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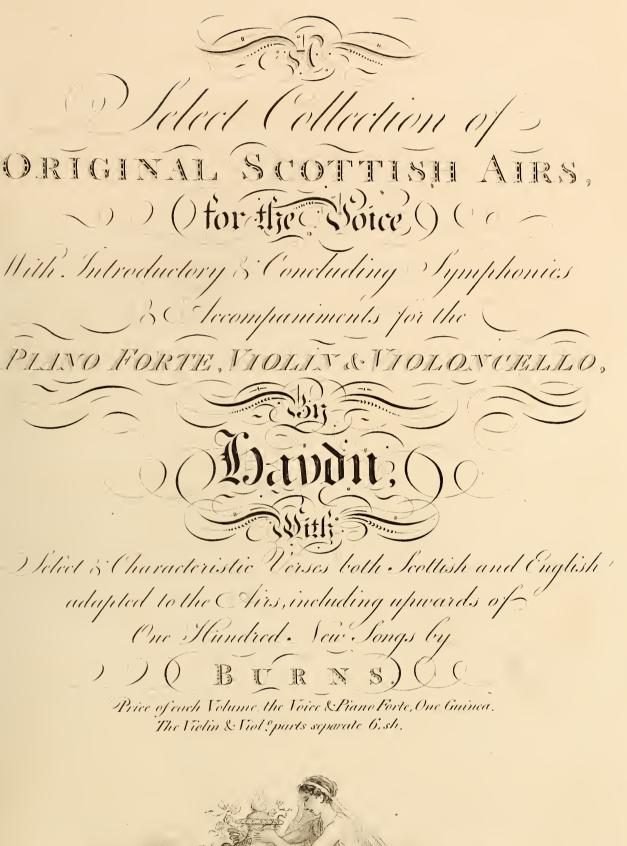
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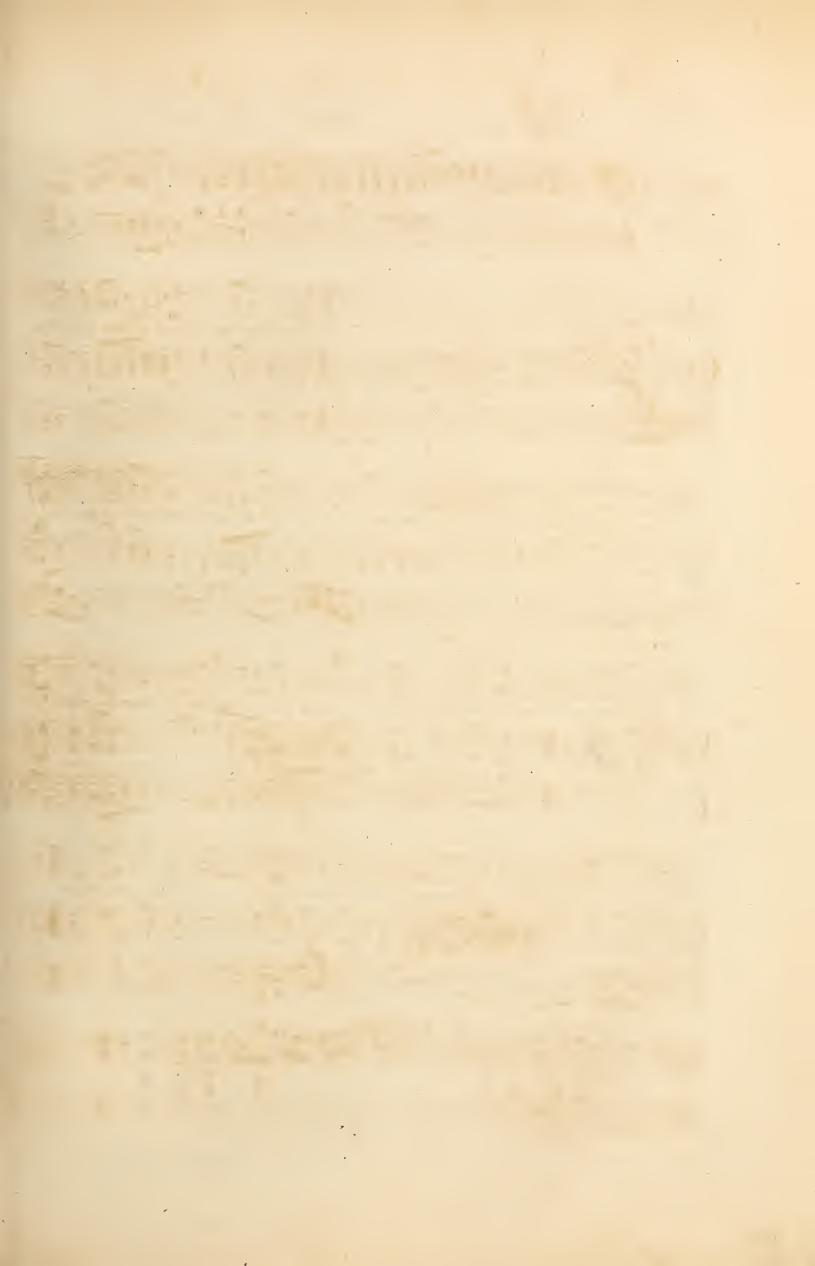
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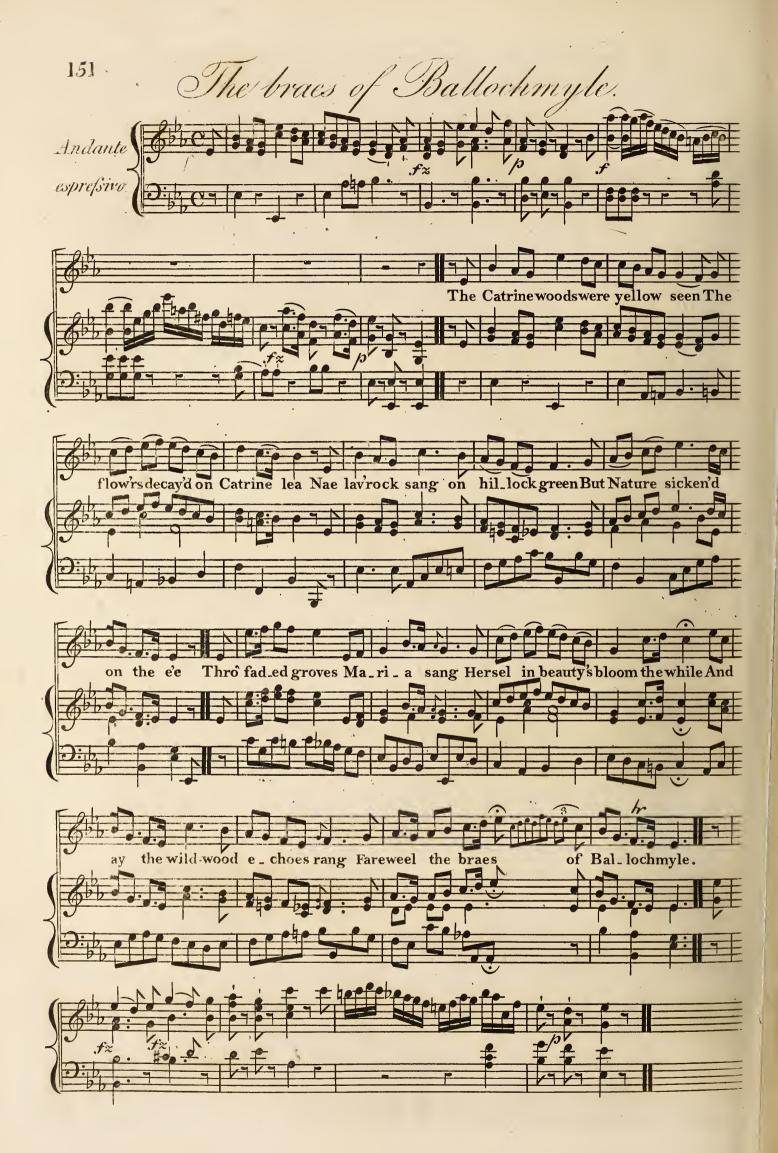
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THE CATRINE WOODS WERE YELLOW SEEN.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By BURNS.

AIR. THE BRAES OF BALLOCHMYLE.

The Catrine woods were yellow seen,
The flowers decay'd on Catrine lea *,
Nae lav'rock sang on hillock green,
But Nature sicken'd on the e'e.
Thro' faded groves Maria sang,
Hersel' in beauty's bloom the while,
And ay the wild-wood echoes rang,
Fareweel the braes of Ballochmyle †.

Low in your wintry beds, ye flowers,
Again ye'll flourish fresh and fair;
Ye birdies dumb, in with'ring bowers,
Again ye'll charm the vocal air.
But here, a'as! for me nae mair
Shall birdie charm, or flowret smile;
Fareweel the bonnie banks of Ayr,
Fareweel, fareweel! sweet Ballochmyle.

* CATRINE, in Ayrshire, the seat of DUGALD STEWART, Esq.—† BALLOCHMYLE, formerly the seat of Sir John Whiteford, now of Boyd Alexander, Esq.

WHERE ESK ITS SILVER CURRENT LEADS.

THE SAME AIR.

Where Esk ‡ its silver current leads
'Mang green-woods gay wi' mony a flower,
I hied me aft to dewy meads,
In happy days, and built my bower.
I call'd upon the birds to sing,
And nestle in ilk fragrant flower,
While in the liv'ry of the spring
I deck'd my pleasing peaceful bower.

'Twas there I found, ah! happy time,
A modest, sweet, and lovely flower!
I crop't it in its virgin prime,
To grace and cheer my bonnie bower.
But soon the blast howl'd in the air
That robb'd me of this matchless flower;
And sorrow since, and mony a care
Have stript and wither'd a' my bower!

[‡] The Esk here alluded to, after passing the romantic banks of Roslin, winds for several miles through a variety of scenery singularly beautiful.

THERE WAS A LASS, AND SHE WAS FAIR.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

BURNS.

AIR.-WILLIE WAS A WANTON WAG.

I HERE was a lass, and she was fair, At kirk and market to be seen; When a' our faircst maids were met, The fairest maid was bonnie Jean. And ay she wrought her mammie's wark, As in the bosom of the stream And ay she sang sae merrilie; The blythest bird upon the bush, Had ne'er a lighter heart than she.

But hawks will rob the tender joys That bliss the little lintwhite's nest; And frost will blight the fairest flowers, And love will break the soundest rest. Young Robie was the brawest lad, The flower and pride of a' the glen; And he had owsen, sheep, and kye, And wanton nagies nine or ten.

He gaed wi' Jeanie to the tryste, He danc'd wi' Jeanie on the down, And lang ere witless Jeanie wist, Her heart was tint, her peace was stown! The moon-beam dwells at dewy e'en; So trembling, pure, was tender love Within the breast of bonnie Jean.

And now she works her mammie's wark, At barn or byre thou shalt na drudge, And ay she sighs wi' care and pain; Yct wist na what her ail might be, Or what wad mak' her weel again. But did na Jeanie's heart lowp light, And did na joy blink in her e'e; As Robie tell'd a tale o' love Ae ev'ning on the lily lea?

The sun was sinking in the west, The birds sang sweet in ilka grove; His cheek to her's he fondly laid, And whisper'd thus his tale o' love. O Jeanie fair, I lo'e thec dear; O can'st thou think to fancy me! Or wilt thou leave thy mammie's cot, And learn to tent the farms wi' me?

Or naething else to trouble thee, But stray amang the heather bells, And tent the waving corn wi' me. Now what could artless Jeanie do? She had na will to say him na: At length she blush'd a sweet consent, And love was ay between them twa.

OLD SONG.

WILLIE WAS A WANTON

It is mentioned in the Memoranda of Burns, that this Song was written upon Walkinshaw of Walkinshaw, near Paisley. 'Tis said, however, by others, that the Hero was Hamilton of Gilbertfield.

WILLIE was a wanton wag, The blythest lad that e'er I saw, At bridals still he bore the brag, And carried ay the gree awa': His doublet was of Zetland shag, And wow! but Willic he was braw, And at his shoulder hung a tag, That pleas'd the lasses best of a'.

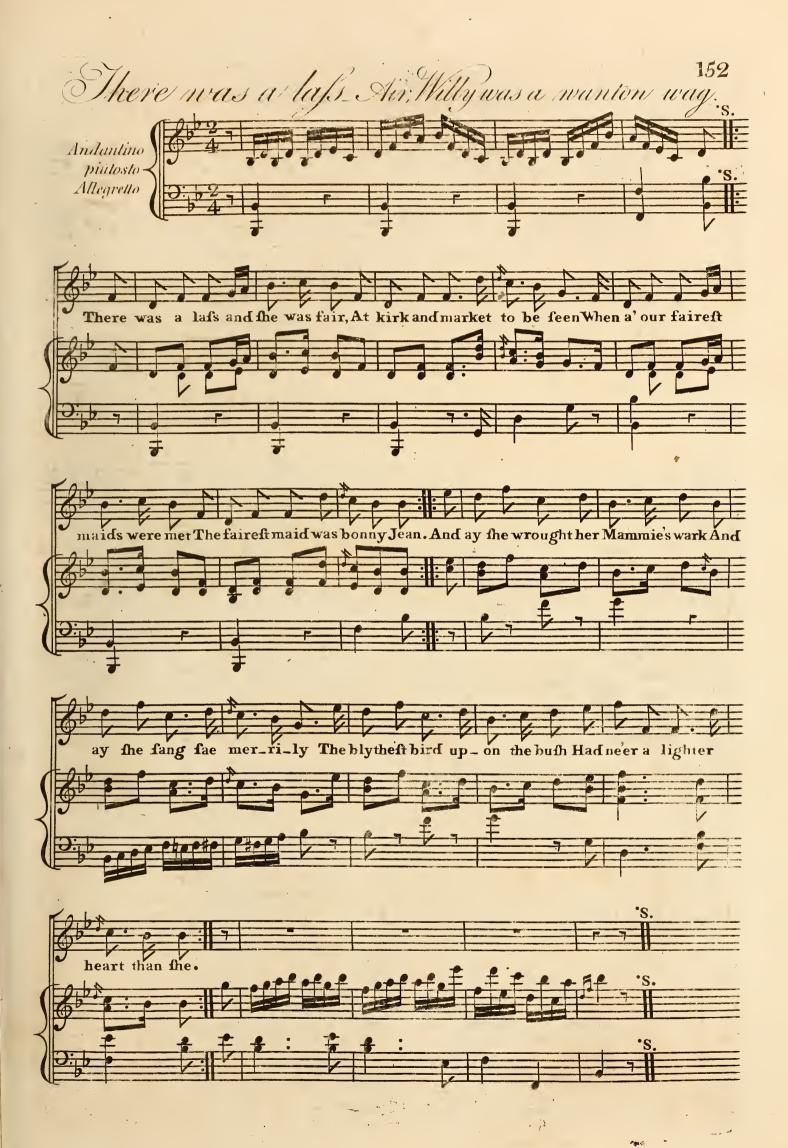
He was a man without a clag, His heart was frank without a flaw; And ay whatever Willie said, It was still hadden as a law. His boots they were made of the jag, When he went to the Weaponshaw, Upon the green nane durst him brag, The fient a ane amang them a'.

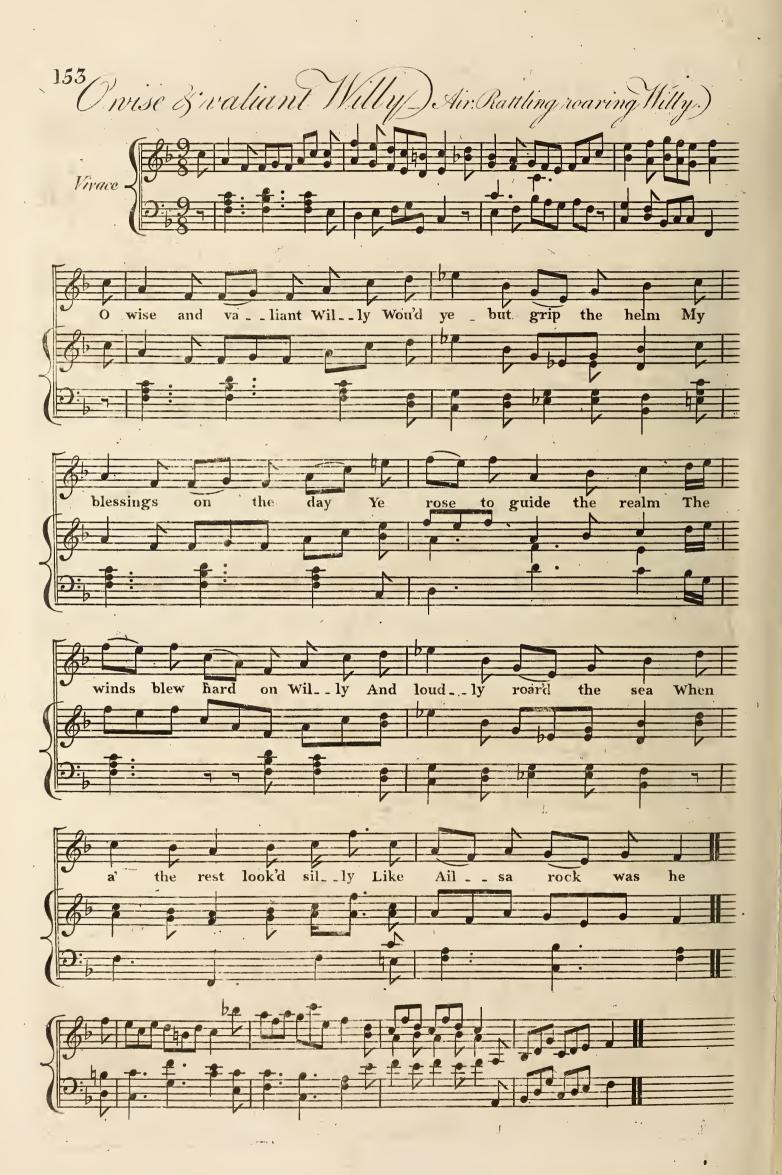
And was not Willie well worth gowd? He wan the love of great and sma'; For after he the bride had kiss'd, He kiss'd the lasses hale-sale a'. Sae merrily round the ring they row'd, When by the hand he led them a', And smack on smack on them bestow'd, By virtue of a standing law.

And was nae Willie a great lown, As shyre a lick as e'er was seen? When he danc'd wi' the lasses round, The bridegroom speir'd where he had been. Quoth Willie, I've been at the ring, Wi' bobbing, faith, my shanks arc sair; Gac ca' your bride and maidens in, For Willie he dow do nae mair.

Then rest ye, Willie, I'll gae out, And for a wee fill up the ring; But, shame light on his souple snout! He wanted Willie's wanton fling. Then straight he to the bride did fare, Says, weil's me on your bonnie face; Wi' bobbing, Willie's shanks are sair, And I'm come out to fill his place.

Bridegroom, she says, you'll spoil the dance, And at the ring you'll ay be lag, Unless, like Willie, ye advance: O! Willie has a wanton leg; For wi't he learns us a' to steer, And foremost ay bears up the ring, We will find nae sic dancing here, If we want Willie's wanton fling.





O WISE AND VALIANT WILLY.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By MRS GRANT, Laggan,

In Summer 1803, when it was understood that a negotiation for bringing Mr P * * * again into office, had failed.

AIR .- RATTLING ROARING WILLY.

O wise and valiant Willy,
Would ye but grip the helm!
My blessings on the day
Ye rose to guide the realm.
The winds blew hard on Willy,
And loudly roar'd the sea,
When a' the rest look'd silly,
Like Ailsa rock was he.

O doure hard-working Willy,
How sair he won his fee!
He spent it ay as he got it,
And now he has naething to gi'e.
O douce lang-headed Willy,
When he began to crack,
He held to his point ay steady,
And never a foot gaed back.

O doure and stalwart Willy,
He's gane to ca' his plough,
But ere the play be play'd,
He'll get some mair ado.
There 's nought in Will's kail-yard,
But ae bit laurel tree;
Yet doure and stalwart Willy
Is welcome ay to me.

His daddy gied him his name,
'Twas a' that he could gi'e,
Its kent his daddy's coat
There 's nane could fill but he.
O bold and reckless Willy,
Nane bides a blast like thee,
In rough and blustering weather
Ye're welcome ay to me.

BEHOLD THE HOUR, THE BOAT ARRIVE!

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By BURNS.

HIGHLAND AIR .- ORAN GAOIL.

Behold the hour, the boat arrive!
Thou goest, thou darling of my heart:
Sever'd from thee, can I survive?
But fate has will'd, and we must part!
I'll often greet this surging swell;
You distant isle will often hail;
"E'en here, I took the last farewel;
"There, latest mark'd her vanish'd sail,"

Along the solitary shore,
While flitting sea-fowls round me cry,
Across the rolling, dashing roar,
I'll westward turn my wistful eye:
Happy, thou Indian grove, I ll say,
Where now my Nancy's path may be!
While through thy sweets she loves to stray,
O tell me, does she muse on me!

O WERE MY LOVE YON LILAC FAIR.

