and a' that;
The rank is but the guinea's stamp,
The man's the gowd for a' that. For a' that, &c.

What though on hamely fare we dine,
Wear hoddin grey, and a' that,
Gie fools their silks, and knaves their wine,
A man's a man for a' that!
For a' that, and a' that,
Their tinsel show, and a' that,
The honest man, though e'er sae poor,
Is king o' men, for a' that. For a' that, &c.

Ye see yon birkie ca'd a lord,

Wha struts and stares, and a' that;

Though hundreds worship at his word,

He's but a coof for a' that:

For a' that, and a' that,

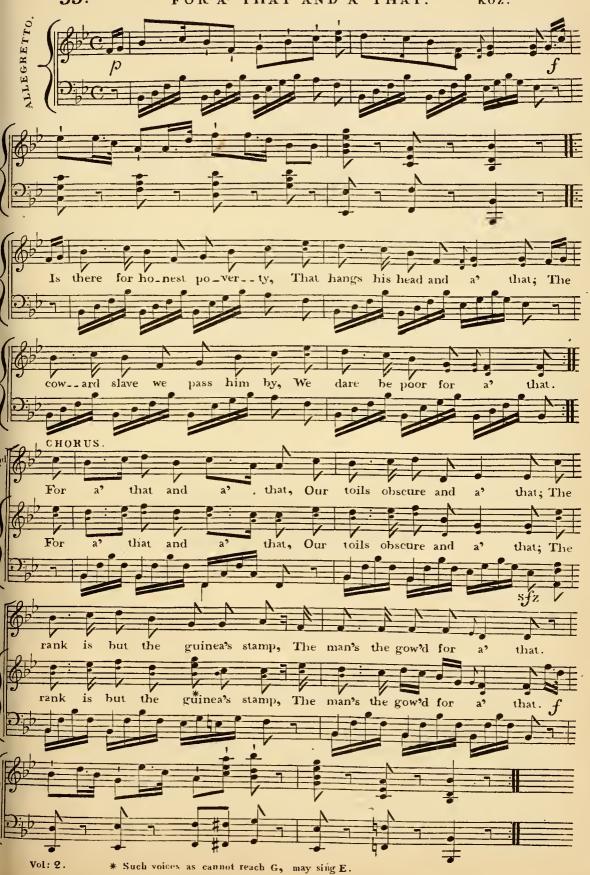
His riband, star, and a' that,

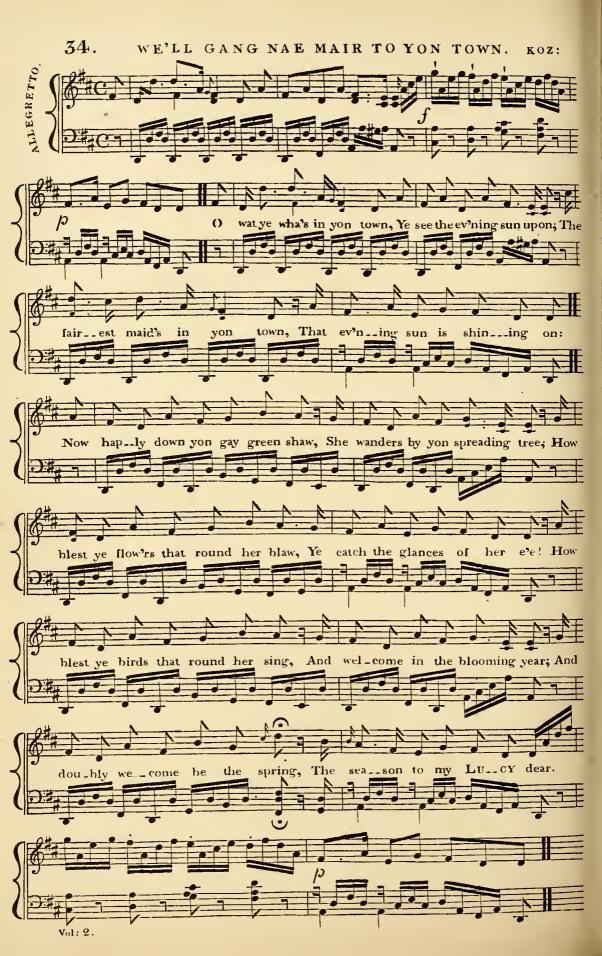
The man of independent mind,

He looks and laughs at a' that. For a' that, &c.

A prince can make a belted knight,
A marquis, duke, and a' that,
But an honest man's aboon his might,
Gude faith he maunna fa' that!
For a' that, and a' that,
Their dignities and a' that;
The pith of sense and pride of worth,
Are higher rank than a' that. For a' that, &c.