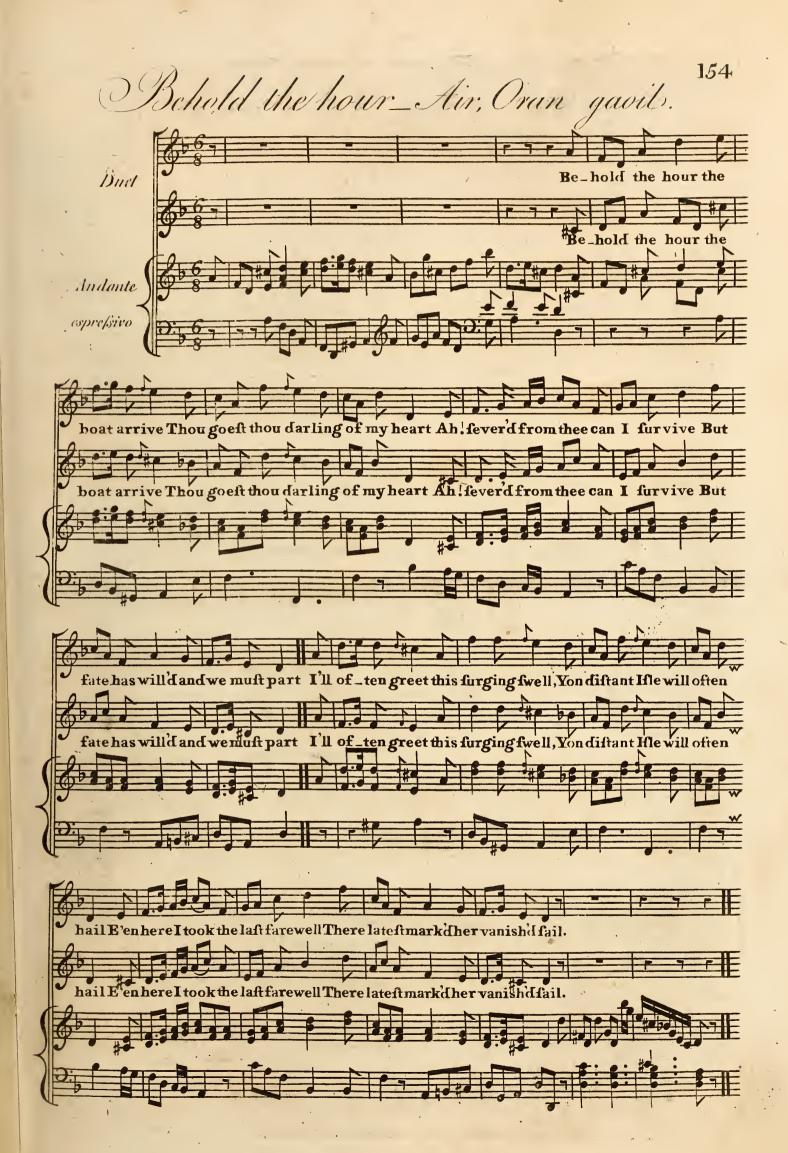
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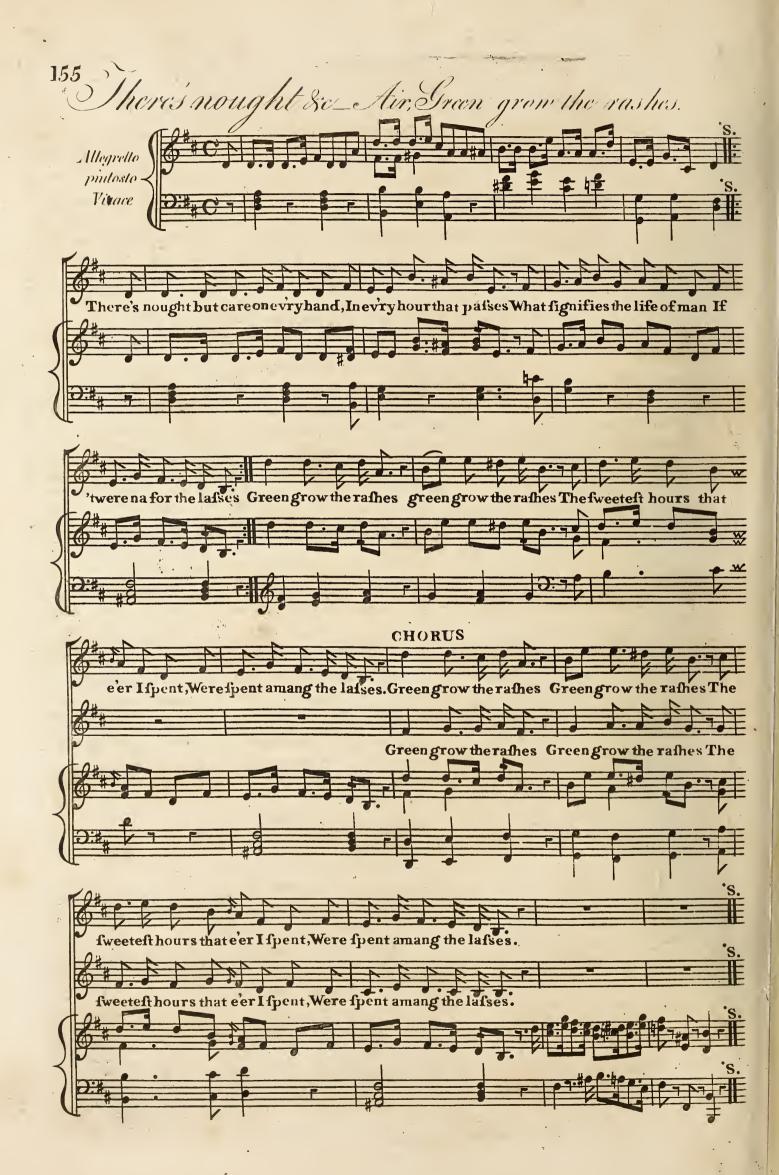
THE SAME AIR.

O were my love you lilac fair,
With purple blossoms to the spring;
And I a bird to shelter there,
When wearied on my little wing.
How I would mourn when it was torn,
By autumn wild, and winter rude!
But I would sing on wanton wing,
When merry May its bloom renew'd.

O were my love yon vi'let sweet,
That peeps frae 'neath the hawthorn spray;
And I mysel' the zephyr's breath,
Amang its bonnie leaves to play.
I'd fan it wi' a constant gale,
Beneath the noontide's scorching ray;
And sprinkle it wi' freshest dews
At morning dawn and parting day.

O gin my love were yon red rose,
That grows upon the castle wa'!
And I mysel' a drap of dew,
Into her bonnie breast to fa'!
Oh, there, beyond expression blest,
I'd feast on beauty a' the night;
Seal'd on her silk-saft falds to rest,
Till fley'd awa' by Phœbus' light.





THERE'S NOUGHT BUT CARE ON EV'RY HAND.

WRITTEN

By BURNS.

AIR .- GREEN GROW THE RASHES.

THERE 's nought but care on ev'ry han',
In ev'ry hour that passes:
What signifies the life o' man
If 'twere na for the lasses.
Green grow the rashes,
Green grow the rashes,
The sweetest hours that e'er I spent,
Are spent amang the lasses.

The warldly race may riches chace,
And riches still may fly them;
And tho' at last they catch them fast,
Their hearts can ne'er enjoy them.
Green grow the rashes,
Green grow the rashes,
The sweetest hours that e'er I spent,
Are spent amang the lasses.

Gie me a canny hour at e'en,

My arms about my dearie;

And warldly cares, and warldly men,

May a' gae tapsalteerie.

Green grow the rashes,

Green grow the rashes,

The sweetest hours that e'er I spenf,

Are spent amang the lasses.

For you sae douse, ye sneer at this,
Ye're nought but senseless asses;
The wisest man the warld saw,
He dearly lov'd the lasses.
Green grow the rashes,
Green grow the rashes,
Are spent amang the lasses.

Auld Nature swears, the lovely dears
Her noblest work she classes;
Her prentice han' she tried on man,
And then she made the lasses.
Green grow the rashes,
Green grow the rashes,
The sweetest hours that e'er I spent,
Are spent amang the lasses.

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O LASSIE, ART THOU SLEEPING YET.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By BURNS.

AIR .- LET ME IN THIS AE NIGHT:

Her Answer.

O LASSIE, art thou sleeping yet,
Or art thou wakin, I would wit,
For Love has bound me, hand and foot,
And I would fain be in, jo.
O let me in this ae night,
This ae, ae, ae night;
For pity's sake, this ae night,
O rise and let me in, jo.

Thou hear'st the winter wind and weet, Nae star blinks thro' the driving sleet; Take pity on my weary feet, And shield me frae the rain, jo. O let me in this ae night, &c.

The bitter blast that round me blaws Unheeded howls, unheeded fa's; The cauldness of thy heart's the cause Of a' my grief and pine, jo.

O let me in this ae night, &c.

O tell na me of wind and rain,
Upbraid na me wi' cauld disdain,
Gae back the gate ye came again,
I winna let you in, jo.
I tell you now this ae night,
This ae, ae, ae night;
And ance for a' this ae night
I winna let you in, jo.

The snellest blast, at mirkest hours,
That round the pathless wanderer pours.
Is nought to what poor she endures
That 's trusted faithless man, jo.
I tell you now, &c.

The sweetest flower that deck'd the mead.

Now trodden like the vilest weed,

Let simple maid the lesson read,

The wierd may be her ain, jo.

I tell you now, &c.

The bird that charm'd his summer day, Is now the cruel fowler's prey; Let witless, trusting woman say. How aft her fate 's the same, jo. I tell you now, &c.

FORLORN MY LOVE, NO COMFORT NEAR,

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By BURNS.

THE SAME AIR.

Forlorn, my love, no comfort near, Far, far from thee, I wander here; Far, far from thee, the fate severe At which I most repine, Love. O wert thou, Love, but near me, But near, near, near me; How kindly thou would'st cheer me, And mingle sighs with mine, Love.

Around me scowls a wintry sky,

That blasts each bud of hope and joy;

And shelter, shade, nor home, have I,

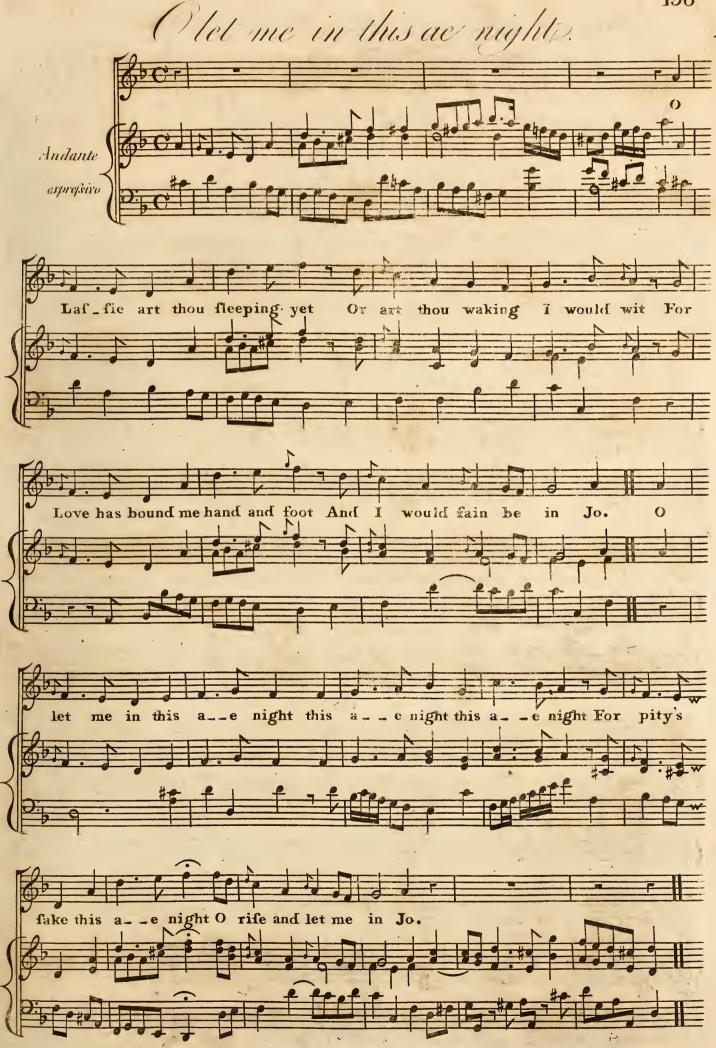
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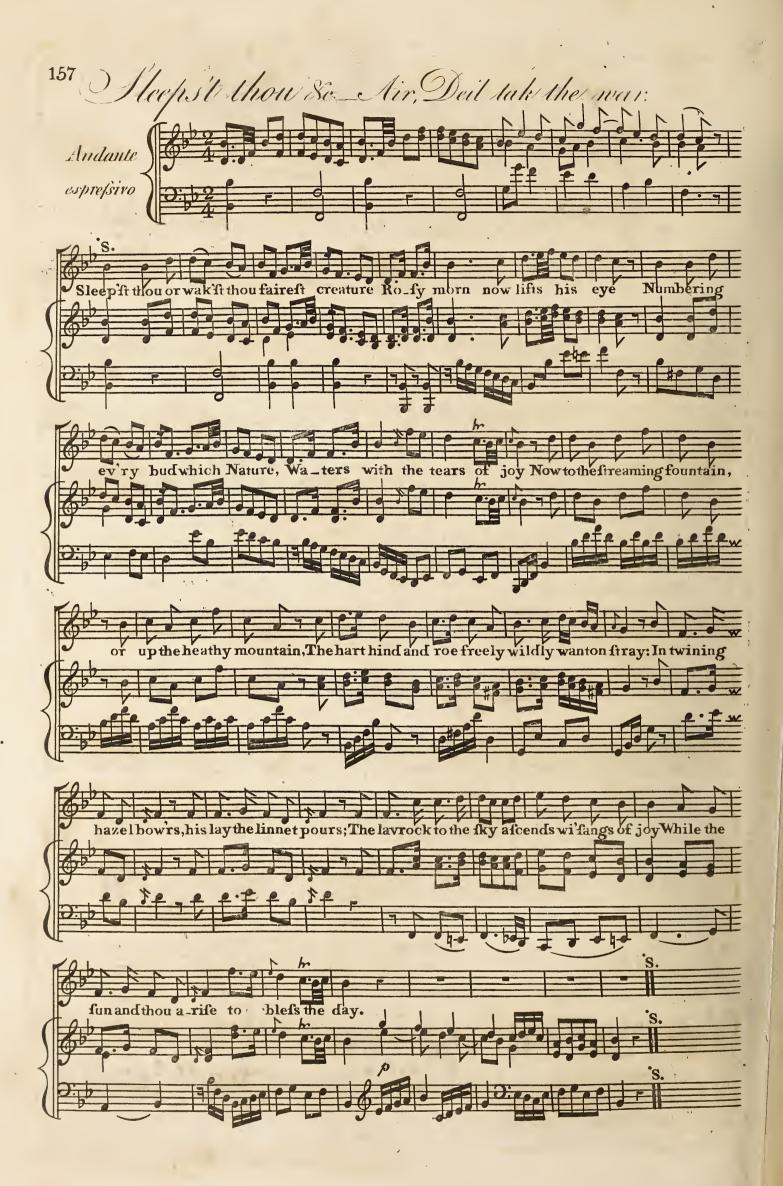
But dreary tho' the moments fleet,

O let me think we yet shall meet!

That only ray of solace sweet

Can on thy Henry shine, Love! O wert, &c.





SLEEP'ST THOU, OR WAK'ST THOU, FAIREST CREATURE.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By BURNS.

AIR. - DEIL TAK' THE WARS.

SLEEP'ST thou, or wak'st thou, fairest creature;
Rosy morn now lifts his eye,
Numbering ev'ry bud which nature
Waters wi' the tears of joy.
Now, to the streaming fountain,
Or up the heathy mountain,
The hart, hind, and roe, freely, wildly-wanton stray:
In twining hazel bowers,
His lay the linnet pours;
The lavrock, to the sky
Ascends wi' sangs o' joy;
While the sun and thou arise to bless the day.

Phœbus, gilding the brow of the morning,
Banishes ilk darksome shade,
Nature gladdening and adorning;
Such to me my lovely maid.
When frae my Jeany parted,
Sad, cheerless, broken-hearted, (my sky:
Then night's gloomy shades, cloudy, dark, o'ercast
But when she charms my sight,
In pride of beauty's light;
When through my very heart
Her beaming glories dart;
'Tis then—'tis then, I wake to life and joy!

MARK YONDER POMP OF COSTLY FASHION.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By BURNS.

THE SAME AIR.

Mark yonder pomp of costly fashion,
Round the wealthy, titled bride:
But when compar'd with real passion;
Poor is all that princely pride.
What are their showy treasures,
What are their noisy pleasures,
The gay gaudy glare of vanity and art:
The polish'd jewel's blaze
May draw the wond'ring gaze,
And courtly grandeur bright
The fancy may delight,
But never, never can come near the heart.

But did you see my dearest Phillis,
In simplicity's array;
Lovely as yonder sweet opening flower is,
Shrinking from the gaze of day.
O then the heart alarming,
And all resistless charming,
In love's delightful fetters, she chains the willing soul!
Ambition would disown
The world's imperial crown,
Even av'rice would deny
His worshipp'd deity,
And feel thro' every vein love's raptures roll.

COMING THRO' THE CRAIGS OF KYLE.

WRITTEN

By MISS JEAN GLOVER.

AIR .- O'ER THE MOOR AMANG THE HEATHER.

Coming thro' the craigs of Kyle,
Amang the bonnie blooming heather,
There I met a bonnie lassie
Keeping a' her ewes thegether.
O'er the moor amang the heather,
O'er the moor amang the heather;
There I met a bonnie lassie,
Keeping a' her ewes thegether.

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Said I, my dear, where is thy hame,
In moor, or dale, pray tell me whether is
She said, I tent the fleecy flocks
That feed among the blooming heather.
O'er the moor among the heather,
O'er the moor among the heather,
She said, I tent the fleecy flocks
That feed among the blooming heather.

We sat us down upon a bank, Sae warm and sunny was the weather, She left her flocks at large to rove, Amang the bonnie blooming heather. O'er the moor amang the heather,
O'er the moor amang the heather,
She left her flocks at large to rove,
Amang the bonnie blooming heather.

While thus we sat, she sung a sang,
'Till echo rang a mile and farther,
And ay the burden o' the sang
Was—o'er the moor amang the heather.
O'er the moor amang the heather,
O'er the moor amang the heather,
And ay the burden o' the sang
Was o'er the moor amang the heather.

She charm'd my heart, and ay sinsyne I cou'dna think on ony ither:
By sea and sky! she shall be mine!
The bonnie lass among the heather.
O'er the moor among the heather;
O'er the moor among the heather:
By sea and sky! she shall be mine!
The bonnie lass among the heather.

BE MINE A COT IN SOME LONE GLEN.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By JOHN RICHARDSON.

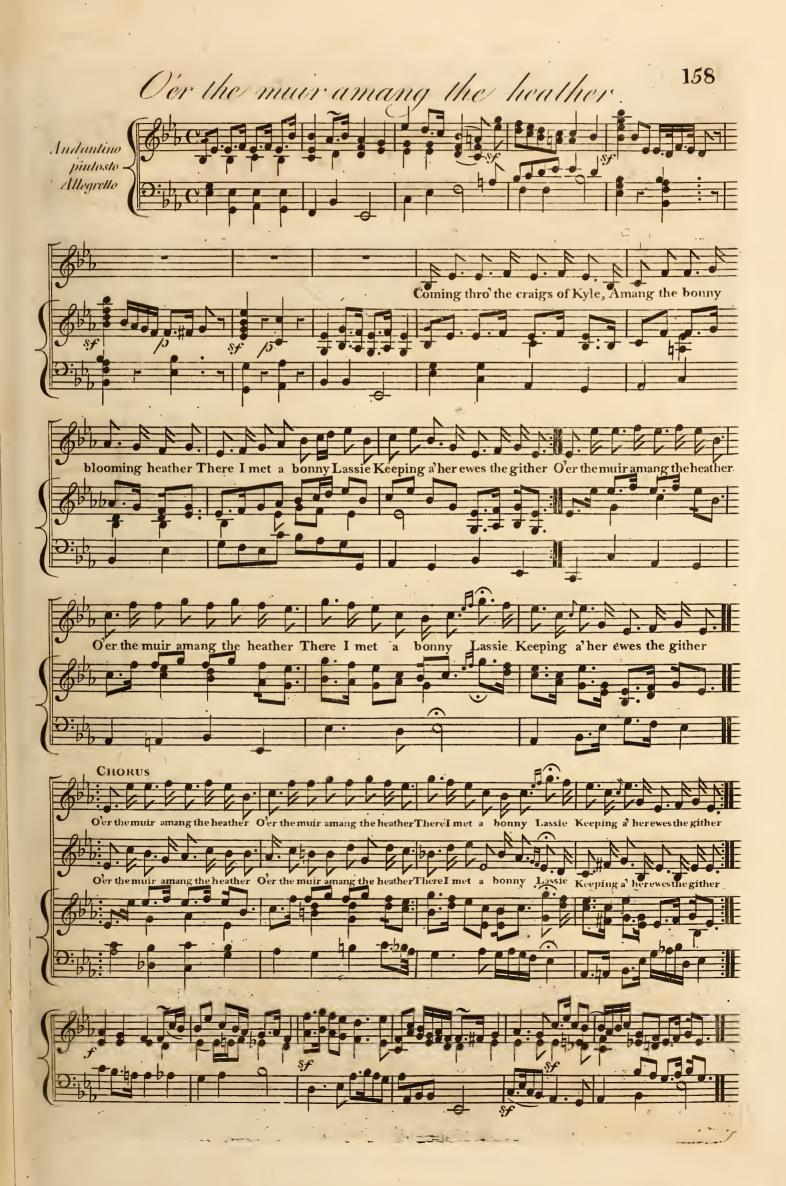
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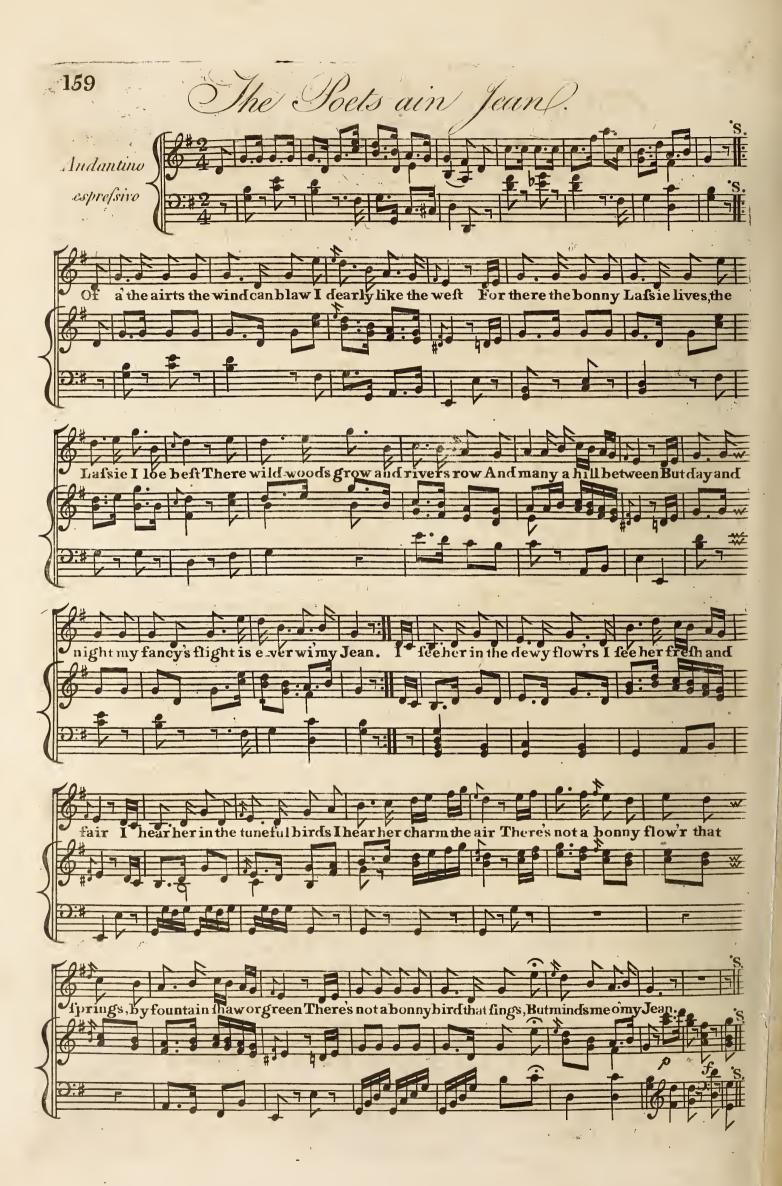
Be mine a cot in some lone glen,
Around it many a brier bush growing;
May dewy rosebuds fragrance lend,
Among the grass sweet vi'lets blowing:
There with thee contented living,
There with thee contented living,
I'll envy not the richest gifts
In faithless fickle Fortune's giving.

To shield us from the winter's storm, An oak its lofty branches spreading; Around the door (the songsters haunt) The holly's verdure never fading. There with thee, $\mathcal{C}c$.

Our garden water'd by a stream, Along a pebbled bed clear shining, Round every tree that decks its bank. The woodbine and the ivy twining. There with thee, &c.

Let others through the world toil
For honours, empty rank, and treasure,
I'm happier in my humble cot,
My Jcanie's love my dearest pleasure.
There with thee contented living,
There with thee contented living,
I'll envy not the richest gifts
In faithless, fickle Fortune's giving.





OF A' THE AIRTS THE WIND CAN BLAW.

WRITTEN

By BURNS.

AIR,-THE POET'S AIN JEAN.

Of a' the airts the wind can blaw,

I dearly like the west,

For there the bonnie lassie lives,

The lassie I lo'e best.

There wild-woods grow, and rivers row,

And mony a hill between;

But day and night my fancy's flight

Is ever wi' my Jean.

I see her in the dewy flowers,
I see her sweet and fair;
I hear her in the tunefu' birds,
I hear her charm the air.
There 's not a bonnie flower that springs,
By fountain, shaw or green;
There 's not a bonnie bird that sings,
But minds me o' my Jean.

Added by Mr RICHARDSON for this Work.

Her lips are like the red rose bud,
Sweet blushing to the morn,
Her breath is fresher than the bean,
The fragrance of the thorn.

The dew-drop in the morning sun,
It canna match her een;
O! life wou'd hae nae joys for me,
If 'twere na for my Jean.

Dear is the spot I saw her first,

The grove where aft we met,

But where I bade her last fareweel,

That place I'll ne'er forget;

For there within my arms she vow'd,

(The tear was in her ee)

That heav'n, and earth, and a' wou'd change,

Ere she prov'd fause to me.

THE SILVER MOON, &c.-OB,-KATE OF ABERDEEN.

WRITTEN

By CUNNINGHAM.

THE SAME AIR.

The silver moon's enamour'd beam
Steals softly thro' the night,
To wanton with the winding stream,
And kiss reflected light.
To beds of state, go, balmy sleep!
('Tis where you've seldom been),
May's vigil while the shepherds keep
With Kate of Aberdeen.

Upon the green the virgins wait,
In rosy chaplets gay,
Till morn unbar her golden gate,
And give the promis'd May.
Methinks I hear the maids declare
The promis'd May, when seen,
Not half so fragrant, half so fair,
As Kate of Aberdeen.

Strike up the tabor's boldest notes,
We'll rouse the nodding grove;
The nested birds shall raise their throats,
And hail the maid I love:
And see—the matin lark mistakes,
He quits the tufted green:
Fond bird! 'tis not the morning breaks,
'Tis Kate of Aberdeen.

Now lightsome o'er the level mead,
Where midnight fairies rove,
Like them, the jocund dance we'll lead,
Or tune the reed to love:
For see the rosy May draws nigh;
She claims a virgin queen:
And, hark! the happy shepherds cry,
'Tis Kate of Aberdeen.

O PHELY, HAPPY BE THAT DAY.

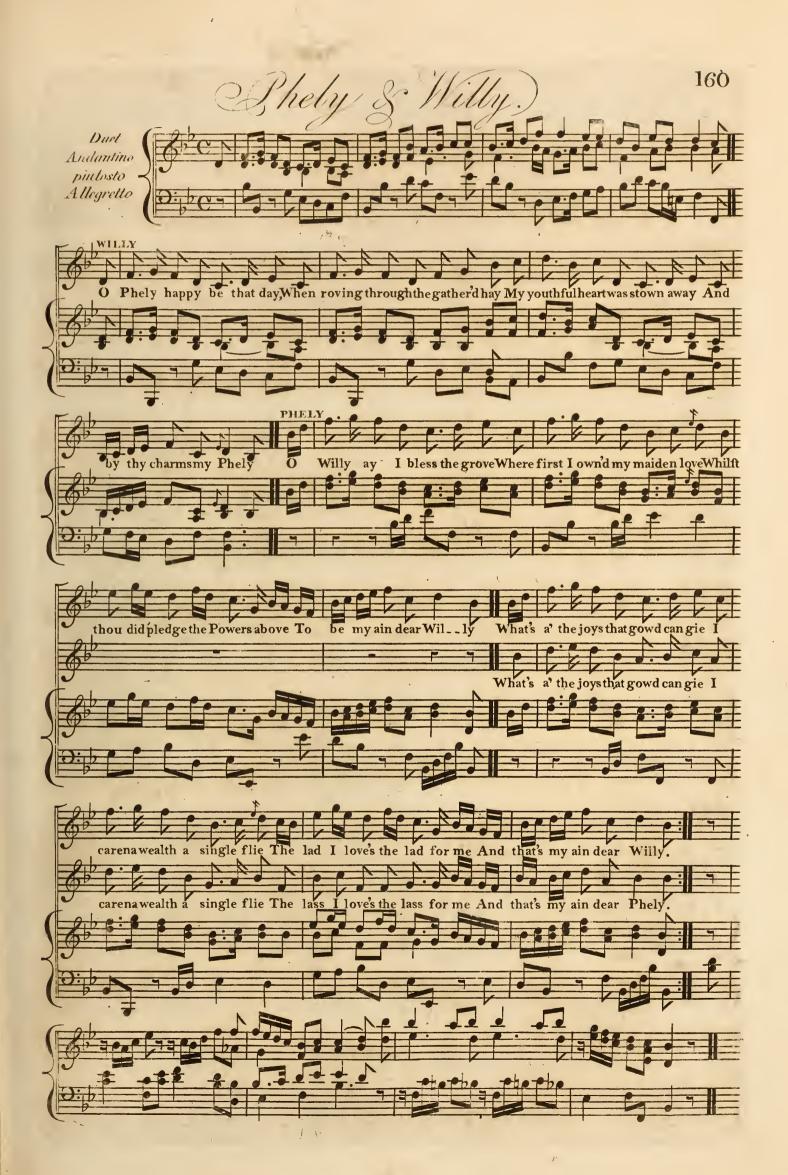
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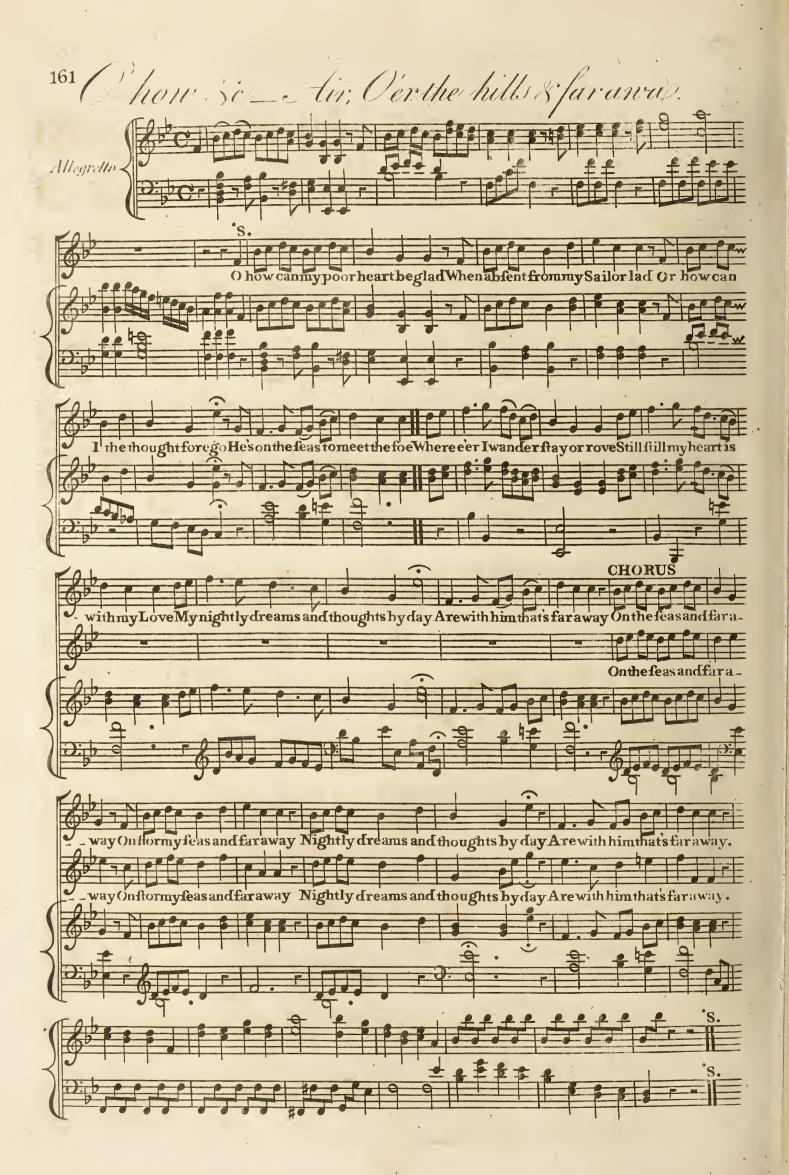
By BURNS.

A JACOBITE AIR.

- O PHELY, happy be that day,
- ' When roving through the gather'd hay,
- ' My youthful heart was stown away,
- ' And by thy charms, my Phely.
- "O Willy, ay I bless the grove
- "Where first I own'd my maiden love,
- "Whilst thou did pledge the Powers above,
- "To be my ain dear Willy.
- ' As songsters of the early year
- ' Are ilka day mair sweet to hear,
- ' So ilka day to me mair dear
- ' And charming is my Phely.
- "As on the brier the budding rose
- "Still richer breathes and fairer blows,
- "So in my tender bosom grows.
- "The love I bear my Willy.
- 'The milder sun and bluer sky
- 'That crown my harvest cares wi' joy,
- 'Were ne'er sae welcome to my eye,
- 'As is a sight o' Phely.

- "The little swallow's wanton wing,
- "Tho' wafting o'er the flowery spring,
- "Did ne'er to me sic tidings bring,
- " As meeting o' my Willy.
- 'The bee that thro' the sunny hour
- ' Sips nectar in the op'ning flower,
- 'Compar'd wi' my delight is poor
- ' Upon the lips o' Phely.
- "The woodbine in the dewy weet,
- "When evening shades in silence meet,
- " Is nought sae fragrant or sae sweet
- "As is a kiss o' Willy.
- 'Let fortune's wheel at random rin,
- 'And fools may tyne, and knaves may win;
- ' My thoughts are a' bound up in ane,
- ' And that 's my ain dear Phely.
- "What's a' the joys that gowd can gi'e?
- "I care na wealth a single flie;
- "The lad I love's the lad for me,
- " And that 's my ain dear Willy.





HOW CAN MY POOR HEART BE GLAD.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By BURNS.

AIR .- O'ER THE HILLS AND FAR AWA.

How can my poor heart be glad,
When absent from my sailor lad;
How can I the thought forego,
He's on the seas to meet the foe:
Let me wander, let me rove,
Still my heart is with my love;
Nightly dreams, and thoughts by day,
Are with him that's far away.
On the seas and far away,
Nightly dreams, and thoughts by day,
Are with him that's far away.

At the starless midnight hour,
When winter rules with boundless power,
As the storms the forest tear,
And thunders rend the howling air,
Listening to the doubling roar,
Surging on the rocky shore;
All I can—I weep and pray
For his weal that 's far away.
On the seas and far away,
On stormy seas and far away,
Nightly dreams, and thoughts by day,
Are with him that 's far away.

Peace, thy olive wand extend,
And bid wild war his ravage end,
Man with brother man to meet,
And as a brother kindly greet:
Then may heaven with prosperous gales,
Fill my sailor's welcome sails,
To my arms their charge convey,
My dear lad that 's far away.
On the seas and far away,
On stormy seas and far away,
Nightly dreams, and thoughts by day,
Are with him that 's far away.

LAMENT OF THE THE BORDER WIDOW.

FROM

SCOTT'S MINSTRELSY,

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AIR. -THE BORDER WIDOW'S LAMENT.

This affecting Fragment, obtained by Mr Scott from recitation; is said to relate to the execution of COCKBURNE of Henderland, a Border freebooter, hanged over the gate of his own tower by JAMES V., in the course of that memorable expedition in 1529, which was fatal to JOHNIE ARMSTRONG, ADAM SCOTT of Tushielaw, and many other marauders.

My love built me a bonnie bower, And elad it a' wi' lily flower; A brawer bower ye ne'er did see, Than my true love he built for me.

There eame a man, by middle day, He spied his sport, and went away; And brought the king, at dead of night, Who brake my bower, and slew my knight. No living creature eame that way.

He slew my knight, to me sae dear; He slew my knight, and poin'd his gear; My servants all for life did flee, And left me in extremitie.

I sew'd his sheet, making my mane; I wateh'd the eorpse, myself alane; I wateh'd his body, night and day;

Nae living man I'll love again, Since that my lovely knight is slain; Wi' ae loek of his yellow hair, I'll chain my heart for evermair.

I took his body on my back, And whiles I gaed, and whiles I sat; I digg'd a grave, and laid him in, And happ'd him with the sod sae green.

But think na ve my heart was sair. When I laid the mould on his yellow hair? O think na ye my heart was wae. When I turn'd about, away to gae?

THE CRUEL CHIEF,

FOUNDED ON AN OLD HIGHLAND TRADITION.

From a Manuscript presented to the Editor, never before published.

THE SAME AIR.

WITH trembling feet near the close of day, The sun was sinking in the sea, Through you green wood I made my way, No more to eheer, or lighten me; I met the chief of Auchnaeloy, And never from that hour knew joy.

He ask'd what I did there alone, And where the grey hair'd earle was gone, I thought his look would split my heart, Who bore the banner with such pride, And the comely youth that fought beside.

My faltering tongue, unus'd to lie, The tear that glisten'd in my eye, My cheek by sudden fear made cold, Too well the fatal secret told!

With eords he bound me to an oak, And eruel words of terror spoke, To make me show the secret way

- "O spare my father's hoary hair,
- " My true love's spring of beauty spare;"-
- 'I'll give a ehief's unbroken word,
- ' And pledge my honour on my sword.'
- "O if this vow you break to me,
- "The gates of bliss may you never see:"— I soon must mingle with the dead,
- If I should break my plighted word,
- 'Then break the arm that wields the sword.' And bitter are the dregs of life.

My eyes grew dim while I led the way To the yellow broom where my father lay; Methought the birds as I went along Bemoan'd me in their ev'ning song!

The raven croak'd as I drew near, Methought the eehoes cry'd, forbear!

But when I saw my true love start, And when I heard my father sigh, I shrunk, and durst not meet his eye!

O then the gloomy Auchnaeloy Beheld my grief with savage joy. "With one of these you now must part,

- "Tho' not to slay them, I gave my oath,
- "I promis'd not to save them both;
- Where my father dear, and my true love lay. " Or the youthful lover's blood be shed?" He had but moek'd me all the while!

No words had I, no tear could flow, - My father saw my silent woe;

- ' My daughter, why that mournful pause,
- 'I wish not life, I have no eause!
- The snow of time is on my head,
- ' My sons fell in this fatal strife,
- Forlorn and sad, without a home, 'A wretehed outcast I must roam!
- 'No eare have I on earth but thee,
- Then set the youthful warrior free.

- 'His valiant arm and well bent bow
- Shall shelter thee when I am low
- ' His sons may yet revenge this shame,
- ' And bear our arms, and raise our name.'

My love with downeast eyes stood near, And lean'd in silence on his spear, O had the ehief been there alone, 'Twould soon have reach'd his heart of stone.

Why, father, didst thou urge in vain! Why, nature, didst thou plead in vain! Why did I speak the guilty word, "Then say who firmest holds your heart. Nor trust in heaven's avenging Lord!

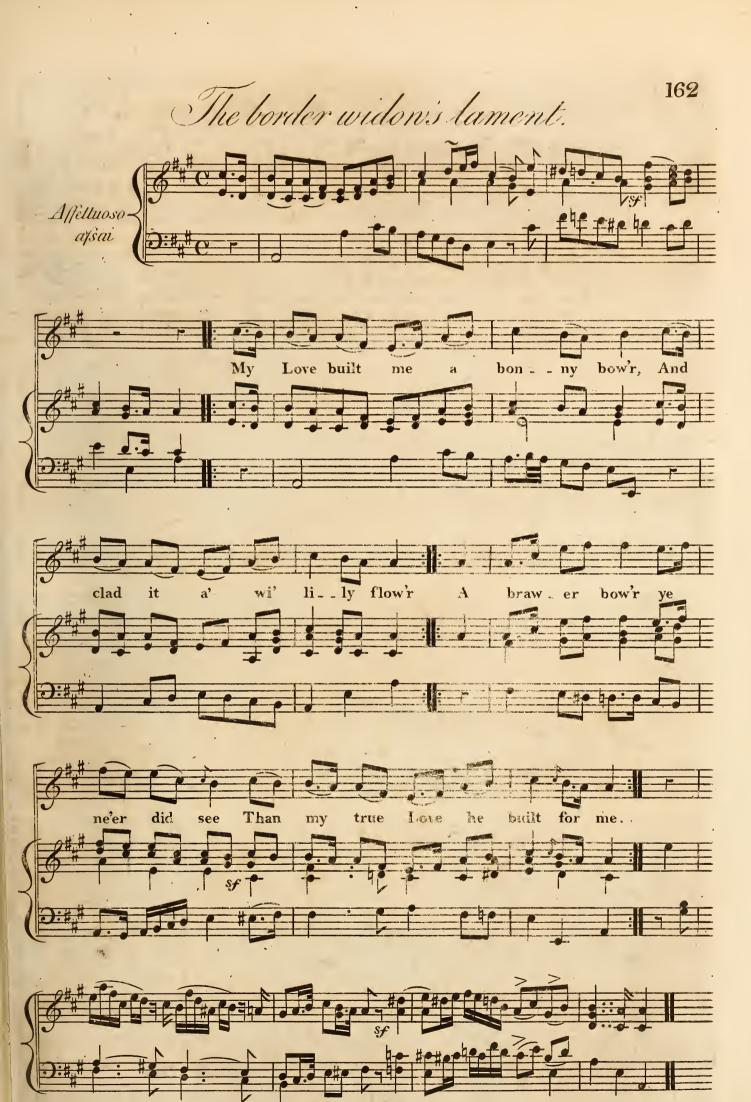
With broken voice I gave consent, I hop'd the ehief would still relent; "Shall the sword then strike the hoary head? But he told me with a seornful smile,

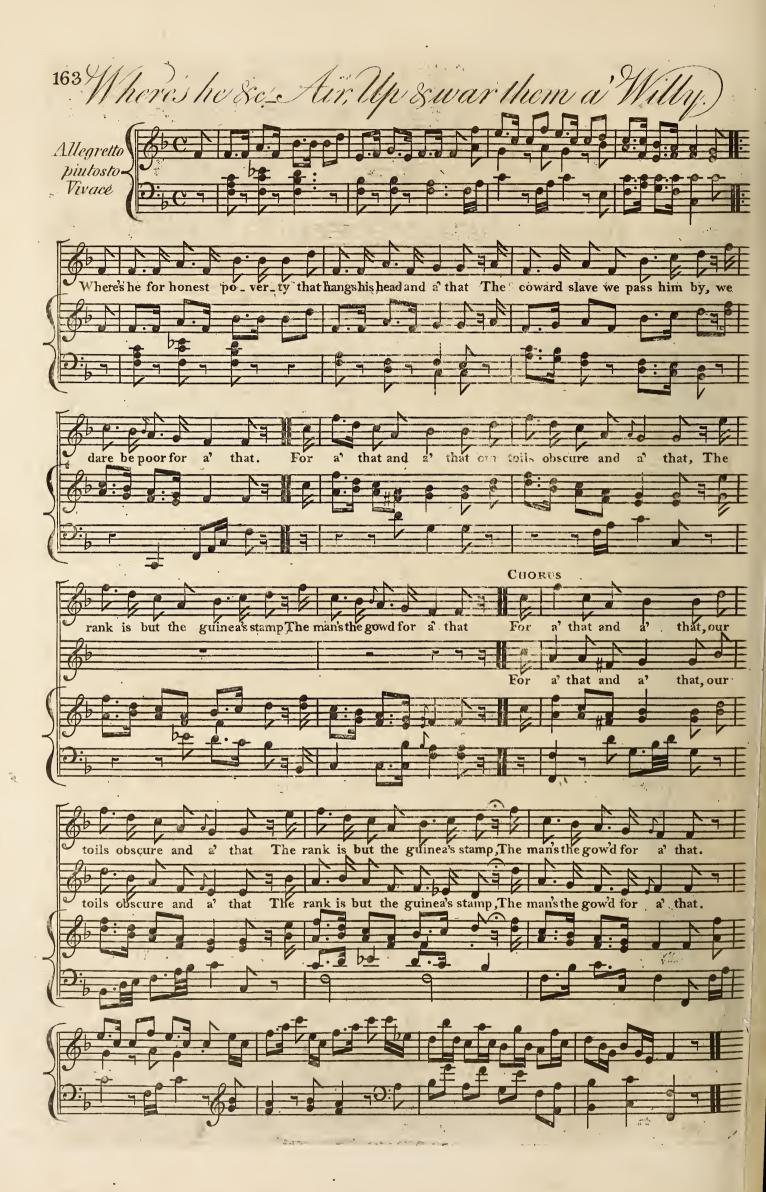
> He drew an arrow to the head, And thro' my true love's heart it sped:-

- "Another lover you may gain,
- "But a father you would seek in vain."