Then let us pray, that come it may,
As come it will for a' that,
That sense and worth, o'er a' the earth,
May bear the gree, and a' that!
For a' that, and a' that,
It's coming yet for a' that,
That man to man, the warld o'er,
Shall brothers be for a' that. For a' that, &c.





WE'LL GANG NAE MAIR TO YON TOWN.

WRITTEN

BY BURNS.

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

The sun blinks blithe on yon town, And on yon bonnie braes of Ayr; But my delight in yon town, And dearest joy, is Lucy fair. Without my love, not a' the charms Of Paradise could yield me joy; But gie me Lucy in my arms, And welcome Lapland's dreary sky! My cave would be a lover's bower, Though raging winter rent the air; And she a lovely little flower That I would tent and shelter there.

O sweet is she in yon town,
Yon sinking sun's gane down upon;
A fairer than's in yon town
His setting beam ne'er shone upon.
If angry fate is sworn my foe,
And suffering I am doom'd to bear,
I careless quit aught else below,
But spare me, spare me, Lucy dear!
And while life's dearest blood is warm,
Ae thought frae her shall ne'er depart;
For she, as fairest is her form,
She has the truest, kindest heart!

The heroine of the ahove song, Mrs Oswald of Auchincruive, formerly Miss Lucy Johnstone, died in the prime of life at Lisbon. This most accomplished and most lovely woman, was worthy of this beautiful strain of sensibility, which will convey some impression of her attractions to after generations. The poet, in his first fervour, thought of sending his song to the heroine; but gave up the idea, "because," said he, in a letter to Mr Syme, "perhaps what I offer as the honest incense of genuine respect, might, from the well-known character of poverty and poetry, be construed into some modification of that servility which my soul abhors."

KILLIKRANKIE—THE SOLDIER.

WRITTEN

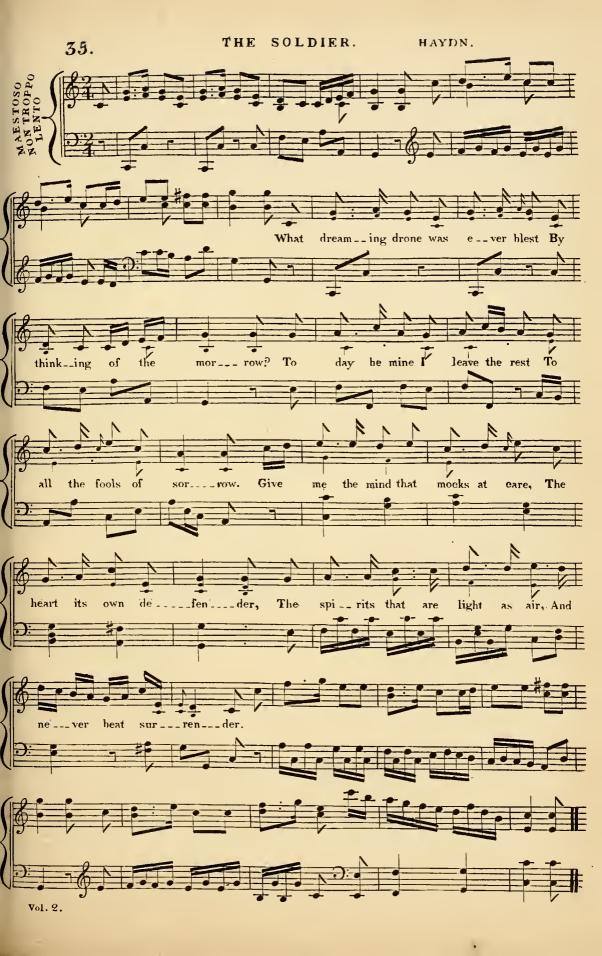
BY WILLIAM SMYTH, ESQ.

What dreaming drone was ever blest,
By thinking of the morrow?
To-day be mine—I leave the rest
To all the fools of sorrow;
Give me the mind that mocks at care,
The heart, its own defender;
The spirits that are light as air,
And never beat surrender.

On comes the foe—to arms—to arms—We meet—'tis death or glory;
'Tis Victory in all her charms,
Or fame in Britain's story;
Dear native land—thy fortunes frown,
And ruffians would enslave thee;
Thou land of honour and renown,
Who would not die to save thee?

'Tis you—'tis I—that meet the ball;
And me it better pleases
In battle with the brave to fall,
Than die of cold diseases;
Than drivel on in elbow-chair,
With saws and tales unheeded;
A tottering thing of aches and cares,
Nor longer loved, nor needed.