My father sunk where my lover died, I kneel'd in fierce despair beside,

- "O never monster may'st thou see "A gallant son to honour thee!
- "O never may a daughter fair
- " Arise to bless thy hoary hair:
- " As my father's race now ends in me,
- "So may thy bloody house in thee!"





MAN THE BEST OF MEN THE HONEST

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By BURNS.

The Editor has taken the liberty to alter the two first words of this Song, for the sake of the Music, and because there is an ellipsis in the line as it stands in the Author's copy, " Is there for honest poverty," which, in singing at least, has not a good effect.

AIR.—UP AND WAR THEM A' WILLY.

Where's he, 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 farc 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 tinscl shew, and a' that,

The honest man, tho' e'er sae poor,

Is king o' men, for a' that. For a' that, &c.

Ye sec yon birkie, ca'd a Lord,

Wha struts and stares, and a' that;

Though hundreds worship at his word,

Hc's but a coof for a' that:

For a' that, and a' that,

His ribband, 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.

BUT ARE YOU NEWS IS TRUE. SURE THE

THE SAME AIR.

But are you sure the news is true?

And are you sure he's weel?

Is this a time to think o' wark?

Fy, lass, fling by your wheel!

Is this a time to think o' thrift,

When Colin's at the door?

Rax me my cloak, I'll down the key,

And see him come ashore.

There's nae luck about the house,

There's nae luck at a';

There's nae luck about the house,

When our goodman's awa'.

Rise up, and mak' a clean fire-side,

Put on the muckle pot;

Gi'e little Kate her cotton gown,

And Jock his Sunday's coat:

Mak' their shoon as black as slaes,

Their stockings white as snaw;

It's a' to pleasure our goodman,

He likes to see them braw. There's nae luck, &c.

There are two hens into the crib

Ha'e fed this month and mair;

Mak' haste, and thraw their necks about,

That Colin weel may fare.

Bring down to me my bigonet,

My bishop-satin gown;

And then gae tell the bailie's wife,

That Colin's come to town. There's nae luck,&c.

My Turkey slippers I'll put on,

My stockings pearl blue;

And a' to pleasure our goodman,

For he's baith leal and true.

Sae sweet his voice, sae smooth his tongue,

His breath's like cauler air;

His very tread has music in't,

As he comes up the stair. There's nae luck, &c.

And will I see his face again?

And will I hear him speak?

I'm downright dizzy wi' the thought,

In troth I'm like to greet! There's nae luck, &c.

O! SAY, MY SWEET NAN, CAN YOU LIE IN A HAMMOCK?

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By HECTOR MACNEILL, Esq.

AIR-O BONNY LASS, WILL YOU LIE IN A BARRACK.

- O say, my sweet Nan, can you lie in a hammock,
- While the mountain-seas rage, can you swing in a hammock,
- As the winds roar aloft, and rude billows dash o'er us,
- Can my Nancy sleep soundly amid the wild chorus?
- "O yes! my dear Jack! I can lie in a hammock
- "While the mountain-seas rage, can sleep sound in a hammock,
- "Rude billows will rock mc when love smiles to cheer me;—
- "If thy slumber's sweet, Jack, no dangers can fear me!"
- But say! my sweet lass, when the tempest 's all smashing,
- 'The topsails all split, and the topmasts down crashing!
- When all hands spring aloft, and no lover to cheer her,
- Will my Nancy not shrink, when such dangers are near her?
- "Ah no! my lov'd Jack, while the tempest's loud bawling,
- "The topsails all split, and the topmasts down falling,
- "In watching your dangers, my own will pass over,
- "In prayers for your safety, no fears I'll discover."
- But say! if at night the sad cry comes for wearing,
- The breakers a-head, and the boatswain loud swearing;
- While the main-yard dips deep, and white billows break o'er us,
- Will my Nancy not shrink, then, amid the dread chorus?
- "O no! my dear lad, when these dangers are near me,
- "My Jack's kindly whispers will soothe me-will cheer me;
- "A kiss snatch'd in secret amid the dread horror,
- "Will hush the rude chorus, and still ev'ry terror!"
- 'But oh! my lov'd Nan, when the ship is done clearing,
- The matches all lighted,—the French foe fast nearing,
- Can you stand to your gun, while pale death drops around you?
- 'Tis then, my sweet Nancy! new fears will confound you!'
- "No, no! my dear Jack, to these fears love 's a stranger;
- "When you fight by my side, I'll defy every danger;
- "On your fate my fond eye will be fixt while you're near me,
- "If you fall! Nancy dies-if you live, love will cheer me!"

TO BE SUNG BY BOTH AT SAME TIME.

- Come! come, then, dear Nan! let us swing in a hammock!
- While mountain-seas dash round, sleep sound in our hammock!
- With love such as thine, who would dread war or weather!
- While we live, we shall love !--when we fall !--fall together!'
- "Come! come, then, dear Jack, let us swing in a hammock!
- While mountain-seas dash round, sleep sound in our hammock!
- "With love such as thine, who would dread war or weather!" While welive, we shall love!—when we fall—fall together!"

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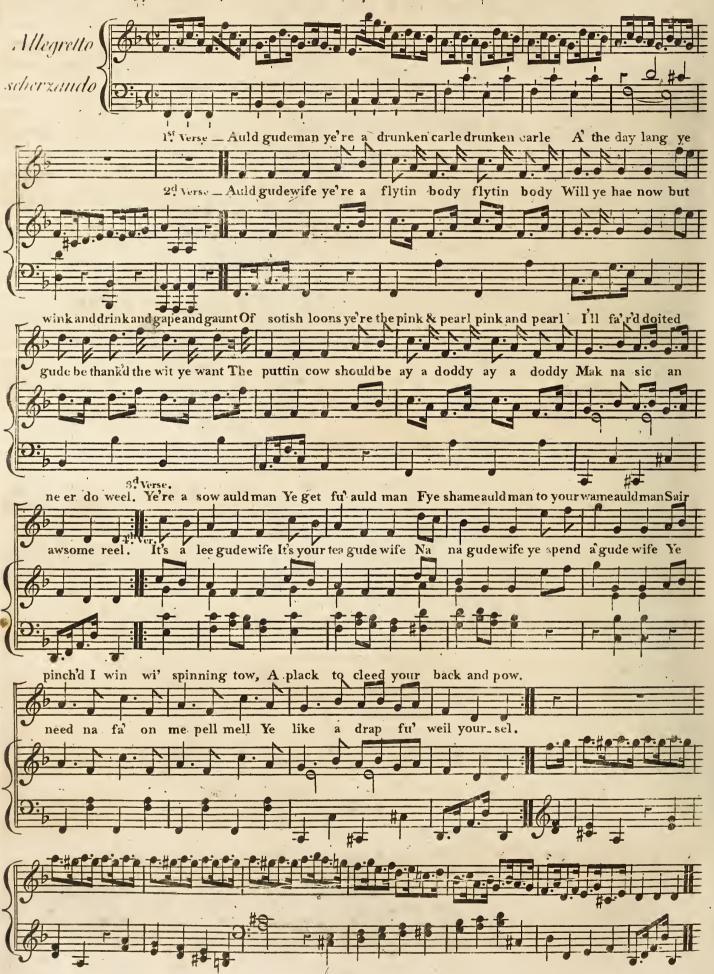
- O! say, bonny lass, will you lie in a barrack,
- And marry a soldier, and carry his wallet;
- O! say, wou'd you leave baith your mither and daddy,
- And follow the camp with your soldier laddy?'
- "O! yes, bonny lad, I could lie in a barrack,
- "And marry a soldier, and carry his wallet;
- "I'd neither ask leave of my mither or daddy,
- "But follow my dearest, my soldier laddy."

- O! say, bonny lass, wou'd you go a campaigning,
- And bear all the hardships of battle and famine;
- When wounded and bleeding, then wou'dst thou draw near me,
- 'And kindly support me, and tenderly cheer me?'
- "O! yes, bonny lad, I'll think naething of it,
- "But follow my Henry, and carry his wallet;
- "Nor dangers, nor famine, nor wars, can alarm me,
- " My soldier is near me, and naething can harm me."
- But say, bonny lass, when I go into battle,
- Where dying men groan, and loud cannons rattle!
- "O then, bonny lad, I will share a' thy harms,
- "And shou'dst thou be kill'd, I will die in thy arms!"
- But say bonny lass, &c.



Auld gudeman_Air, The east neak of Tifes.

Each half of this air must be twice sung; the first time with
the upper line of words & then of course with the under line.



AULD GUDEMAN, YE'RE A DRUNKEN CARLE.

WRITTEN

By ALEXANDER BOSWELL, Esq. of Auchinleck,

AND HERE PUBLISHED BY HIS PERMISSION.

AIR-THE EAST NEUK O' FIFE.

She. Auld gudeman, ye're a drunken carle, drunken carle, A' the lang day ye wink and drink, and gape and gaunt; Of sottish loons ye're the pink and pearl, pink and pearl, Ill fa'rd, doited, ne'er-do-weel.

He. Hech, gudewife! ye're a flytin body, flytin body;
Will ye hae, but gude be prais'd, the wit ye want;
The puttin cow should be ay a doddy, ay a doddy,
Mak na sic an awsome reel.

She. Ye're a sow, auld man,
Ye get fou, auld man,
Fye shame, auld man,
To your wame auld man,
Pinch'd I win, wi' spinnin tow,

A plack to clead ye're back and pow.

He. It's a lie, gudewife,
It's your tea, gudewife;
Na, na, gudewife,
Ye spend a', gudewife,
Dinna fa' on me pell-mell,
Ye like a drap fou-weel yoursel.

She. Ye's rue, auld gowk, your jest and frolic, jest and frolic, Dare ye say, goose, I ever lik'd to tak a drappy?

An 'twerena just for to cure the cholic, cure the cholic,

De'il a drap wad weet my mou.

He. Troth, gudewife, ye wadna swither, wadna swither,
Soon soon to tak a cholic, whan it brings a drap o' cappy;
But twa score o' years we hae fought thegither, fought thegither,
Time it is to gree, I trow.

She.

I'm wrang, auld John,

Owr lang, auld John,

For nought, gude John,

We hae fought, gude John;

Let's help to bear ilk ither's weight,

We're far owre feckless now to feght.

He. Ye're right, gudewife,

The night, gudewife,

Our cup, gude Kate,

We'll sup, gude Kate;

Thegither frae this hour we'll draw,

And toom the stoup atween us twa!

HARK THE MAVIS' EVENING SANG.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By BURNS.

AIR .- THE MAID THAT TENDS THE GOATS.

Sounding Clouden's woods amang;
Then a faulding let us gang,
My bonnie dearie.
Ca' the ewes to the knowes,
Ca' them where the heather grows,
Ca' them where the burnie rows,
My bonnie, bonnie, dearie.
Ca' them where the burn rows,
My bonnie dearie.

We'll gae down by Clouden-side,
Through the hazel's spreading wide
O'er the waves, that sweetly glide
To the moon sae clearly. Ca' the ewes, &c.

Yonder Clouden's silent towers,
Where at moon-shine mid-night hours,
O'er the dewy bending flowers
Fairies dance sae cheery. Ca' the ewes, &c.

Gaist nor bogle shalt thou fear,
Thou 'rt to love and heaven sae dear,
Nought of ill may come thee near,
My bonnic dearie.

Ca' the ewes, &c.

Fair and lovely as thou art,
Thou hast stown my very heart,
I can die,—but canna part,
My bonnie dearie.

Ca' the ewes, &c.

UP AMANG YON CLIFFY ROCKS.

By MR DUDGEON.

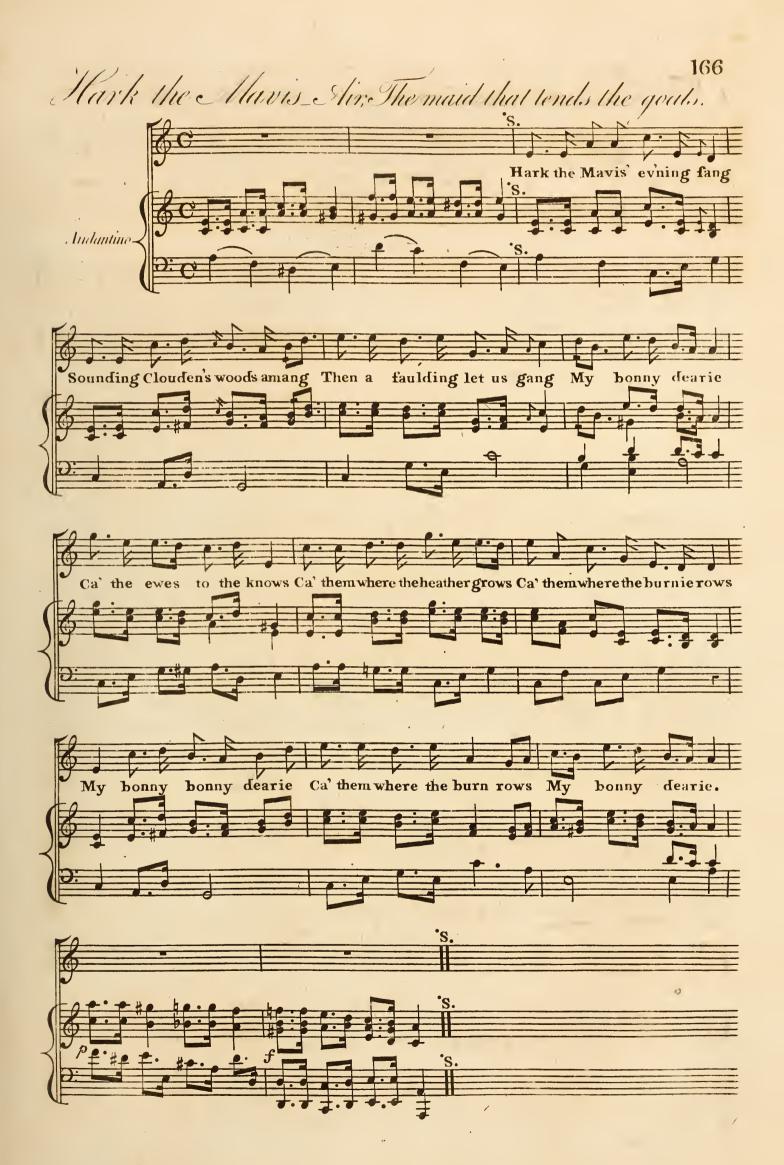
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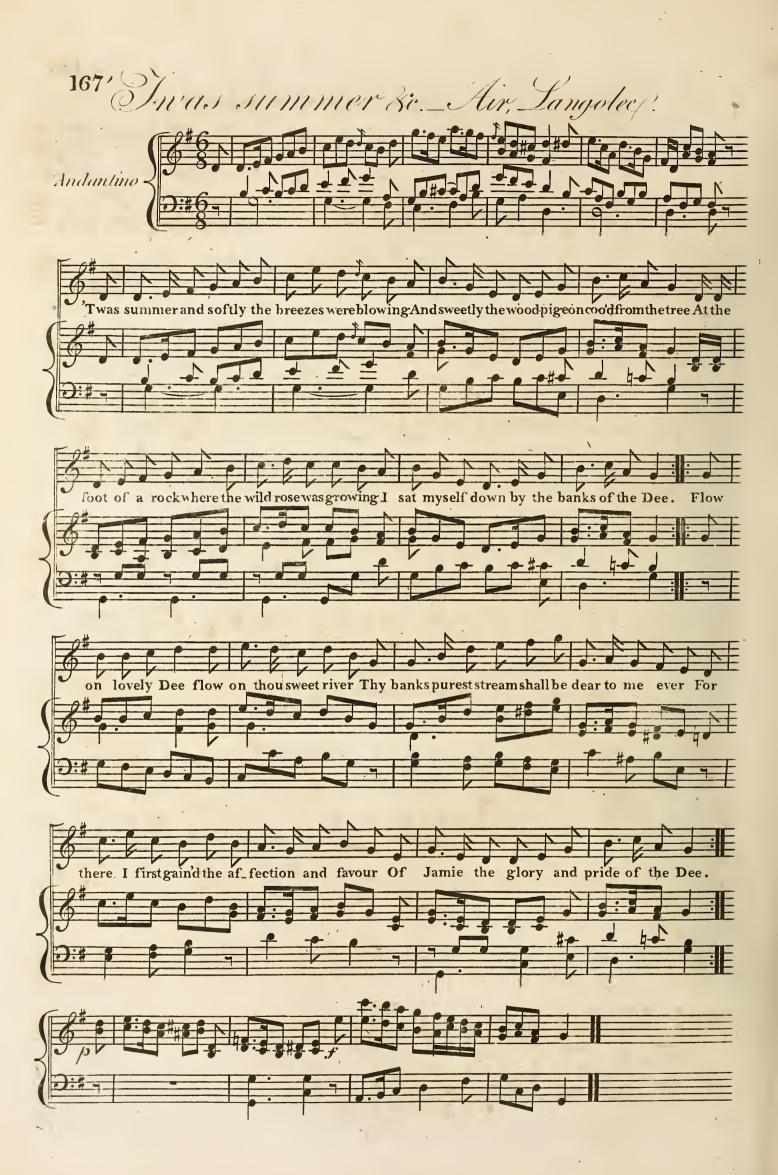
Up amang you cliffy rocks,
Sweetly rings the rising echo,
To the maid that tends the goats,
Lilting o'er her native notes.
Hark! she sings, young Sandy's kind,
And he's promis'd ay to lo'e me;
Here's a brotch, I ne'er shall tine't,
'Till he's fairly married to me.
Drive away, ye drone time,
And bring about our bridal day.

Sandy herds a flock o' sheep,
Aften does he blaw the whistle,
In a strain sae saftly sweet,
Lammies list'ning dare na bleat:
He's as fleet's the mountain roe,

Hardy as the highland heather, Wading through the winter snow, Keeping ay his flock thegither; But a plaid, wi' bare houghs, He braves the bleakest norlin blast.

Brawly can he dance and sing
Canty glec or highland cronach;
Nane can ever match his fling
At a reel or round a ring.
Wightly can he wield a rung,
In a brawl he's ay the bangster;
A' his praise can ne'er be sung
By the langest winded sangster.
Sangs that do o' Sandy sing
Come short, tho' they were e'er sae lang.





TWAS SUMMER, &c .-- THE BANKS OF THE DEE.

WRITTEN

By JOHN TAIT, Esq.

AND RETOUCH'D BY HIM FOR THIS WORK.

AIR .--- LANGOLEE.

Twas summer, and softly the breezes were blowing,
And sweetly the wood-pigeon coo'd from the tree;
At the foot of a rock, where the wild rose was growing,
I sat myself down on the banks of the Dee.
Flow on, lovely Dee! flow on, thou sweet river!
Thy banks, purest stream, shall be dear to me ever;
For there I first gain'd the affection and favour
Of Jamie, the glory and pride of the Dee.

But now he's gone from me, and left me thus mourning,
To quell the proud rebels; for valiant is he:
And, ah! there's no hope of his speedy returning,
To wander again on the banks of the Dee.
He's gone, hapless youth! o'er the rude roaring billows,
The kindest and sweetest of all the gay fellows;
And left me to wander 'mongst those once lov'd willows,
The loneliest maid on the banks of the Dee.

But time and my pray'rs may perhaps yet restore him;

Blest peace may restore my dear Jamie to me:

And when he returns, with such care I'll watch o'er him,

He never shall leave the sweet banks of the Dee.

The Dee then shall flow, all its beauties displaying;

The lambs on its banks shall again be seen playing;

While I with my Jamie am carelessly straying,

And tasting again all the sweets of the Dee.

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I WISH I WERE WHERE HELEN LIES.

AIR.—FAIR HELEN OF KIRKCONNELL *.

I wish I were where Helen lies,
Where night and day on me she cries,
I wish I were where Helen lies,
On fair Kirkconnell lea!

Oh Helen fair! oh Helen chaste!
Were I with thee, I would be blest,
Where thou liest low, and at thy rest
On fair Kirkconnell lea.

Oh Helcn fair, beyond compare, I'll make a garland of thy hair Shall bind my heart for evermair,

Until the day I die!

I wish my grave were growing green, A winding-sheet put o'er my e'en, I wish my grave were growing green On fair Kinkconnell lea!

Curst be the heart that hatch'd the thought,
And curst the hand that fir'd the shot,
When in my arms dear Helen dropt,
And died to succour me.

O think na ye my heart was sair!
My love dropt down and spake nae mair!
O think na ye my heart was sair
On fair Kirkconnell lea!