But thou—dark is thy flowing hair,
Thine eye with fire is streaming;
And o'er thy cheek—thy looks—thine air,
Health sits in triumph beaming;
Thou, brother soldier, fill the wine,
Fill high the wine to beauty,
Love, friendship, honour, all are thine,
Thy country and thy duty.





UP IN THE MORNING EARLY.

Part of the following first stanza was taken from an old song: The other stanzas were written BY JOHN HAMILTON.

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

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

The sun peeps o'er yon southlan' hills
Like ony timorous carlie,
Just blinks a wee, then sinks again,
And that we find severely.

Now, up in the morning 's no for me, Up in the morning early, When snaw blaws in to the chimly cheek, Wha'd rise in the morning early?

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

A cosey house and canty wife,
Aye keep a body cheerly,
And pantries stow'd wi' meal and maut,
They answer unco rarely.
But up in the morning—na, na, na!
Up in the morning early—
The gowans maun glent on bank and brae,
When I rise in the morning early.

. SONG FOR THE SAME AIR.

BY BURNS.

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

And O for ane and twenty, Tam! And hey, sweet ane and twenty, I'll learn my kin a rattling sang, Gin I saw ane and twenty.

A glebe o' land, a claut o' gear, Was left me by my auntie, At kith or kin I need na speir, Gin I saw ane and twenty.

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

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

THE SONG WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

BY BURNS.

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

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

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

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





THE SOUTER'S DOCHTER.

THE SONG WRITTEN

BY BURNS.

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

Lassie, say thou loes me;
Or if thou wiltna be my ain,
Sayna thou'lt refuse me.
If it winna, canna be,
Thou for thine may choose me;
Let me, lassie, quickly die,
Trusting that thou loes me;
Lassie, let me quickly die,
Trusting that thou loes me!

THE HIGHLAND LADDIE.

THE Lawland lads think they are fine,
But O they're vain and idly gaudy;
How much unlike the graceful mien,
And manly looks of my Highland laddie.

O my bonny Highland laddie, My handsome charming Highland laddie; May Heaven still guard, and love reward, Our Lawland lass and her Highland laddie.

If I were free at will to choose,

To be the wealthiest Lawland lady,
I'd tak young Donald in his trews,

With bonnet blue and belted plaidy.

O my bonny, &c.

The brawest beau in burrow town,
In a' his airs, with art made ready,
Compared to him is buf a clown;
He's finer far in 's tartan plaidy.

O my bonny, &c.

O'er benty hill with him I'll run,
And leave my Lawland kin and daddy;
Frae winter's cauld, and summer's sun,
He'll screen me with his Highland plaidy.
O my bonny, &c.

Nae greater joy I'll e'er pretend,

Than that his love prove true and steady,
Like mine to him, which ne'er shall end,
While heaven preserves my Highland laddie.

O my bonny, &c.

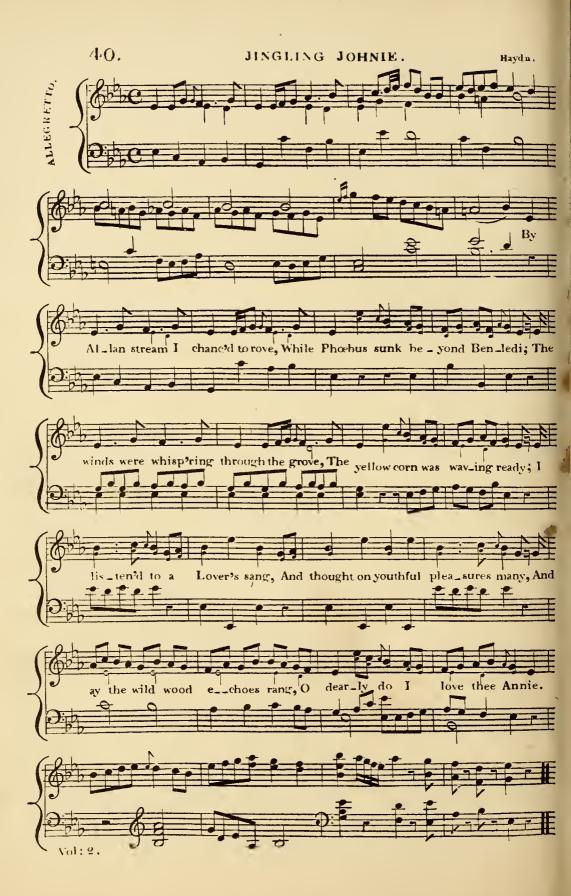
SONG FOR THE SAME AIR.

BY R. B. SHERIDAN, ESQ.

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

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





JINGLING JOHNIE.

THE SONG WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

BY BURNS.

This pleasing air, with the symphonies and accompaniments of HAYDN, was first published in the folio work of the Editor, in 1817, instead of the air called Allan Water; because the latter was found to exceed the compass of most voices, and of course was very rarely sung.

By Allan stream I chanced to rove,
While Phœbus sunk beyond Benledi;*
The winds were whispering through the grove,
The yellow corn was waving ready;
I listened to a lover's sang,
And thought on youthful pleasures many;
And aye the wild-wood echoes rang,
"O dearly do I loe thee, Annie."

O happy be the woodbine bower,
Nae nightly bogle make it eerie;
Nor ever sorrow stain the hour,
The place and time I met my dearie!

Her head upon my throbbing breast,
She, sinking, said, "I'm thine for ever!"
While many a kiss the seal imprest,
The sacred vow, we ne'er should sever.

The haunt o' spring 's the primrose brae,

The summer joy 's the flocks to follow;

How cheery, through her shortening day,

Is autumn in her weeds o' yellow:

But can they melt the glowing heart,

Or chain the soul in speechless pleasure;

Or through each nerve the rapture dart,

Like meeting her, our bosom's treasure?

* A mountain west of Strathallan, upwards of 3000 feet high.

SONG FOR THE SAME AIR.

WRITTEN

BY ROBERT CRAWFORD, ESQ.

What numbers shall the Muse repeat?
What verse be found to praise my Annie?
On her ten thousand graces wait;
Each swain admires, and owns she's bonny.
Since first she trode the happy plain,
She set each youthful heart on fire;
Each nymph does to her swain complain,
That Annie kindles new desire.

This lovely darling, dearest care,

This new delight, this charming Annie,
Like summer's dawn, she's fresh and fair,

When Flora's fragrant breezes fan ye.

All day the am'rous youths convene,

Joyous they sport and play before her;

All night, when she no more is seen,

In blissful dreams they still adore her.

YOL. II.

Among the crowd Amyntor came;

He look'd, he lov'd, he bow'd to Annie;
His rising sighs express his flame,
His words were few, his wishes many.

With smiles the lovely maid replied,

"Kind shepherd, why should I deceive ye?

Alas! your love must be denied,
This destin'd breast can ne'er reheve ye!

"Young Damon came, with Cupid's art,
His wiles, his smiles, his charms beguiling;
He stole away my virgin heart,—
Cease, poor Amyntor, cease bewailing!
Some brighter beauty you may find,
On yonder plain the nymphs are many;
Then choose some heart that's unconfin'd,
And leave to Damon his own Annie."

BONNIE PRINCE CHARLIE.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK IN 1830

BY DAVID VEDDER, ESQ.

CAM' ye by Athole, Donald Macgillavry, Ken ye he's landed at Moidart, auld Carlie? Saw ye our mountain-men, marching by thousands ten, Waving their broadswords, and shouting for Charlie? Follow thee—fly to thee—wha wadna fly to thee?— Speed to thy banner that's flaunting sae rarely; Charlie, Charlie, wha wadna die for thee, Lord of our bosom's love, bonnie Prince Charlie?

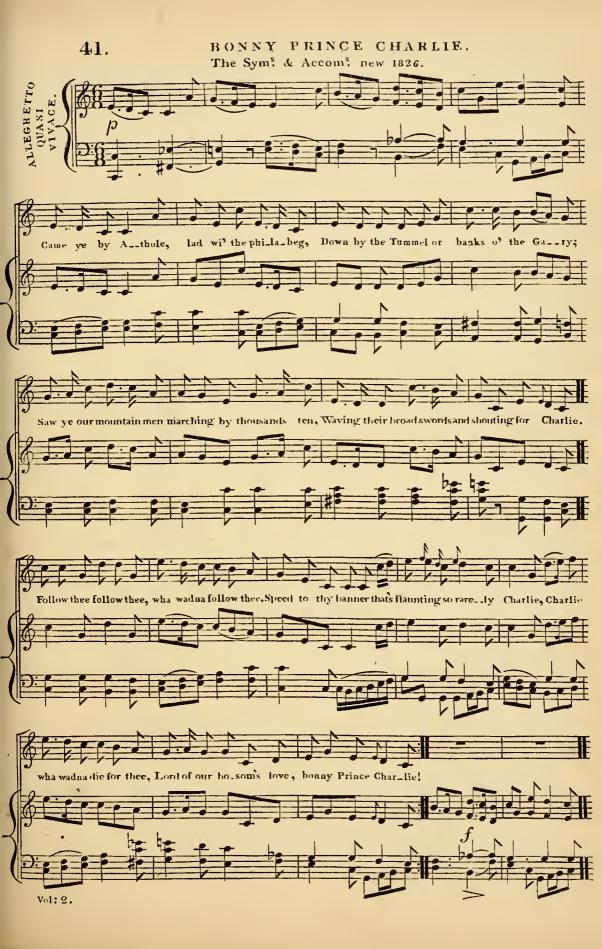
There's rushing of clans to the Chevalier's banner, Like floods from the mountains in torrents descending; Their pennons are streaming, their broadswords are gleaming,— Huzza! the white rose wi' the heather is blending.