Where Helen lies, where Helen lies, I wish I were where Helen lies:
Soon may I be where Helen lies,
Who died for love of me!

* The story of this ballad is thus given by Mr Penant, in his Tour in Seotland: "In the burying-ground of Kirkonnel is the grave of the fair Ellen Irvine, and that of her lover: She was daughter of the house of Kirkonnel, and was beloved by two gentlemen at the same time; the one vowed to sacrifice the successful rival to his resentment, and watch'd an opportunity, while the happy pair were sitting on the banks of the Kirtle, that washes these grounds. Ellen perceived the desperate lover on the opposite side, and fondly thinking to save her favourite, interposed, and receiving the wound intended for her beloved, fell and expired in his arms. He instantly revenged her death, then fled into Spain, and served for some time against the infidels: On his return he visited the grave of his unfortunate mistress, stretch'd himself on it, and expiring on the spot, was interr'd by her side. A sword and a cross are engraven on the tomb-stone, with, Hie jacet ADAM FLEMING: the only memorial of this unhappy gentleman, except an ancient ballad of no great merit, which records the tragical event." Mr Penant probably alludes to that edition of the ballad which is given in the Statistical Account of the parish of Kirkpatrick-Fleming: it is much longer than the above, and contains some meagre and incongruous verses.

O WERE I LAID WHERE COLIN LIES.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By MRS GRANT.

THE SAME AIR.

O WERE I laid where Colin lies,
Could I but close these weary eyes,
And wake no more, with fruitless sighs,
The joyless day to see!

Or if I still must languish here,
Would but his passing shade appear!
And whisper soft in fancy's ear,
"Come, love, I wait for thee!"

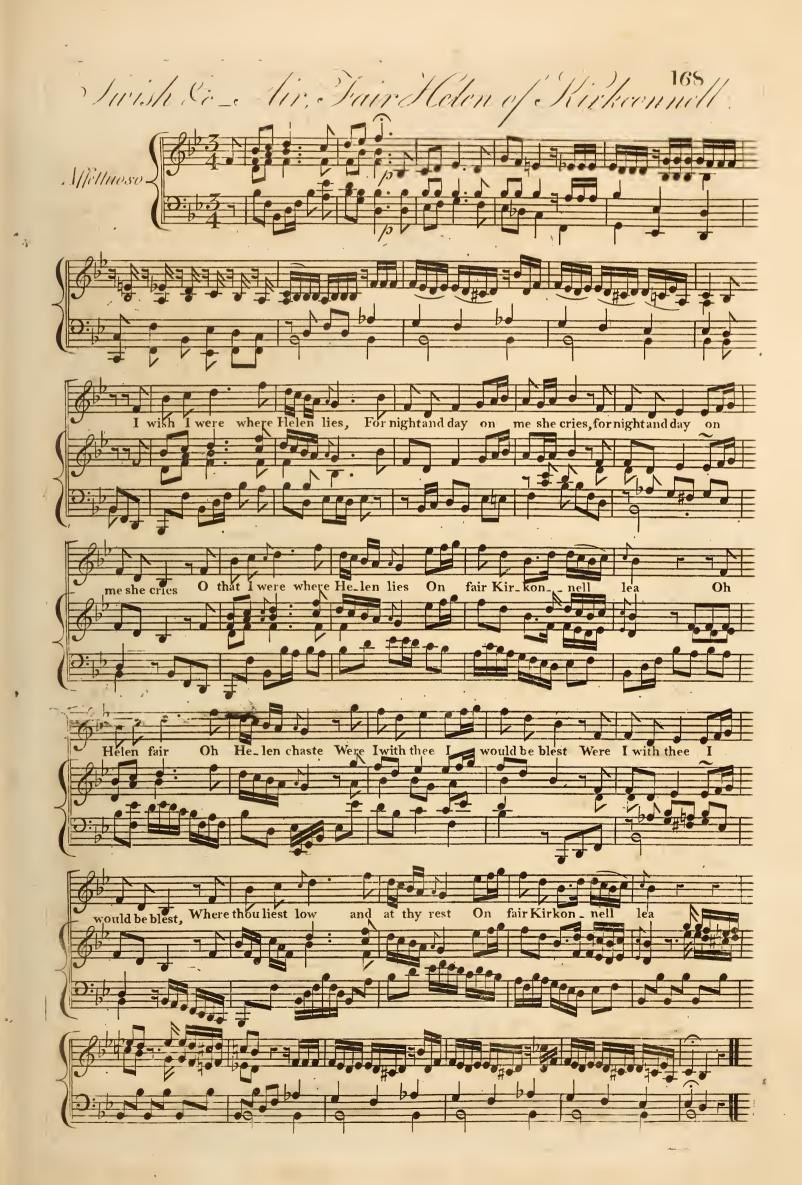
When these sad eyes have ceas'd to weep,
And weary woe is lost in sleep,
Though drowsy dews my senses steep,
My soul still wakes with thee.

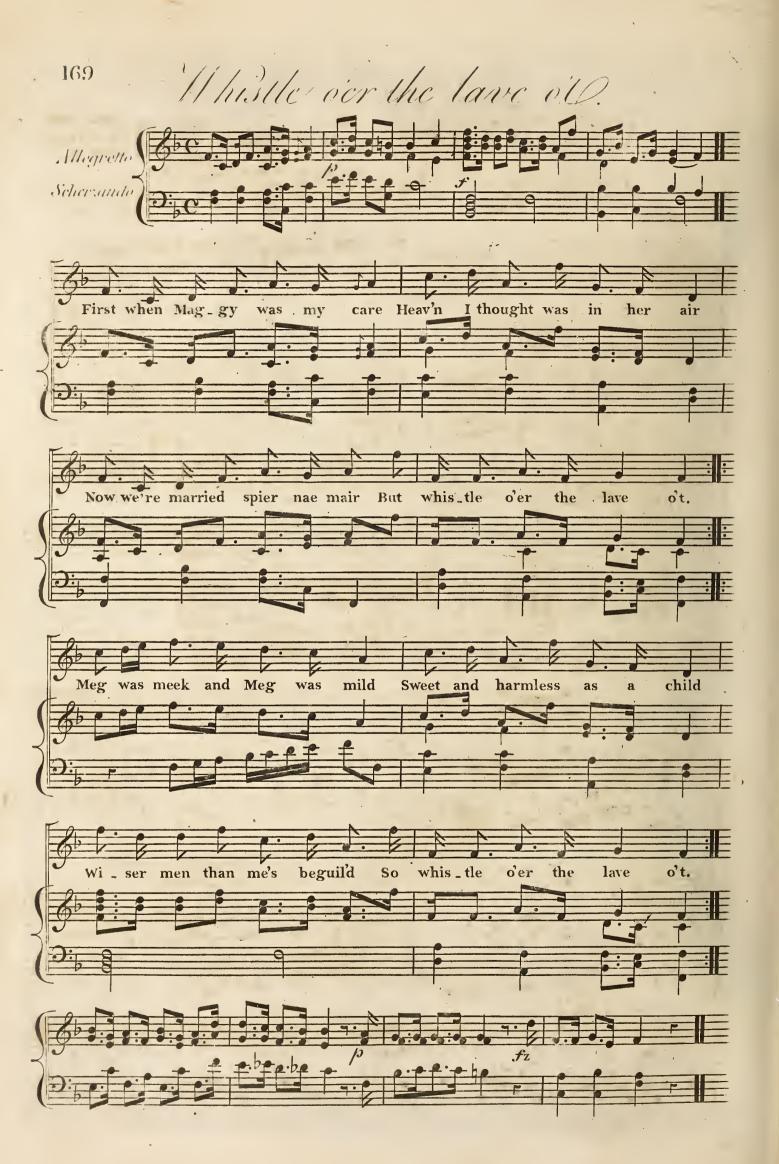
'Tis then I rest from pain a while,
And hear thy voice, and see thy smile,
And all my secret griefs beguile,
Those griefs, so dear to me.

My life, my soul, my all is gone, Forlorn I wander here alone, O were but this my parting groan, For death is life to me!

For though I knew some magic art,
To blot thy image from my heart,
With that lov'd form I ne'er would part,
'Till death should set me free.

Then where our mingled ashes sleep, Shall faithful lovers meet to weep, And tenderest vows in sorrow steep, To love as true as we!





FIRST WHEN MAGGY WAS MY CARE.

By BURNS.

AIR.-WHISTLE O'ER THE LAVE O'T.

First when Maggy was my care,
Heaven, I thought, was in her air;
Now we're married, spier nae mair,
But whistle o'er the lave o't.

Meg was meek, and Meg was mild, Sweet and harmless as a child; Wiser men than me's beguil'd, So whistle o'er the lave o't. How we live, my Meg and me, How we love, and how agree; I care na by how few may see, Whistle o'er the laye o't.

Wha I wish were maggots' meat,
Dish'd up in her winding-sheet;
I could write,—but Meg maun sce't,
Whistle o'er the laye o't.

O WHAT HAD I ADO, &c .-- THE DRUNKEN WIFE O' GALLOWAY.

AIR .--- HOOLY AND FAIRLY.

OH! what had I ado for to marry!

My wife she drinks naething but sack and canary,

I to her friends complain'd right early,

O! gin my wife wou'd drink hooly and fairly, Hooly and fairly, hooly and fairly,

O! gin my wife wou'd drink hooly and fairly.

First she drank Crommy, and syne she drank Garie,
Now she has drunken my bonny grey marie,
That carried me thro' the dubs and the lairie,
O gin my wife, &c.

She drank her hose, she drank her shoon,
And syne she drank her bonny new gown;
She drank her sark that cover'd her rarely;
O gin my wife, &c.

Wou'd she drink her ain things, I wou'd na care;
But she drinks my claiths I canna' weel spare;
When I'm wi' my gossips, it angers me sairly;
O gin my wife, &c.

My Sunday's coat she has laid it a wad,

The best blue bonnet was e'er on my head;

At kirk and at market I'm cover'd but barely;

O gin my wife, &c.

My bonny white mittens I wore on my hands, Wi' her neighbour's wife she has laid them in pawns;

My bane-headed staff that I loo'd so dearly; O gin my wife, &c.

I never was for wrangling nor strife,

Nor did I deny her the comforts of life;

For when there 's a war, I'm ay for a parley;

O gin my wife, &c.

When there 's ony money she maun keep the purse, If I seek but a bawbee, she'll scold and she'll curse, She lives like a queen, I scrimped and sparely;

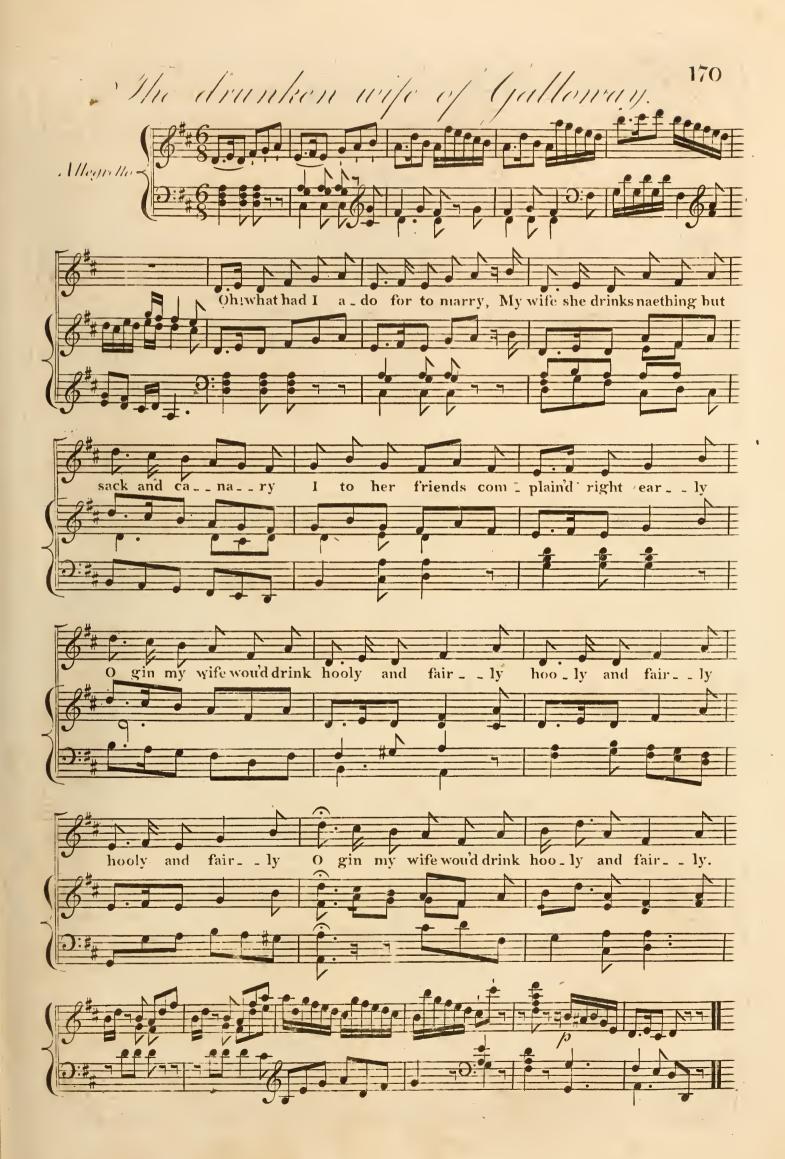
O gin my wife, &c.

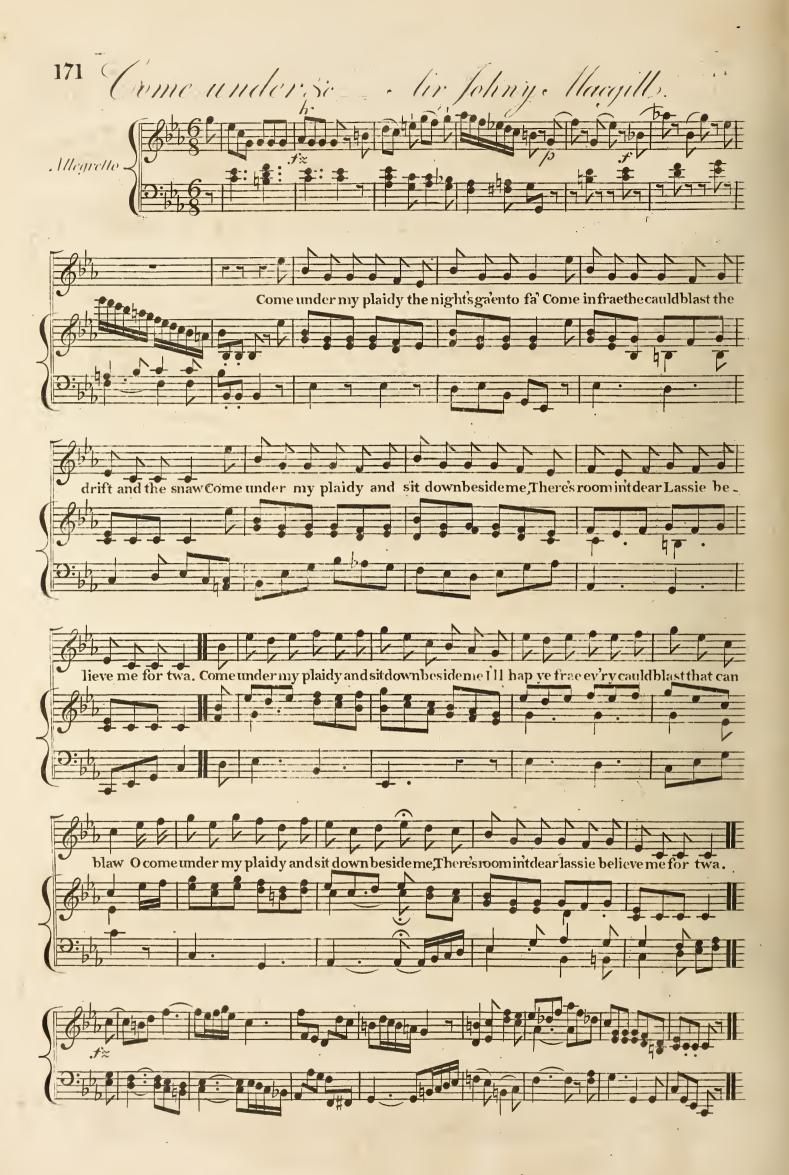
A pint wi' her cummers I wou'd her allow:
But when she sits down, she gets hersel' fu';
And when she is fu' she is unco camstairie;
O gin my wife, &c.

When she comes to the street, she roars and sherants, Has no fear of her neighbours, nor minds the house wants;

Rants some foolish sang, like, Up your heart, Charlie; O gin my wife, &c.

And when she comes hame, she lays on the lads,
The lasses she ca's baith limmers and jades,
And ca's mysel' ay an auld cuckold carlie;
O gin my wife wou'd drink hooly and fairly,
Hooly and fairly, hooly and fairly,
O! gin my wife wou'd drink hooly and fairly.





COME UNDER MY PLAIDY, &c .---- MODERN MARRIAGE DELINEATED.

By HECTOR MACNEILL, Esq.

AIR .--- JOHNY MACGILL.

Come under my plaidy, the night's ga'en to fa'; Come in frae the cauld blast, the drift, and the snaw; Come under my plaidy, and sit down beside me; There's room in't, dear lassie, believe me, for twa. Come under my plaidy, and sit down beside me, I'll hap ye frae ev'ry cauld blast that will blaw: O come under my plaidy, and sit down beside me, There's room in't, dear lassie, believe me, for twa.

Gae 'wa wi' your plaidy! auld Donald gae 'wa!

I fear na the cauld blast, the drift, nor the snaw:
Gae 'wa wi' your plaidy, I'll no sit beside ye:
Ye may be my gutchard!—auld Donald gae 'wa.
I'm ga'en to meet Johnny, he's young and he's bonny;

He's been at Meg's bridal, sae trig and sae braw! O nane dances sae lightly! sae gracefu'! sae tightly! His cheek's like the new rose, his brow's like the snaw.

Dear Marion, let that flee stick fast to the wa;
Your Jock's but a gowk, and has naithing ava;
The hale o' his pack he has now on his back:
He's therty, and I am but threescore and twa.
Be frank now and kindly: I'll busk you ay finely;
To kirk or to market they'll few gang sae braw;
A bein house to bide in, a chaise for to ride in,
And flunkies to tend ye as aft as ye ca'.

'My father ay tell'd me, my mither and a',
Ye'd mak a gude husband, and keep me ay braw;
It's true I lo'e Johnny, he's gude and he's bonny,
But waes me! ye ken he has naithing ava!
I hae little tocher; you've made a gude offer;
I'm now mair than twenty; my time is but sma'!
Sae gie me your plaidy; I'll e'en sit beside ye,
I thought ye'd been aulder than threescore and twa'.

She sat down ayont him, aside the stane wa',
Whar Johnny was list'ning, and heard her tell a'.
The day was appointed! his proud heart it dunted,
And strack 'gainst his side as if bursting in twa.
He wander'd hame weary, the night it was dreary!
And thowless, he tint his gate deep 'mang the snaw;
The howlet was screamin, while Johnny cried, 'Wo-

Wou'd marry auld Nick, if he'd keep them ay bra'!'

O the deel 's in the lasses! they gang now sae bra',
They'll lie down wi' auld men o' fourscore and twa;
The hale o' this marriage, is gowd and a carriage;
Plain love is the cauldest blast now that can blaw!
O the deel 's in the lasses! they gang now sae bra'.
They'll lie down wi' auld men o' fourscore and twa;
The hale o' this marriage, is gowd and a carriage;
Plain love is the cauldest blast now that can blaw!

COME, REST YE HERE, JOHNIE, WHAT NEWS FRAE THE SOUTH.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By ALEXANDER BOSWELL, Esq. of Auchinleck.

AIR .--- THE SOLDIER LADDIE.

Come, rest ye here, Johnie, what news frae the south?

Here 's whey in a luggie to slocken your drowth,

Our soldiers are landed, my hopes are maist deeing,

I'm fear'd John to ask ye, is Jamie in being?