Follow thee, &c.

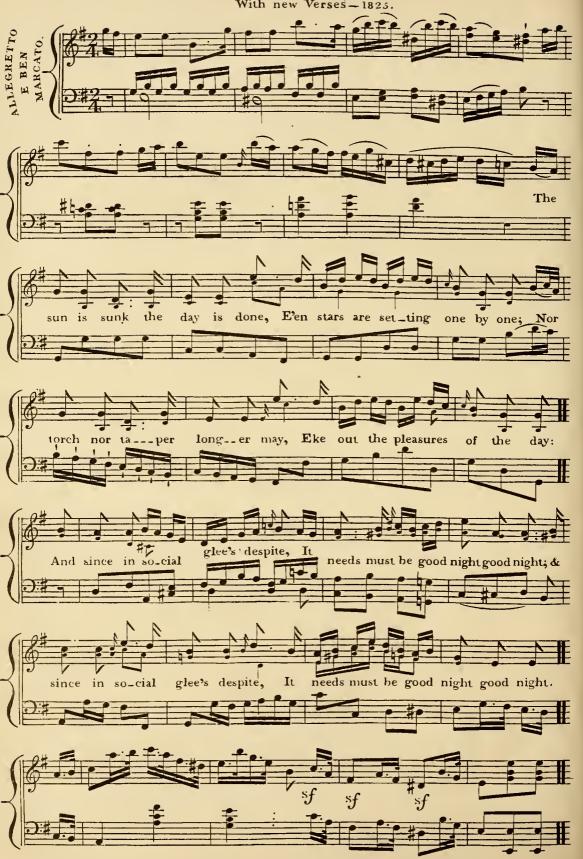
Welcome as light, sweet Flower, to the wilderness, Long hast thou bloom'd in a far foreign garden; Bright eyes shall sun thee, and soft sighs shall fan thee, The evergreen thistle shall age be thy warden.

Follow thee, &c.

We'll rally around thee, true scion of royalty, Reckless of home and our kindred's undoing; Prove with our good swords our faith and our loyalty, Soar in thy triumphs, or sink in thy ruin! Follow thee, &c.



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GOOD NIGHT AND JOY BE WI' YE.

WITH NEW VERSES WRITTEN

BY JOANNA BAILLIE.

FIRST UNITED WITH THE AIR IN 1825.

The sun is sunk, the day is done,
E'en stars are setting one by one;
Nor toreli nor taper longer may
Eke out the pleasures of the day;
And since, in social glee's despite,
It needs must be,—Good night, good night!
And since, &c.

The bride into her bower is sent,
And ribald rhyme and jesting spent:
The lover's whisper'd words and few
Have bade the bashful maid adieu:
The dancing-floor is silent quite,
No foot bounds there,—Good night, good night!
The dancing-floor, &c.

The lady in her curtain'd bed,
The herdsman in his wattled shed,
The clansmen in the heather'd hall,
Sweet sleep be with you, one and all!
We part in hope of days as bright
As this now gone,—Good night, good night!
We part, &c.

Sweet sleep be with us, one and all;
And if upon its stillness fall
The visions of a busy brain,
We'll have our pleasure o'er again,
To warm the heart, to charm the sight,
Gay dreams to all,—Good night, good night!

To warm, &c.

BURNS'S FAREWELL

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BRETHREN OF ST JAMES'S LODGE, TARBOLTON,

AT THE TIME WHEN HE HAD RESOLVED ON GOING TO THE WEST INDIES.

THE SAME AIR.

Added! a heart warm fond adieu!

Dear brothers of the mystic tie!

Ye favour'd, ye enlighten'd few,
Companions of my social joy!

Though I to foreign lands must hie,
Pursuing Fortune's shidd'ry ba',

With melting heart, and brimful eye,
I'll mind you still, though far awa.