Aye, troth, lass, they're landed, and hameward they're coming,

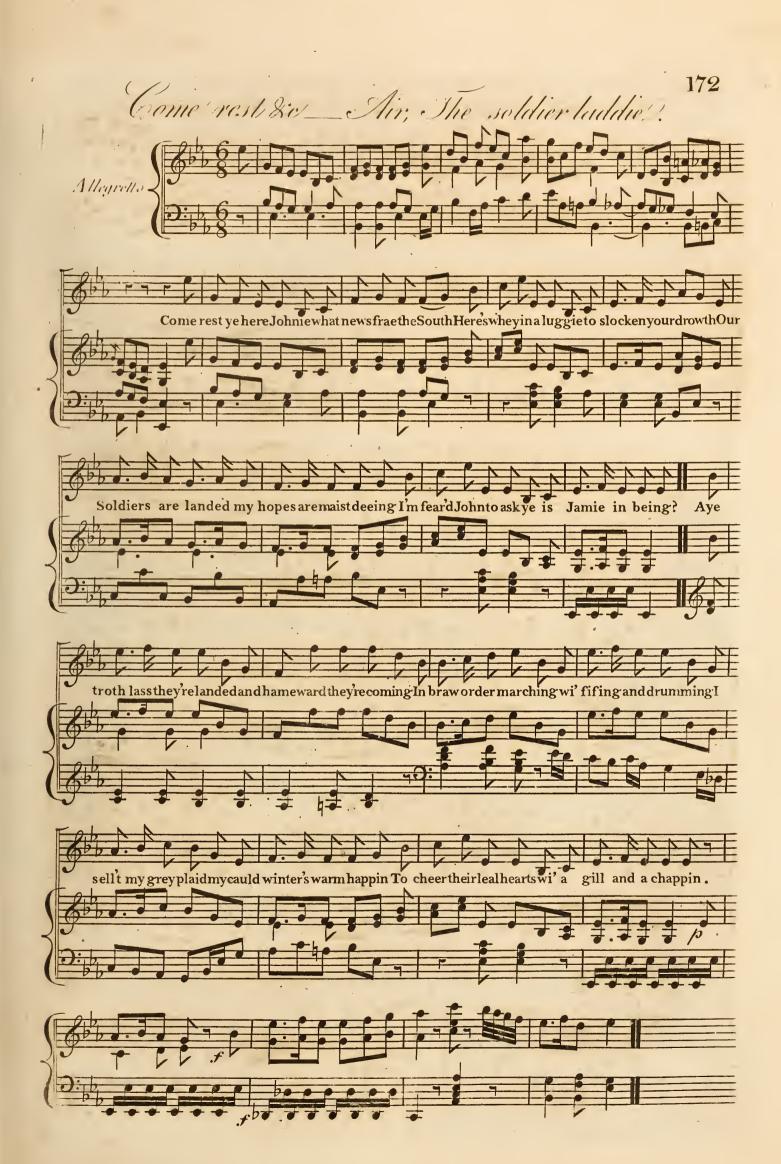
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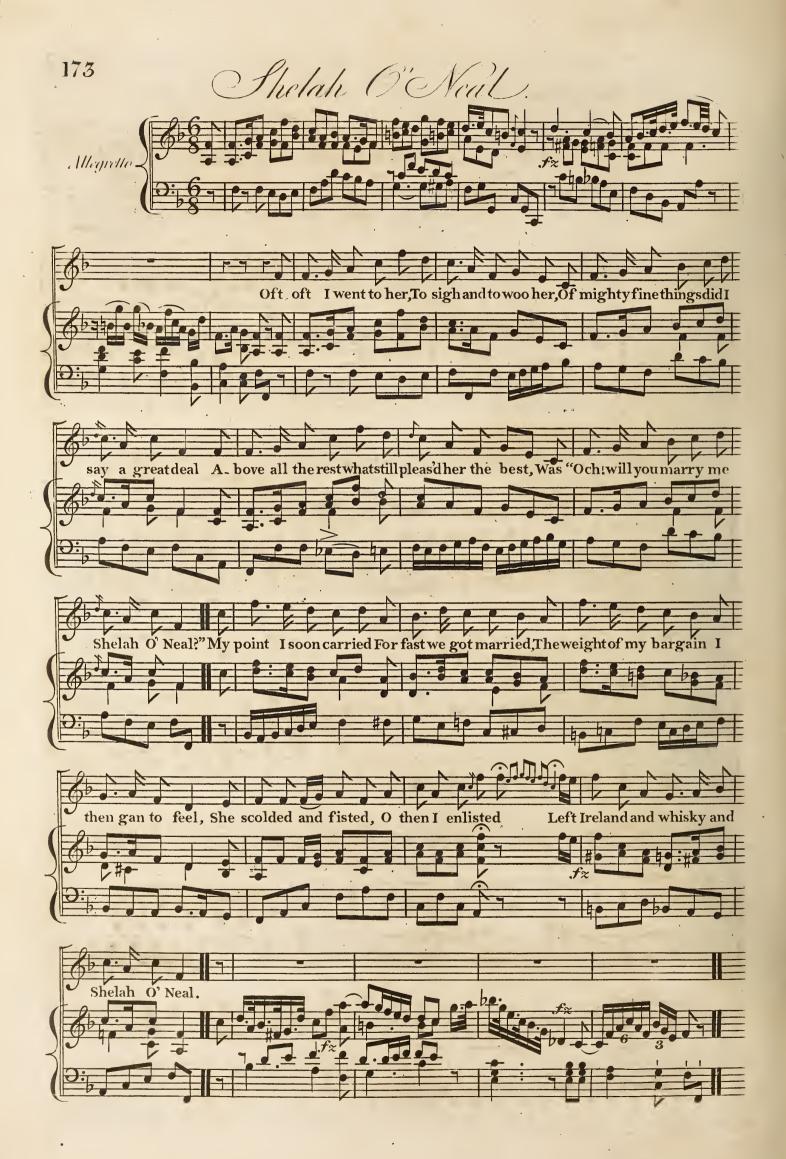
I sell't my grey plaid, my cauld winter's warm happin,

To cheer their leal hearts wi' a gill and a chappin.

Your father's gudebrither, the serjeant, wi' glee,
Pu'd a crown frae his pouch, and loud laughing, quo' he,
Ye're owr auld to list, or ye'd rug this fast frae me--Mair drink here—" but, John, O nae word o' poor Jamie?"
The deil's i' the lassie, there's nought in her noddle
But Jamie, ay Jamie, she cares na ae boddle
For grey-headed heroes; weel, what should I say now,
The lad's safe and weel, and what mair wad ye hae now?

He's weel! Gude be prais'd, my dear laddie is weel! Sic news! hech man, John, ye're a sonsy auld cheel! I'm doited—I'm dais'd—its fu' time I were rinnin, The wark might be done ere I think o' beginnin. I'll rin like a mawkin, and busk in my braws, And link owr the hills where the caller wind blaws, And meet the dear lad, wha was true to me ever, And dorty nae mair—O I'll part wi' him never!





OFT I WENT TO HER, &c.----OR, SHELAH O'NEAL.

THE AIR AND THE VERSES

By ALEXANDER BOSWELL, Esq. of Auchinleck,

AND HERE PUBLISH'D BY HIS PERMISSION.

Off, off, I went to her, to sigh and to woo her;
Of mighty fine things did I say a great deal;
Above all the rest, what still pleas'd her the best,
Was, "Och! will you marry me, Shelah O'Neal?"
My point I soon carried, for fast we got married;
The weight o' my bargain I then 'gan to feel;
She scolded and fisted, O then I enlisted,
Left Ireland, and whisky, and Shelah O'Neal.

But tir'd and dull-hearted, my corps I deserted,
And fled off to regions far distant from home,
To Frederick's army, where nought was to harm me,
Not the devil himself, in the shape of a bomb.
I fought ev'ry battle, where cannon did rattle,
Felt sharp shot, alas! and their sharp-pointed steel;
But in all the wars round, thank my stars, I ne'er found
Aught so sharp as thy tongue, O curs'd Shelah ()'Neal!

AT WILLIE'S WEDDING O' THE GREEN.

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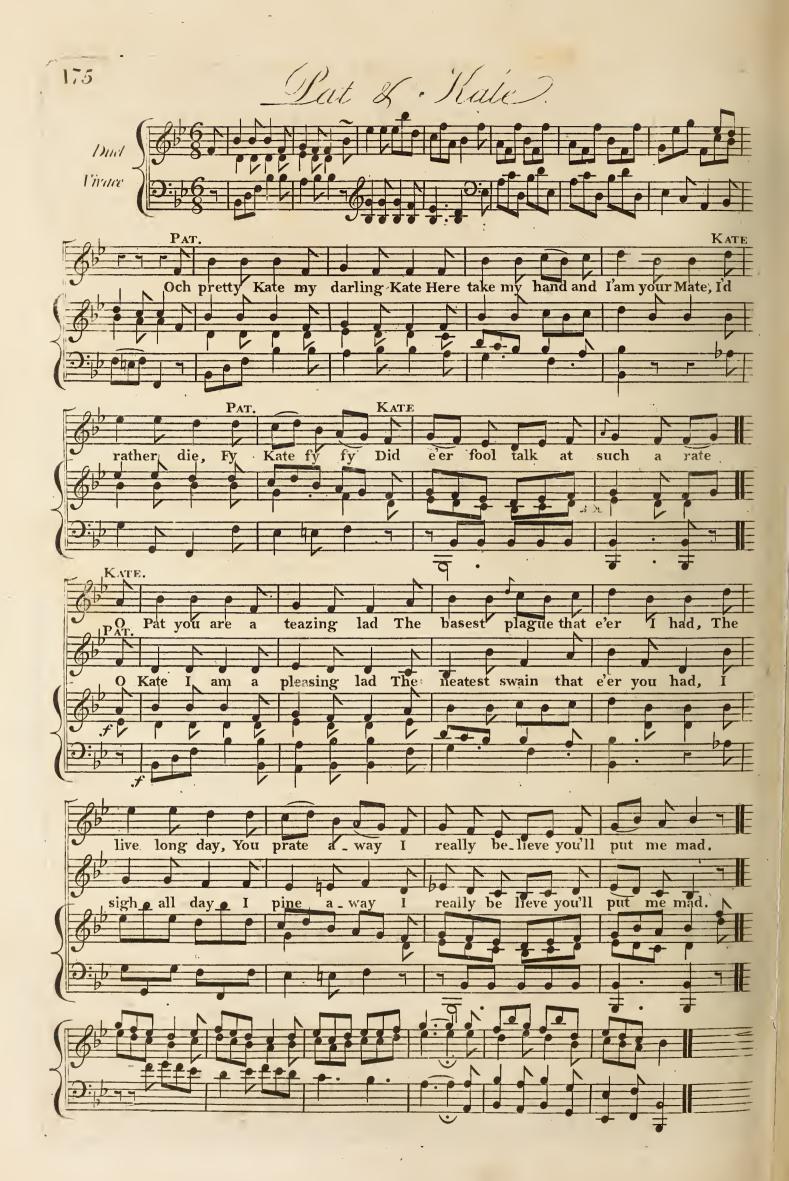
AIR---JENNY DANG THE WEAVER.

At Willie's wedding o' the green,
The lasses, bonny witches,
Were buskit out in aprons clean,
And snaw-white Sunday's mutches.
Auld Maysie bade the lads tak' tent,
But Jock wad nae believe her;
And soon the fool his folly kent,
For---Jenny dang the weaver.
Sing, Jenny dang, &c.

In ilka countra-dance and reel,
Wi' her he wad be babbin;
When she sat down, then he sat down,
And till her wad be gabbin:
Whare'er she gaed, or but or ben,
The coof wad never leave her,
Ay cacklin like a clockin hen;
But---Jenny dang the weaver.
Sing, Jenny dang, &c.

Quoth he, "My lass, to speak my mind,
"Good haith! I need na swither;
"You've bonny een, and gif you're kind,
"I needna court anither."
He hum'd and ha'd---the lass cried, Feugh!
And bade the fool no deave her;
Then snapt her thumb, and lap and leugh,
And---dang the silly weaver!
Sing, Jenny dang, &c.





OCH! PRETTY KATE, MY DARLING KATE:

A Love-Dialogue.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

ALEXANDER BOSWELL, Esq. of Auchinleck.

IRISH AIR.

- " Och! pretty Kate, my darling Kate,
- " Here, take my hand, and I'm your mate,"
- ' I'd sooner die,' "Fye, Kate, fye, fye!"
- ' Did ever fool tall at such a rate?'
 - ' O Patrick, you're a teazing lad,
 - ' The basest plague that e'er I had:
 - ' The live long day, you prate away,
 - ' I really believe you'll put me mad.'
 - " O Kate, I am a pleasing lad,
 - "The neatest swain that e'er you had:
 - " I sigh all day, I pine away,
 - " I really believe you'll put me mad."

- " Ah! little Norah would be mine,
- " I know by many a leering sign."
- 'Then take your drab, you boasting blab,
- ' For Katrine never will be thine.'
 - ' O Patrick, you're a teazing lad,
 - ' The basest plague that e'er I had:
 - ' The live long day, you prate away,
 - ' I really believe you'll put me mad.'
 - " O Kate, I am a pleasing lad,
 - "The neatest swain that e'er you had:
 - " I sigh all day, I pine away,
 - " I really believe you'll put me mad."
- " No, Kate, sweet Kate alone can please,
- " She keeps the key of all my ease:
- "Then, if you frown, poor Patrick's down,
- "You'll kill me, Kate, it's plain as pease."
 - ' O Patrick, you're a teazing lad,
 - ' The basest plague that e'er I had:
 - ' The live long day, you prate away,
 - ' I really believe you'll put me mad.
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MY SORROW, DEEP SORROW, INCESSANT RETURNING.

TRANSLATED FOR THIS WORK, FROM THE GAELIC,

By MRS GRANT.

AIR .--- MACGREGOR OF RUARA'S LAMENT.

The following Translation of the very popular and ancient Gaelic Song of MACGREGOR NA RUARA, the Editor has no doubt will be peculiarly acceptable to those who know the original, and can judge of the fidelity of the English version. It would appear that Macgregor had, by some intestine commotion, been banished from his inheritance of Glenlyon; and, while wandering as an out-law through the mountains of Inverness-shire, that he, along with several foster-brothers, his guides and protectors, had been surpris'd and kill'd by his enemies. One of the foster-brothers who survived, gives vent to his feelings in the lamentation which follows: viz.

My sorrow, deep sorrow, incessant returning,
Time still as it flics adds increase to my mourning,
When I think of Macgregor, true heir of Glenlyon,
Where still to sad fancy his banners seem flying.
Of Macgregor na Ruara, whose pipes far resounding,
With their bold martial strain set each bosom a bounding,
My sorrow, deep sorrow, incessant returning,
Time still as it flies adds increase to my mourning.

The badge of Strathspey from yon pine by the fountain, Distinguish'd the hero when climbing the mountain, The plumes of the eagle gave wings to his arrow, And destruction fled wide from the bow bent so narrow; His darts, so well polish'd and bright, were a treasure That the son of a king might have boasted with pleasure. When the brave son of Murdoch so gracefully held them, Well pois'd and sure aim'd, never weapon excell'd them.

Now, dead to the honour and pride I inherit,
Not the blow of a vassal could rouse my sad spirit!
Tho' insult or injury now should oppress me,
My protector is gone, and nought else can distress me.
Deaf to my loud sorrows, and blind to my weeping,
My aid, my support, in you chapel lies sleeping.
In that cold narrow bed he shall slumber for ever,
Yet nought from my fancy his image can sever.

He that shar'd the kind breast which my infancy nourish'd, Now hid in the earth, leaves no trace where he flourish'd. No obsequies fitting his pale corse adorning, No funeral honours to soothe our long mourning, No virgins high born, with their tears to bedew thee, To deck out thy grave, or with flowrets to strew thee. My sorrow, deep sorrow, incessant returning, Time still as it flies adds increase to my mourning.

FROM THE CHACE ON THE MOUNTAINS, &c.

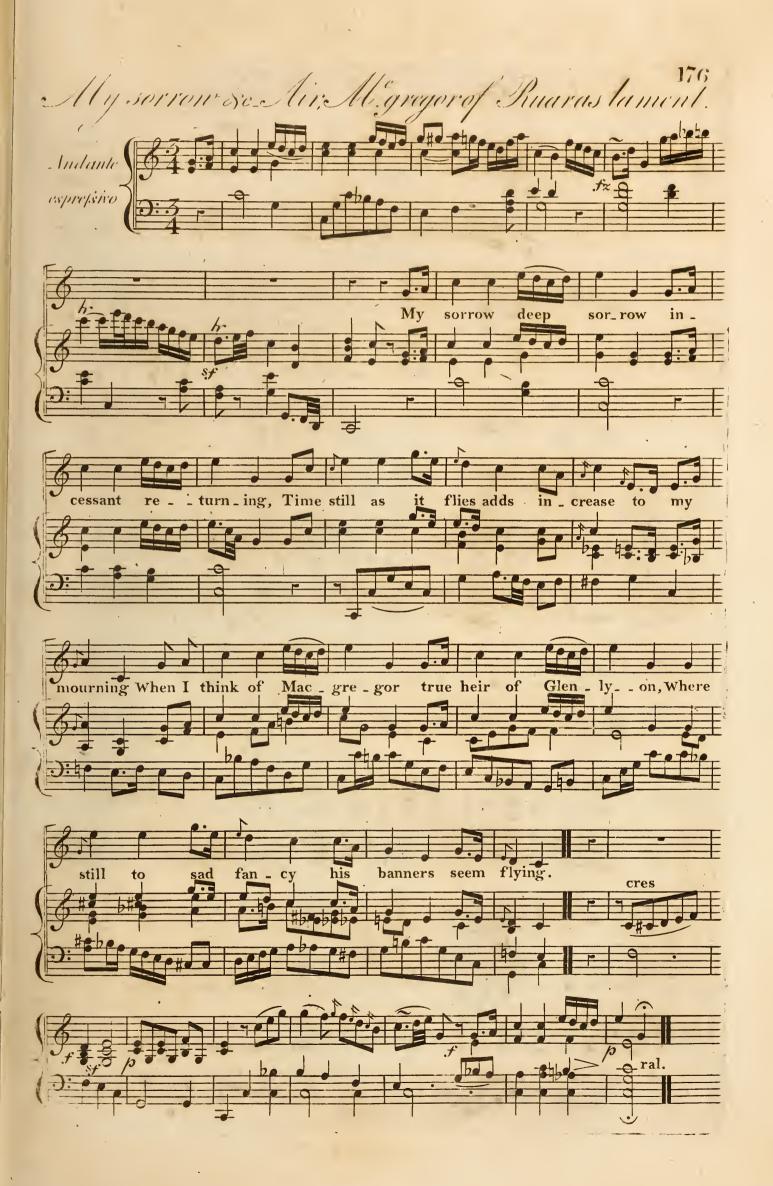
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From the chace on the mountains as I was returning, By the side of a fountain Malvina sat mourning; To the winds that loud whistled, she told her sad story, And the vallies re-echo'd Macgregor a Ruara! Like a flash of red light'ning o'er the heath came Macara, More fleet than the roe-buck on lofty Ben Lara; "Oh! where is Macgregor? say where does he hover?" Say, son of bold Calmar, why tarries my lover?"

The voice of soft sorrow from his bosom thus sounded,

- Low lies your Macgregor, pale, mangled, and wounded,
- Spent with watching and toil, to the rocks I convey'd him,
- Where the sons of black maliee to his foes have betray'd him.' As the blast from the mountain soon nips the fair blossom, So died the soft bud of fond hope in her bosom;
- "O Macgregor, she cried, is betray'd and surrounded,
- "By falsehood betray'd, and by treachery wounded!"

Near the brook in the vale now the green turf does hide her, And Macgregor in silence reposes beside her: Secure is their dwelling from foes and black slander, Near the loud roaring waters their spirits oft wander.



HARKEN, AND WILL TELL YOU HOW. Ι

AIR .--- MUIRLAND WILLY:

HARKEN and I will tell you how Young muirland Willie came to woo, Tho' he cou'd neither say nor do; The truth I tell to you, But ay he cries, whate'er betide, Maggy I'sc hae to be my bride, With a fal, dal, &c.

On his grey yade as he did ride, Wi' durk and pistol by his side, He prick'd her on wi' meikle pride, Wi' meikle mirth and glec, Out o'er you moss, out o'er you muir, Till he came to her daddy's door, With a fal, dal, &c.

Goodman, quoth he, be ye within, I'm come your doughter's love to win, I carena for making meikle din;

What answer gi'e ye me? I'll gi'e ye my doughter's love to win, With a fal, dal, &c.

Now wooer, sin' ye are lighted down, Where do ye won, or in what town? I think my doughter winna gloom On sic a lad as ye. The woocr he step'd into the house, And wow but he was wondrous crousc,

With a fal, dal, &c.

I have three owsen in a pleugh, Twa gude ga'en yades and gear cnough, The place they ca' it Cauldencugh; I scorn to tell a lie: Besides, I hae frac the great laird, A peat-pat, and a lang kail yard, With a fal, dal, &c.

The maid put on her kirtle brown, She was the brawest in a' the town; I wat on him she didna gloom; But blinkit bonnilic. The lover he stended up in haste, And gript her hard about the waist; With a fal, dal, &c.

To win your love, maid, I'm come here, I'm young; and hae enough o' gear; And for mysell you needna fear, Troth tak me whan you like. Now, wooer, quoth he, would ye light down, He took aff his bonnet, and spat out his chow, This winsome couple straked hands,

With a fal, dal, &c.

The maiden blush'd and bing'd fu' law, She hadna will to say him na, But to her daddy she left it a', As they twa cou'd agree. The lover he ga'c her the tither kiss, Sync ran to her daddy, and tell'd him this, They glanced in our lads's een, With a fal, dal, &c.

Sie hirdum, dirdum, and sie din, Sic daffin, laughin, and sic fun, The minstrels they did never blin', Wi' meikle mirth and glee. And ay they bobit, and ay they beck't, And ay they cross'd and merrilie mct *, With a fal, dal, &c.

Your doughter wad na say me na, But to yoursell she's left it a', As we cou'd 'gree between us twa; Say, what'll ye gi'e me wi' her? Now, wooer, quo' he, I hae na mcikle, But sic's I hae, ye's get a pickle. With a fal, dal; &c.

A kilnfu' of corn I'll gi'e to thee, Three soums of sheep, twa good milk kye, Ye's hae the wedding-dinner free; Troth I dow do nae mair. Content, quo' he, a bargain be't, I'm far frae hame, mak' haste, let's do't, With a fal, dal, &c.

The bridal-day it came to pass, Wi' mony a blythsome lad and lass; But sicken a day there never was, Sic mirth was never scen. He dighted his gab, and prie'd her mou'. Mess John ty'd up the marriage-bands, With a fal; dal, &c.

> And our bride's maidens were na few, Wi' tap-knots, lug-knots, a' in blew, Frae tap to tae they were bra' new, And blinkit bonnilie. Their toys and mutches were sae clean, With a fal, dal, &c.

^{*} The critical observer will find that the Editor has altered two lines of the last stanza, the second and the last. He thought it a pity that there should be any thing in such a truly excellent song, to prevent its being generally acceptable.

THICKEST NIGHT SURROUND MY DWELLING!

WRITTEN

By BURNS.

AIR .--- STRATHALLAN'S LAMENT.

The speaker is supposed to be lying concealed in some cave of the Highlands, after the defeat and dispersion of his party, in following the fortunes of the Chevalier de St George.

Thickest night surround my dwelling!
Howling tempests o'er me rave!
Turbid torrents, wintry swelling,
Roaring by my lonely cave.
Chrystal streamlets gently flowing,
Busy haunts of base mankind,
Western breezes softly blowing,
Suit not my distracted mind.