Oft have I met your social band,
And spent the cheerful festive night;
Oft, honour'd with supreme command,
Presided o'er the sons of light;
And by that hieroglyphic bright,
Which none but craftsmen ever saw;
Strong mem'ry on my heart shall write
Those happy scenes when far awa.

May freedom, harmony, and love,
Unite you in the grand design,
Beneath the Omniscient eye above,
The glorious Architect divine.
That you may keep th' unerring line,
Still rising by the plummet's law,
'Till order bright completely shine,
Shall be my pray'r when far awa.

And you, farewell! whose merits elaim,
Justly, that highest badge to wear!
Heaven bless your honour'd, noble name,
To Masonry and Seotia dear!
A last request permit me here,
When yearly ye assemble a',
One round, I ask it with a tear,
To him, the Bard that's far awa.

WHA'LL BE KING BUT CHARLIE?

The news frae Moidart came yestreen,
Will soon gar mony ferlie;
For ships o' war hae just come in,
And landed royal Charlie.

Come through the heather,
Around him gather,
Ye're a' the welcomer early;
Around him cling wi' a' your kin,
For wha'll be king but Charlie?

Ilk Highland clan wi' sword in hand,
Frae John o' Groat's to Airly,
Hae to a man resolved to stand,
Or fa' wi' royal Charlie.

Come through the heather, &c.

The Lawlands a', baith great and sma', Wi' mony a lord and laird, hae Declared for Scotland's king and law, And speir ye, wha but Charlie.

Come through the heather, &c.

There's no a lass in a' the land,
But vows baith late and early,
To man she'll ne'er gie heart or hand,
Wha will na feght for Charlie.

Come through the heather, &c.

Then here's success to Charlie's arms,
And be it complete and early,
The very name our heart's blood warms,
To arms, to arms for Charlie!

Come through the heather,
Around him gather,

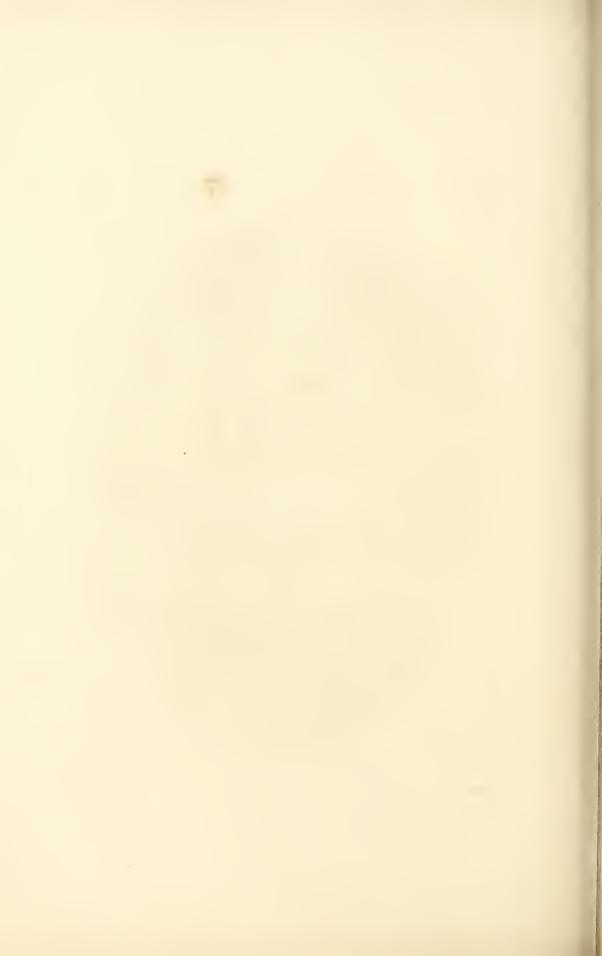
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44. O GIN YE WERE DEAD GUDEMAN. With new Syms Accoms & Verses. 1826. ANDANTE ev'n when on each heather hell, diamond dew drops gent-ly fell; And summer air was balm and still, Be-side her cottage all the land, Loe's me and I lo'e him again. Con forza

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A LOVE ADVENTURE.

FROM A MS. WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK BY P. F. TYTLER, ESQ.

AIR-O GIN YE WERE DEAD, GUDEMAN.

The Symphonies and Accompaniments composed by Hummel, in 1826.

AT ev'n when on each heather bell The diamond dewdrops gently fell, And summer air was balm and still,—Beside her cottage on the hill Fair Jeanie sat, with rock in hand, And spun, and sung her merry strain, "The bhithest lad in all the land Loes me, and I loe him again."

Fresh from the town a coxcomb pert,
Attir'd by fashion's nicest art,
Pass'd where the pretty maiden sat,
And smirk'd and smiled, and doff'd his hat;
Then bow'd, and as he spoke, he sigh'd,—
"Oh, be not you a ploughman's bride,
But fly with me,—my chariot's near,—
You'll shine in silk, and be my dear."

To Jeanie's cheek the flush of shame, And maiden pride and honour came; But checking all with pawky sleight, She said, 'We canna meet the night; But come the morn, and crack your fill, When my auld daddy's at the hill; Tap gently, and wi' hittle din, I'll lift the latch, and let you in.'

But Jeanie she took special care
That Jock, and Will, and twa three mair,
Her stout auld daddy, and his dogs,
Should ready be to pu' his lugs.
'Whene'er,' said she, 'he's on his knees
Clavering o' love, I'll gie a sneeze,
Then bang the door, let in the pack,
And hunt him weel—nor spare his back.'

When larks had sung their morning lay,
And rising dew refresh'd the day,
Our city spark pursued his way,
Bedeck'd like any popinjay;
With powder'd pate, and broider'd vest,
And buckled bright each glossy shoe,
He reach'd the cot, and whisper'd—" Hist,
Hist, hist,"—said Jeanie, 'Is it you?

'Come in, come in, there's no a mouse To frighten you in all the house.'—
"Thy daddy and the lads are ploughing, Then we, my angel, must be wooing," Exclaim'd the coxcomb; "what a crime In lowly cot, and wintry clime, So sweet and fair a flower to bury."—Said Jeanie, 'I'm o'er young to marry.'—

"Marry, my love! we canna wait,
We'll leave all that to time and fate;
Haste, fly, and we shall all arrange;"
But, sir, I fear,——"Oh, fear no change,
I swear"—and with expression sweet
Full lowly knelt he at her feet.
Weel, weel, quoth Jeanie, 'now I'm pleased,
I'll trust you'—and the gipsy sneezed.

Bang went the door—and all the rout
The caitiff seized, and turn'd him out;
Men, women, weans, like ringing deils,
And dogs that bark'd and bit his heels.

'You hae my bairn, ye powder'd brock,'
Her daddy cried.—'Tak that,' said Jock;

'I'll dust your velvet coat, my billy:

'You touch my bonnie Jeanie—will ye?'

As loud the gath'ring chorus rung,
Away before the pack he sprung,
And bounding headlong o'er the brae,
A muddy duck-pool met his way,
Wherein, so great his speed and fears,
He fairly plump'd up to the ears!
Thus may such base seducers ever
Conclude their love,—and cool their liver.

DUNCAN GRAY.

THE SONG WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

BY BURNS.

Duncan Gray came here to woo,
Ha, ha, the wooing o't;
On new-year's night, when we were fu',
Ha, ha, the wooing o't.
Maggie coost her head fu' heigh,
Look'd asklent and unco skeigh,
Gart poor Duncan stand abeigh;
Ha, ha, the wooing o't.

Duncan fleech'd, and Duncan pray'd,
Ha, ha, the wooing o't;
Meg was deaf as Ailsa Craig,*
Ha, ha, the wooing o't.
Duncan sigh'd, baith out and in,
Grat his een baith bleer't and blin',
Spake o' louping o'er a lin,
Ha, ha, the wooing o't.

Time and chance are but a tide,
Ha, ha, the wooing o't;
Slighted love is sair to bide,
Ha, ha, the wooing o't.
Shall I, like a fool, quoth he,
For a haughty hizzie die?
She may gae to—France for me!
Ha, ha, the wooing o't.

How it comes, let Doctors tell,
Ha, ha, the wooing o't.
Meg grew sick—as he grew heal,
Ha, ha, the wooing o't.
Something in her bosom wrings,
For relief a sigh she brings;
And oh! her een they spake such things!
Ha, ha, the wooing o't.

Duncan was a lad o' grace,

Ha, ha, the wooing o't.

Maggie's was a piteous case,

Ha, ha, the wooing o't.

Duncan couldna be her death,

Swelling pity smoor'd his wrath:

Now they're crouse and canty baith!

Ha, ha, the wooing o't.

^{*} A great insulated Rock to the south of the Island of Arran.



The Song, the Sym! & Accomp! written for this work in 1826.



I have gather'd posies On a lonely mountain, I have seen sweet roses Near a rustic fountain___ Gay they were and blooming, Tho' no hand did raise them, All the air perfuming

Tho' no tongue did praise them.