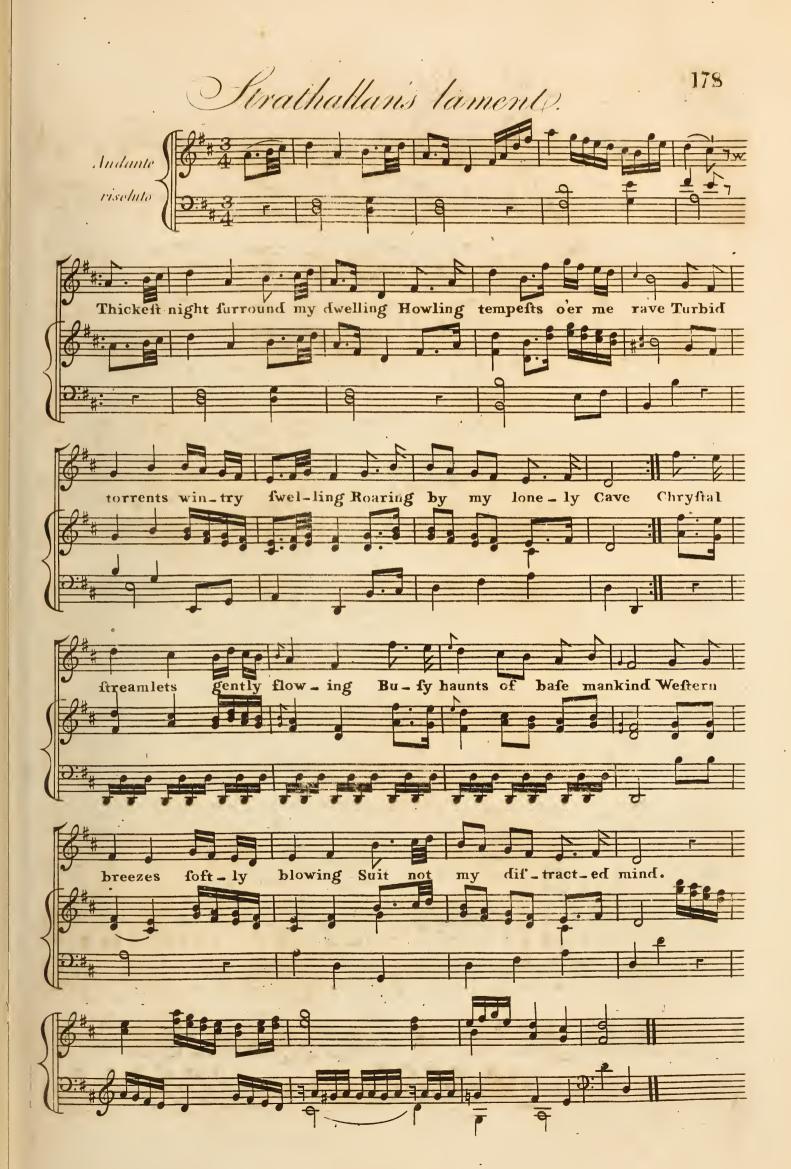
In the cause of right engaged,
Wrongs injurious to redress,
Honour's war we strongly waged,
But the Heavens deny'd success.
Ruin's wheel has driven o'er us,
Not a hope that dare attend;
The wide world is all before us,
But a world without a friend!

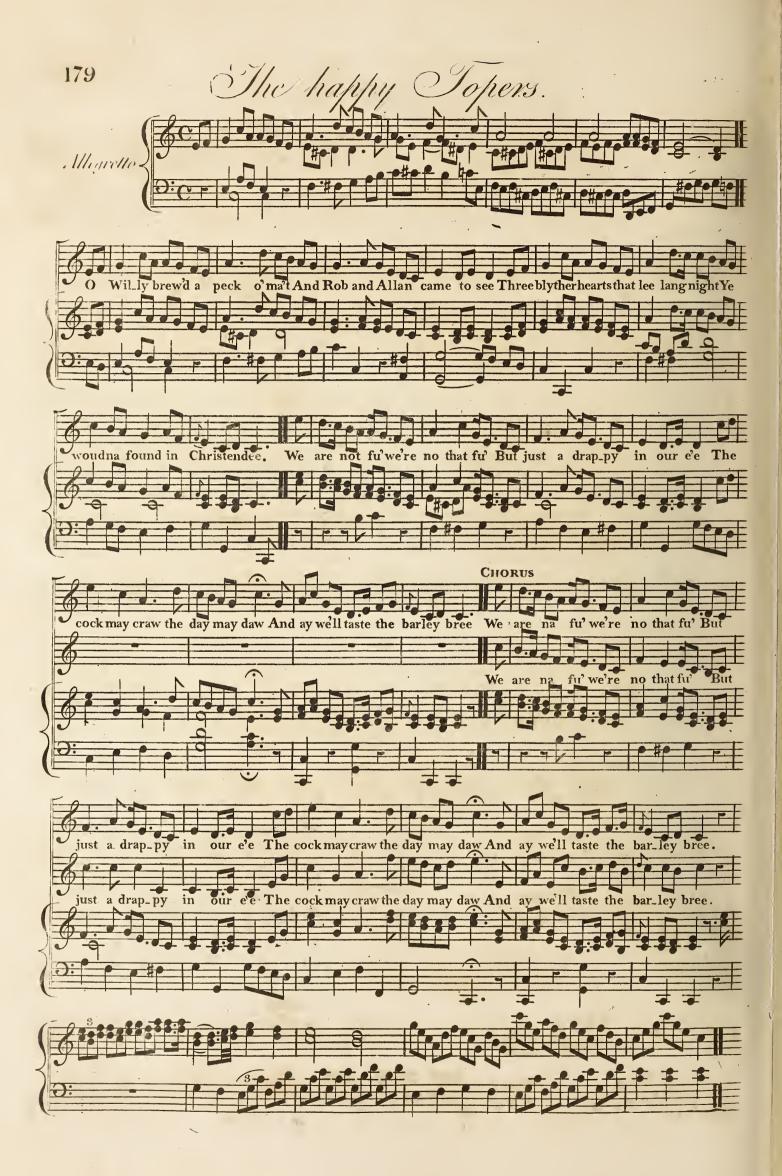
POW'RS CELESTIAL WHOSE PROTECTION.

THE SAME AIR.

Pow'rs celestial, whose protection
Ever guards the virtuous fair,
While in distant climes I wander,
Let my Mary be your care.
Let the form so fair and faultless,
Fair and faultless as your own,
Let my Mary's kindred spirit
Draw your choicest influence down.

Make the gales you waft around her,
Soft and peaceful as her breast;
Breathing in the breeze that fans her,
Soothe her bosom into rest.
Guardian angels! O protect her,
When in distant lands I roam;
To realms unknown, while fate exiles me,
Make her bosom still my home.





O WILLIE BREW'D A PECK O' MAUT.

By BURNS.

AIR .--- THE HAPPY TRIO, --- COMPOSED BY ALLAN MASTERTON.

O willie brew'd a peek o' maut,
And Rob and Allan eame to see *;
Three blyther hearts, that lee lang night,
Ye wad na found in Christendie.
We are na fou, we're nae that fou,
But just a drappy in our e'e;
The eock may eraw, the day may daw,
And ay we'll taste the barley bree.
We are na fou, &c.

Here are we met, three merry boys,

Three merry boys, I trow, are we;

And mony a night we've merry been,

And mony mae we hope to be.

We are na fou, we're nae that fou,

But just a drappy in our e'e;

The eock may eraw, the day may daw,

And ay we'll taste the barley bree.

We are na fou, &c.

It is the moon,---I ken her horn,

That's blinking in the lift sae hie;

She shines sae bright, to wyle us hame,

But by my sooth she'll wait a wee!

We are na fou, we're nae that fou,

But just a drappy in our e'e;

The cock may eraw, the day may daw,

And ay we'll taste the barley bree.

We are na fou, &c.

Wha first shall rise to gang awa,
A euckold coward loun is he!
Wha first beside his chair shall fa',
He is the king amang us three.
We are na fou, we're nae that fou,
But just a drappy in our e'e;
The cock may craw, the day may daw,
And ay we'll taste the barley bree.
We are na fou, &c.

^{*} The POET,—the COMPOSER of the Air,—and Mr WILLIAM NICOL of the High School, Edinburgh.

WHAT AILS THIS HEART OF MINE.

WRITTEN

By MISS BLAMIRE.

THE AIR COMPOSED FOR THE WORDS, BY WILLIAM CLARK,

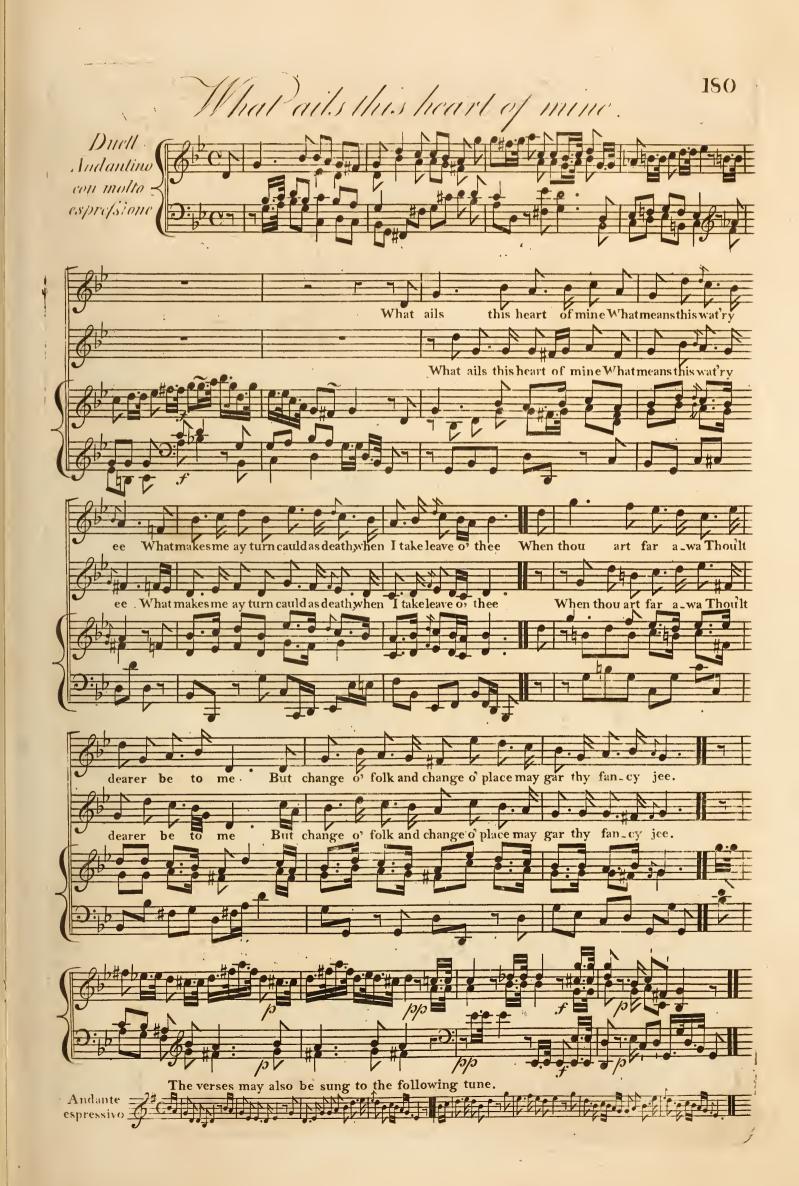
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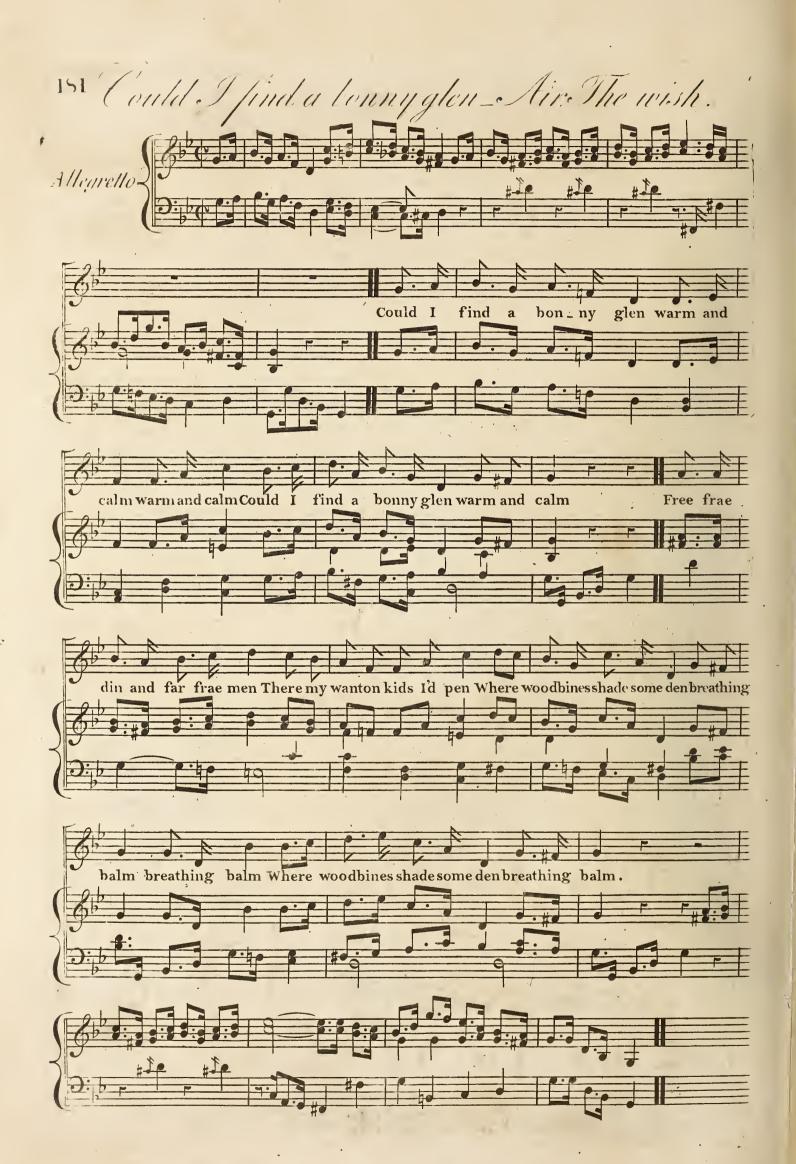
And never before published.

What ails this heart of mine,
What means this wat'ry ee?
What gars me ay turn cauld as death,
When I tak' leave o' thee?
When thou art far awa',
Thou'lt dearer grow to me;
But change o' place, and change o' folk
May gar thy fancy jee.

Then I'll sit down and moan,
Beneath yon spreading tree,
And gin a leaf fa' in my lap,
I'll ca't a word frae thee!
Syne I'll gang to the bower
Which thou wi' roses tied,
'Twas there by mony a blushing bud
I strove my love to hide.

I'll doat on ilka spot
Where I ha'e been wi' thee;
I'll ca' to mind some fond love tale
By ev'ry burn and tree.
'Tis hope that cheers the mind,
Though lovers absent be;
And when I think I see thee still,
I think I'm still wi' thee.





COULD I FIND A BONNY GLEN, WARM AND CALM, &c.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By MRS GRANT.

AIR .--- THE WISH.

Could I find a bonny glen,
Warm and calm, warm and calm,
Could I find a bonny glen,
Warm and calm,
Free frae din, and far frae men,
There my wanton kids I'd pen,
Where woodbines shade some den,
Breathing balm, breathing balm,
Where woodbines shade some den,
Breathing balm.

Where the steep and woody hill
Shields the deer, shields the deer,
Where the steep and woody hill
Shields the deer,
Where the wood-lark singing shrill,
Guards his nest beside the rill,
And the thrush with tawny bill
Warbles clear, warbles clear,
And the thrush with tawny bill
Warbles clear.

Where the dashing waterfall
Echoes round, echoes round,
Where the dashing waterfall
Echoes round,
And the rustling aspin tall,
And the owl at ev'ning's call,
Plaining from the ivy'd wall,
Joins the sound, joins the sound,
Plaining from the ivy'd wall,
Joins the sound.

There my only love I'd own,
All unseen, all unseen,
There my only love I'd own,
All unseen;
There I'd live for her alone,
To the restless world unknown,
And my heart should be the throne
For my queen, for my queen;
And my heart should be the throne
For my queen.

THERE LIV'D ANCE CARLE IN KELLYBURN-BRAES. A

AIR .--- KELLYBURN-BRAES.

This Song, which is said to be old, was communicated by Burns, and probably received some touches from him. THERE liv'd ance a carle in Kellyburn-braes, Hey and the rue grows bonnie wi' thyme, And he had a wife was the plague of his days, And the thyme it is wither'd, and rue is in prime.

Ae day as the earle gaed up the lang glen, Hcy and the rue grows bonnie wi' thyme, He met wi' auld Nick, wha said, how do ye fen? And the thyme it is wither'd, and rue is in prime.

66 I've got a bad wife, Sir, that's a' my complaint, "Hey and the rue grows bonnie wi' thyme;

"For, saving your presence, to her ye're a saint! "And the thyme it is wither'd, and rue is in prime."

'Its neither your stot nor your staig I shall crave, ' Hey and the rue grows bonnie wi' thyme;

But gi'e me your wife, man, for her I must have, And the thyme it is wither'd, and rue is in prime.

"O welcome most kindly, the blythe carle said, "Hey and the rue grows bonnie wi' thyme;

66 But if ye can match her ye're waur than ye're ca'd, "And the thyme it is wither'd, and rue is in prime."

So Nickie then got the auld wife on his back, Hey and the ruc grows bonnie wi' thyme; And like a poor pedlar he trudg'd wi' his paek, And the thyme it is wither'd, and rue is in prime. Now he's ta'en her hame to his ain reeky den, Hey and the rue grows bonnie wi' thyme, To its blackest nook he has carried her ben, And the thyme it is wither'd, and rue is in prime.

Then straight he makes fifty, the piek o' his band, Hey and the rue grows bonnie wi' thyme, Turn out on her guard in the clap of a hand, And the thyme it is wither'd, and rue is in prime.

The carlin gaed thro' them like ony mad bear, Hey and the rue grows bonnie wi' thyme; Whae'er she gat hands on, eam' near her nae mair, And the thyme it is wither'd, and rue is in prime.

A reekit wee deevil looks ower the wa', Hey and the rue grows bonnie wi' thyme; O help, master, help, or she'll ruin us a', And the thyme it is wither'd, and rue is in prime.

Auld Sootie then swore by the edge of his knife, Hey and the rue grows bonnie wi' thyme; He pitied the man that was ty'd to a wife, And the thyme it is wither'd, and rue is in prime.

I hae been a de'il now the feck o' my life, Hey and the rue grows bonnie wi' thyme; But ne'er was in h-ll till I met wi' a wife, And the thyme it is wither'd, and rue is in prime.

So Clootie was glad to return wi' his pack, Hey and the rue grows bonnie wi' thyme; And to her ain henpeck e'en carried her back, And the thyme it is wither'd, and rue is in prime.

HECH! WHAT A CHANGE, --- OR, OLD AND NEW TIMES IN EDINBURGH.

WRITTEN

By ALEXANDER BOSWELL, Esq. of Auchinleck,

AND HERE PUBLISH'D BY HIS PERMISSION.

THE SAME AIR.

In singing the following words to the air, the crotchet which ends the 2d, 4th, 6th, and 8th lines, must be made two quavers: and a quaver must sometimes be added at the beginning of the lines.

HECH! what a change ha'e we now in this town! The lads a' sae braw, the lasses sae glancin', Folk maun be dizzie gaun ay in the roun', For de'il a haet 's done now but feastin' and dancin'.

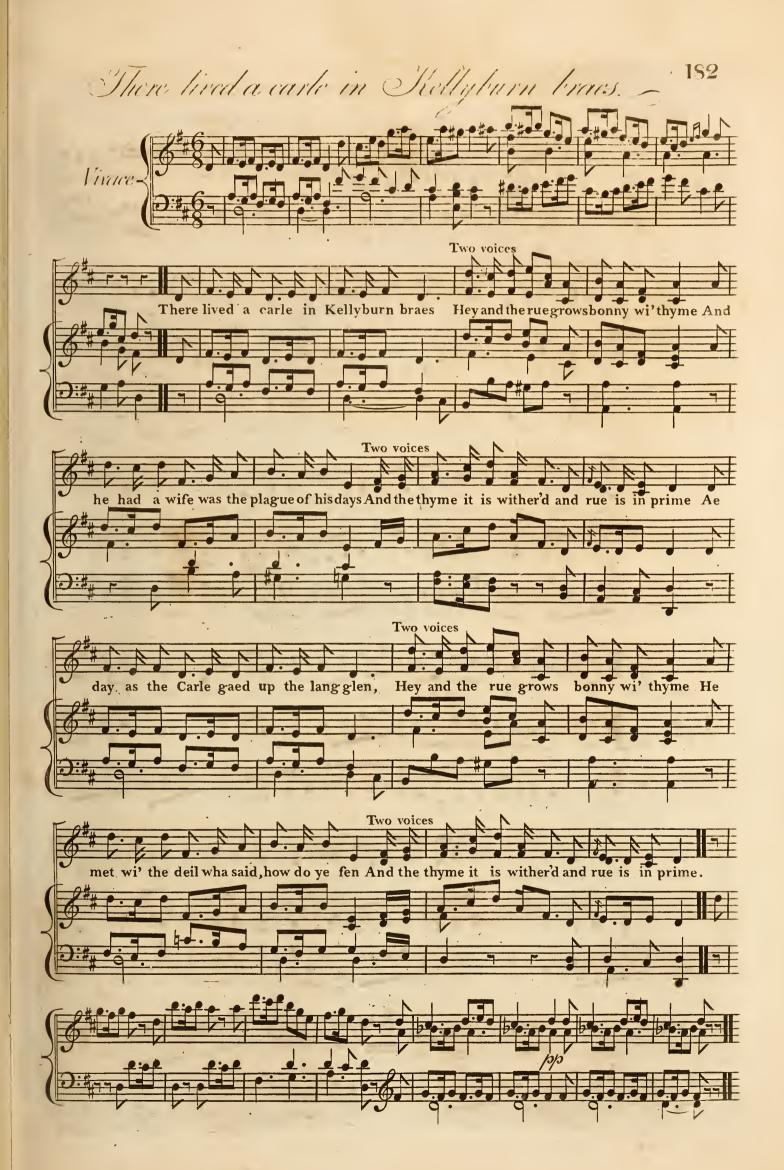
Gowd's no that seanty in ilk siller pock, When ilka bit laddie maun ha'e his bit stagie; But I kent the day when there was nae a Jock But trotted about upon honest shanks-nagie.