Canst thou thus retiring Live a life of duty, I alone admiring All thy worth and beauty. Humble is my dwelling, But I love thee dearly___ All my heart is swelling___ Lassie! speak sincerely.

WP SMYTH.



O to see his tartan trews,
Bonnet blue, and laigh heel'd shoes,
Philabeg aboon his knee,
That's the lad that I'll gang wi'.
O hon &c.

This gallant youth of whom I sing,
Nature form'd to be a king,
On his breast he wears a star,
You'd take him for the god of war.
O hon &c.

O to see this princely one Seated on a royal throne! Disasters a' would disappear, Then begins the jub'lee year. O hon &c.

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WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK IN 1829

BY CAPTAIN CHARLES GRAY, R.M.

AIR-THOU'RT FAR AWA.

Thou'rt far awa, far awa,
Far awa frae me, Donald;
Sair I rue the waefu' day
That parted me from thee, Donald.
Blythe we met by Lochna-gair,
When baith were fancy free, Donald—
Life, with a' its coming care,
Seem'd bright as morning's ee, Donald.

Now sad to me's the gloaming hour,
Sad the trysting tree, Donald;
Love's sweet spell has lost its power,
Since I lost sight of thee, Donald.
Wae betide the pennon gay,
The gowd that tempted thee, Donald;
Dames mair dink may cross thy way,
But nane can love like me, Donald.

How oft I dream'd of happy hame,
When cheer'd by love and thee, Donald,
Yet my lips ne'er breath'd the flame
That sparkled in my ee, Donald.
Thou hast dream'd of scenes mair bright,
Far ayont the sea, Donald;
Thou art gone—and I the sleight
Of luckless love maun dree, Donald.

THE LAST TIME I CAME O'ER THE MUIR.

WRITTEN

BY ALLAN RAMSAY.

The Editor having observed that the second stanza of this admired Song, in its original form, has always been passed over by young ladies, as exceptionable, he has therefore taken the liberty to substitute four lines of his own at the beginning of that stanza, in the room of Ramsay's. It is so desirable to prevent a standard old song from falling into neglect, that he hopes the critical reader will tolerate the alteration which decorum required.

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

We stray'd beside yon wandering stream,
And talk'd with hearts o'erflowing;
Until the sun's last setting beam,
Was in the ocean glowing.
I pitied all beneath the skies,
Ev'n kings, when she was nigh me;
In raptures I beheld her eyes,
Which could but ill deny me.

Should I be call'd where cannons roar,
Where mortal steel may wound me;
Or cast upon some foreign shore,
Where dangers may surround me;
Yet hopes again to see my love,
Unalter'd, true, and tender,
Shall make my cares at distance move,
Where'er I'm doom'd to wander.

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

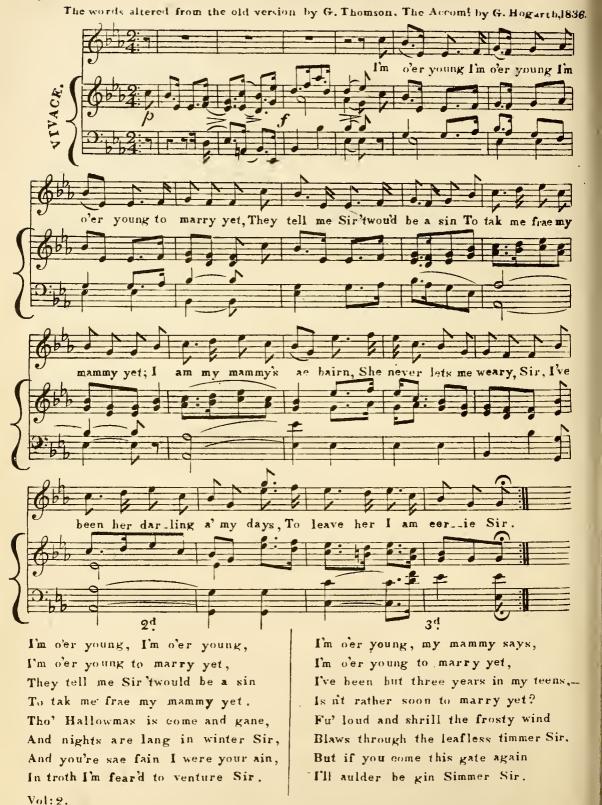
The next time I gang o'er the muir,
She shall a lover find me:
And that my faith is firm and pure,
Though I left her behind me.
Then Hymen's sacred bands shall chain
My heart to her fair bosom;
There, while my being doth remain,
My love more fresh shall blossom.

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