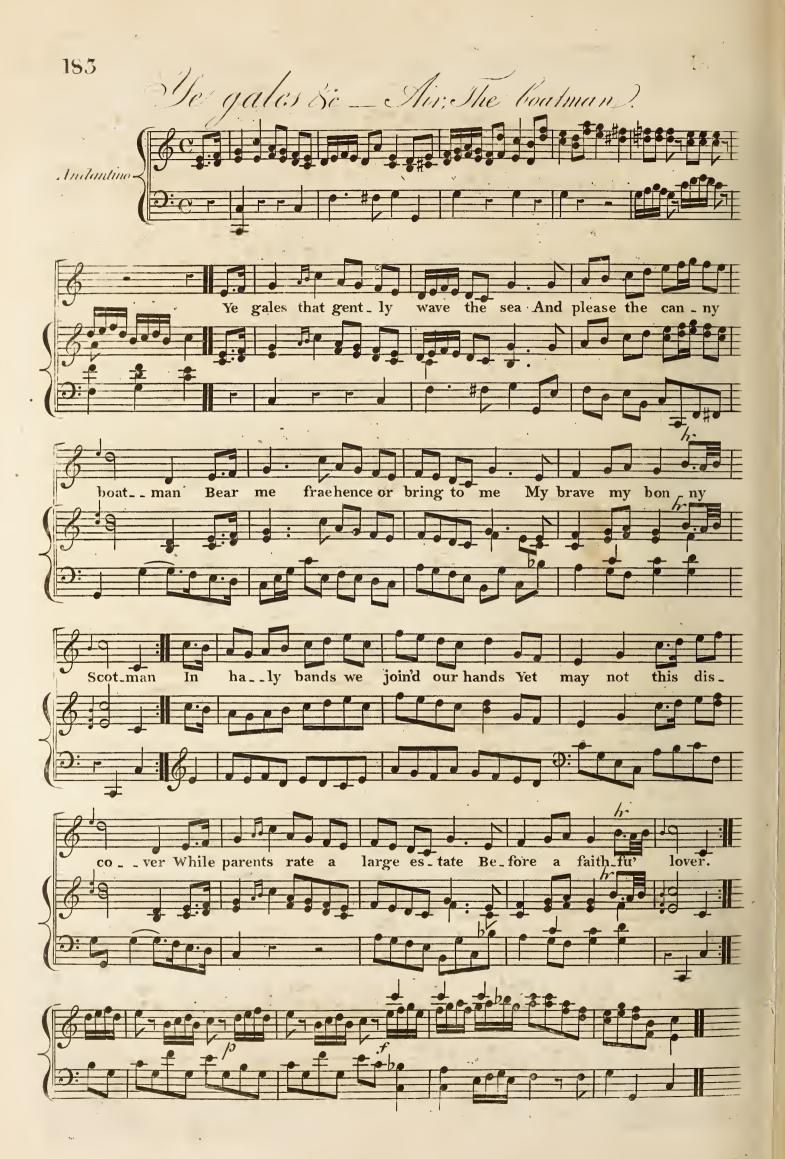
Little was stown then, and less gaed to waste, Barely a mullin for mice, or for rattens, The thrifty house-wife to the flesh-market pac'd, Her equipage a'-just a gude pair o' pattens.

Folk were as good then, and friends were as leal, Tho' coaches were scant, wi' their eattle a-cantrin'; Right air we were tell't by the house-maid or chiel, Sir, an' ye plcase, here's your lass and a lantern.

The town may be elouted and piee'd, till it meets A' neebours benorth and besouth, without haltin', Brigs may be biggit owr lums and owr streets, The Nor'loch itsel' heap'd heigh as the Calton.

But whar is true friendship, and whar will you see A' that is gude, honest, modest, and thrifty? Tak' grey hairs and wrinkles, and hirple wi' me, And think on the seventeen hundred and fifty.





YE GALES THAT GENTLY WAVE THE SEA. By ALLAN RAMSAY.

AIR .--- THE BOATMAN.

YE gales that gently wave the sea,
And please the canny boatman;
Bear me frae hence, or bring to me
My brave, my bonny Scot-man:
In haly bands we join'd our hands,
Yet may not this discover,
While parents rate a large estate;
Before a faithfu' lover.

But I loor chuse in Highland glens
To herd the kid and goat, man,
E'er I cou'd for sic little ends
Refuse my bonny Scot-man.
Wae worth the man wha first began
The base ungenerous fashion,
Frae greedy views love's arts to use,
While stranger to its passion.

Frae foreign fields, my lovely youth,

Haste to thy longing lassie,

Who pants to press thy balmy mouth,

And in her bosom hause thee.

Love gi'es the word, then haste on board,

Fair winds and tenty boatman,

Waft o'er, waft o'er frae yonder shore,

My blythe, my bonny Scot-man.

HOW MILD THAT EVE THE SUN WENT DOWN.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By JOHN RICHARDSON.

THE SAME AIR.

How mild that eve the sun went down,
The west with roses strewing;
How gently sigh'd the evening gale,
The closing flowers bedewing;
When first you promis'd to be mine,
And in my arms reclining,
Vow'd by the evening's lovely star,
That hour so brightly shining.

The crimson light that hardly pierc'd
The thorn's luxuriant blossom,
With deeper blushes gently ting'd
Thy glowing cheek and bosom.
Oft yet I feel the balmy gale
That breath'd, our souls delighting,
Oft yet I hear each warbler's song
To love and joy inviting.

I hear the murmur of the rill
Beneath the birches flowing;
Still see the wild flowers varied hues
That on its banks were growing.
For ever dear shall mem'ry hold
That evening's sacred pleasure!
And dear the partner of its joys
Beyond all earthly treasure!

BE A MAN. WHEN FIRST CAME TO

WRITTEN BY

Rev. MR JOHN SKINNER.

AIR---JOHN O' BADENYON.

WHEN first I came to be a man, Of twenty years or so, I thought myself a handsome youth, And fain the world would know; In best attire I stept abroad, With spirits brisk and gay, And here and there, and cv'ry where, Was like a morn in May. No care I had, nor fear of want, But rambled up and down; And for a beau I might have pass'd In country or in town: I still was pleas'd where-e'er I went, And when I was alone, I tun'd my pipe, and pleas'd myself With John of Badenyon.

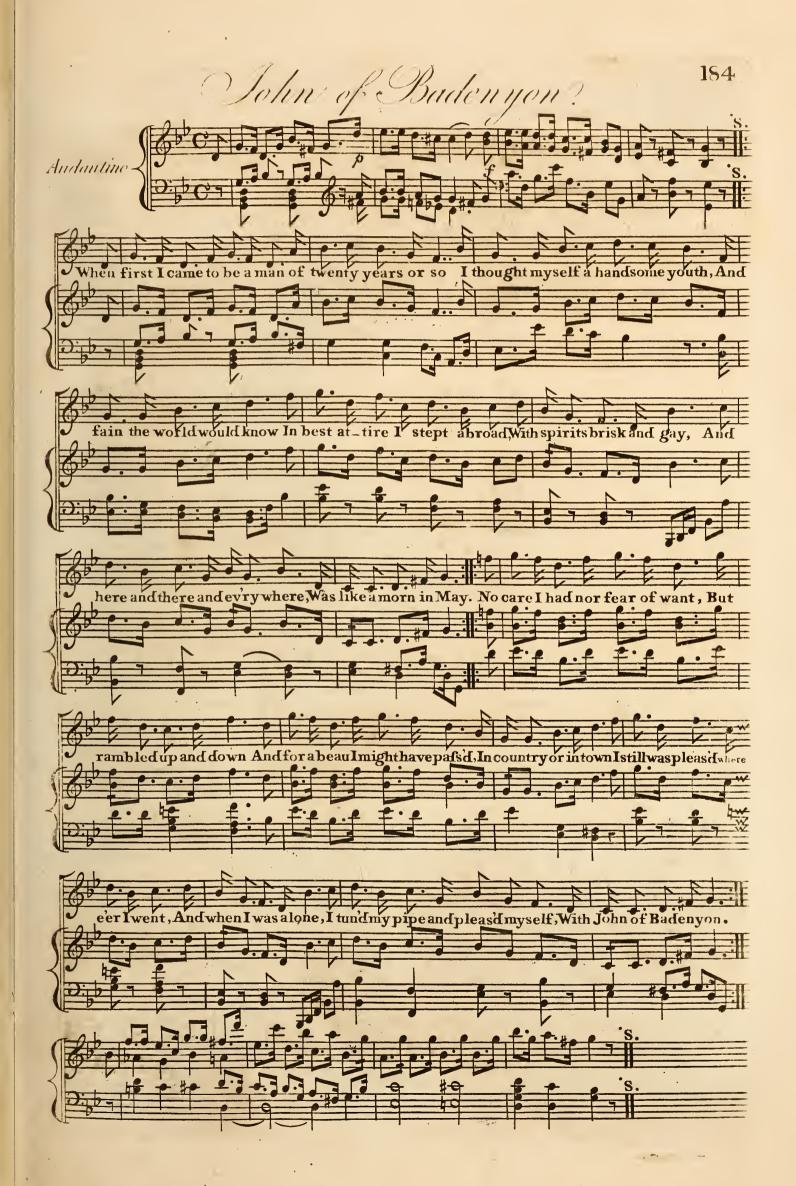
Now, in the days of youthful prime, A mistress I must find; For love, they say, gives one an air, And ev'n improves the mind: On Phillis fair, above the rest, Kind fortune fix'd my eyes; Her piercing beauty struck my heart, And she became my choice: To Cupid then, with hearty pray'r, I offer'd many a vow, And dane'd and sung, and sigh'd and swore, 'Twas self and party after all, As other lovers do: But when at last I breath'd my flame, I found her cold as stone; I left the girl, and tun'd my pipe To John of Badenyon.

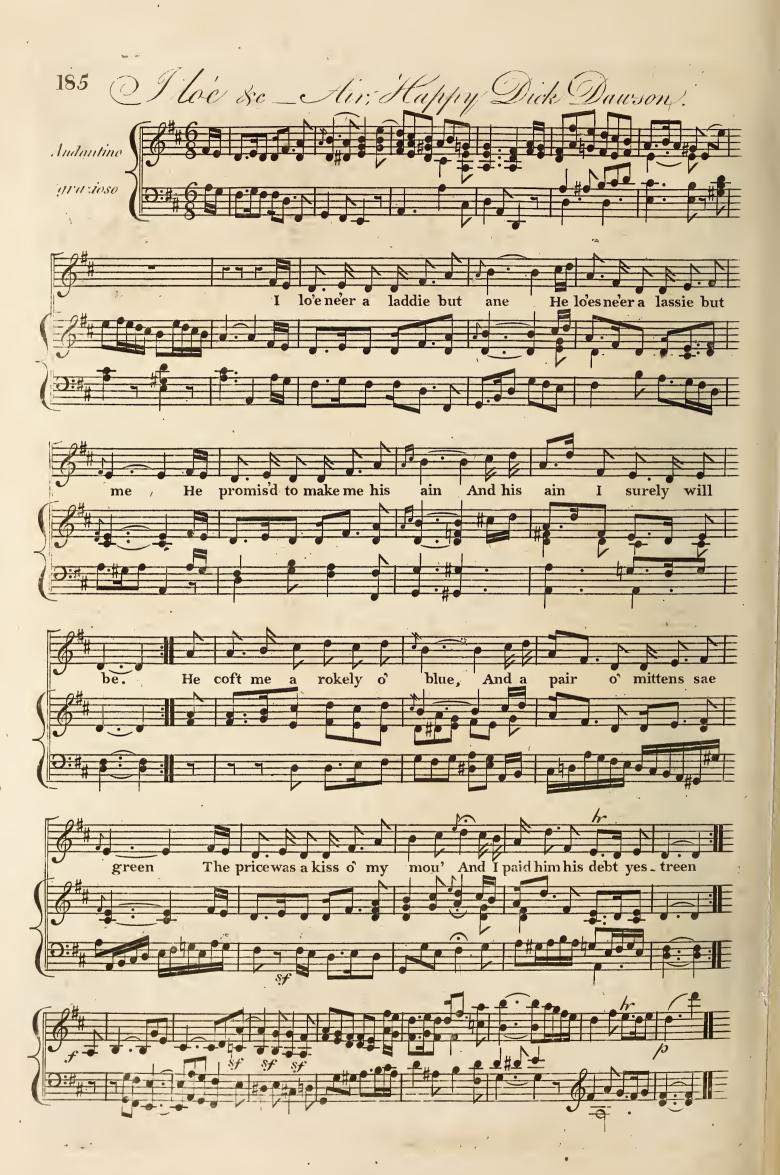
When love had thus my heart beguil'd With foolish hopes and vain, To friendship's port I steer'd my course, And laugh'd at lovers pain: A friend I got by lucky chance, 'Twas something like divine; An honest friend's a precious gift, And such a gift was mine. And now, whatever might betide, A happy man was I; In any strait I knew to whom I freely might apply: A strait soon eame, my friend I try'd, He heard and spurn'd my moan; I hied me home, and tun'd my pipe To John of Badenyon.

I thought I should be wiser next, And would a patriot turn; Began to doat on Johny Wilkes, And cry up Parson Hornc. Their noble spirit I admir'd, And prais'd their manly zeal, Who had with flaming tongue and pen Maintain'd the public weal. But ere a month or two was past, I found myself betray'd; For all the stir they made. At last I saw these factious knaves Insult the very throne, I curs'd them a', and tun'd my pipe To John of Badenyon.

What next to do, I mus'd a while, Still hoping to succeed: I pitch'd on books for company, And gravely tried to read; I bought and borrow'd cv'ry where, And study'd night and day; Nor miss'd what dean or doctor wrote, That happen'd in my way. Philosophy I now esteem'd The ornament of youth, And carefully, thro' many a page, I hunted after truth: A thousand various schemes I try'd, And yet was pleas'd with none; I threw them by, and tun'd my pipe To John of Badenyon.

And now, ye youngsters, ev'ry where, Who want to make a show, Take heed in time, nor vainly hope For happiness below; What you may faney pleasure here, Is but an empty name; For girls, and friends, and books, and so, You'll find them all the same. Then be advis'd, and warning take, From such a man as me; I'm neither pope nor cardinal, Nor one of high dcgrees; You'll find displeasure ev'ry where, Then do as I have done; E'en tune your pipe, and plcase yourself With John of Badenyon.





I LO'E NE'ER A LADDIE BUT ANE.

By HECTOR MACNEILL, Esq.

AIR .--- HAPPY DICK DAWSON.

This air is so like, "My Lodging is on the cold ground," that the one must have been taken from the other.

I Lo'E ne'er a laddie but ane;
He lo'es ne'er a lassie but me,
He promis'd to make me his ain,
And his ain I surely will be.
He coft me a rokely o' blue,
And a pair o' mittens sae green;
The price was a kiss o' my mou',
And I paid him his debt yestreen:

My mither's ay making a fraise,
And says I'm o'er young for a wife;
But lang e'er she counted my days,
My father had ta'en her for life.
Sae mither just settle your tongue,
And dinna be flyting sae bauld;
For if we're not married when young,
We'll never be married when auld.

Let ithers brag weel o' their gear,

Their land, and their lordly degree;
I carena for aught but my dear,

For he's ilka thing lordly to me:

His words are sae sugar'd and sweet!

His sense drives ilk fear far awa!
I listen---poor fool! and I greet;

Yet how sweet are the tears as they fa'!

- "Dear lassie," he eries, wi' a jeer,
 "Ne'er heed what the auld anes will say;
- "Tho' we've little to brag of, ne'er fear,
 "What's gowd to a heart that is wae?
- "Our laird has baith honours and wealth,
 "Yet see, how he's dwining wi' care;
- "Now we, tho' we've naithing but health, "Are cantic and leal evermair.
- "O Marion! the heart that is true "Has something mair costly than gear,
- "Ilk e'en it has naithing to rue;
 "Ilk morn it has naithing to fear.
- "Ye wardlings! gae, hoard up your store,
 "And tremble for fear aught ye tyne:
- "Guard your treasures wi' lock, bar, and door,
 "While thus in my arms I lock mine!"

He ends wi' a kiss and a smile,

Waes me! can I tak' it amiss,

When a lad sae unpractis'd in guile,

Smiles saftly, and ends wi' a kiss!

Ye lasses wha lo'e to torment

Your lovers wi' fause scorn and strife,

Play your pranks---for I've gi'en my consent,

And this night I'll tak' Jamie for life.

KEEN BLAWS THE WIND, &c.---A FRAGMENT. By MR PICKERING.

AIR .--- THE MINSTREL.

Keen blaws the wind o'er Donocht head,
The snaw drives snelly thro' the dale,
The Gaberlunzie tirls my sneck,
And shivering tells his waefu' tale---

"Cauld is the night, O let me in,
"And dinna let your minstrel fa',

"And dinna let his winding-sheet
Be naething but a wreath o' snaw."

"Full ninety winters ha'e I seen,
"And piped where gorcocks whirring flew,
"And mony a day ye've danc'd, I ween,
"To lilts which from my drone I blew."

My Eppie wak'd, and soon she cry'd, Get up, gudeman, and let him in, For weel ye ken the winter night Was short when he began his din.

My Eppie's voice, O wow its sweet!
E'en tho' she bans and scolds a wee,
But when its tun'd to sorrow's tale,
O haith! its doubly dear to me.
Come in, auld carle, I'll steer my fire,
I'll make it bleeze a bonnie flame;
Your bluid is thin, ye've tint the gate,
You should na stray sae far frae hame.

Nae hame have I, the minstrel said, Sad party strife o'erturn'd my ha', And, weeping at the eve of life, I wander thro' a wreath o' snaw.

AS I STOOD BY YON ROOFLESS TOWER.----A VISION. By BURNS.

THE SAME AIR.

As I stood by you roofless tower,
Where the wa'-flower scents the dewy air,
Where the howlet mourns in her ivy bower,
And tells the mid-night moon her care.
The winds were laid, the air was still,
The stars they shot alang the sky;
The fox was howling o'er the hill,
And the distant echoing glens reply.

The stream adown its hazelly path
Was rushing by the ruin'd wa's
Hasting to join the sweeping Nith,
Whase distant roaring swells and fa's.
The cauld blue north was streaming forth
Her lights, wi' hissing eerie din;
Athort the lift they start and shift,
Like fortune's favours, tint as win.

* By heedless chance I turn'd mine eyes,
And, by the moon-beam, shook to see
A stern and stalwart ghaist arise,
Attir'd as minstrels wont to be:
Had I a statue been o' stane,
His daring look had daunted me;
And on his bonnet grav'd was plain,
The sacred posy---Libertie!

And frae his harp sic strains did flow,
Might rous'd the slumbering dead to hear,
But oh, it was a tale of woe,
As ever met a Briton's ear!
He sang wi' joy his former day,
He weeping wail'd his latter times;
But what he said it was nae play,
I winna ventur't in my rhymes †.

* Variation.—Now looking over firth and fauld,

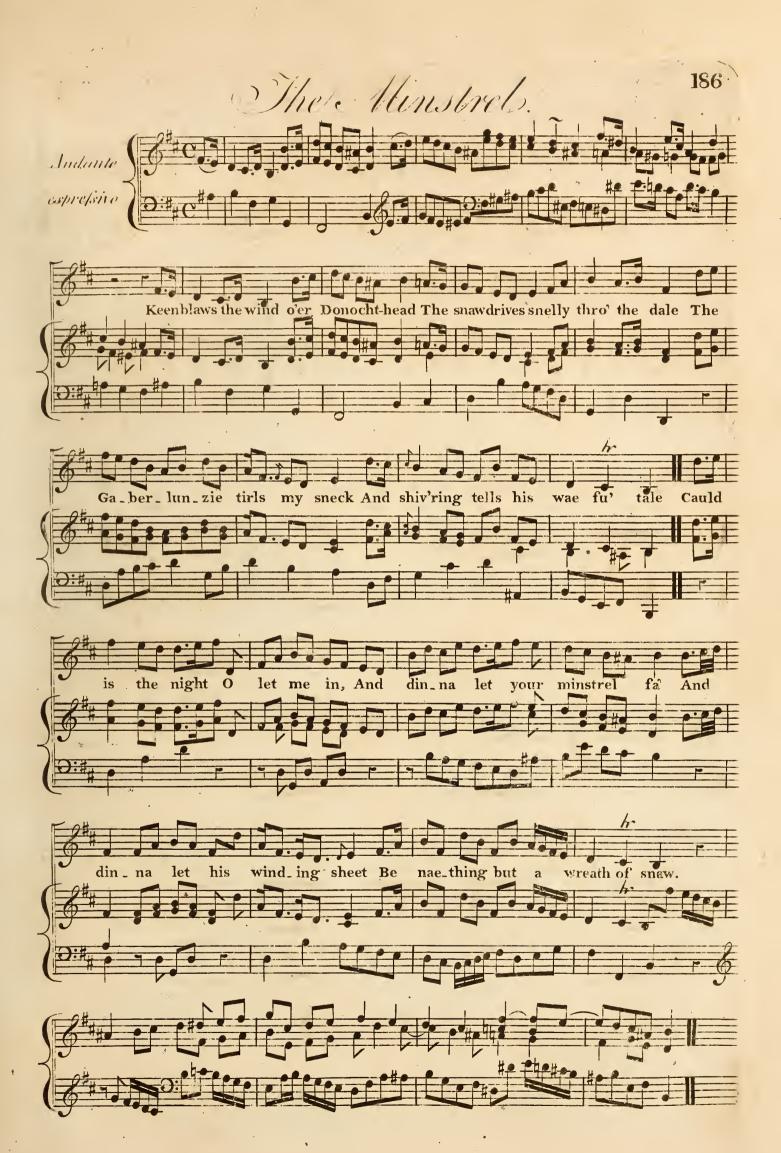
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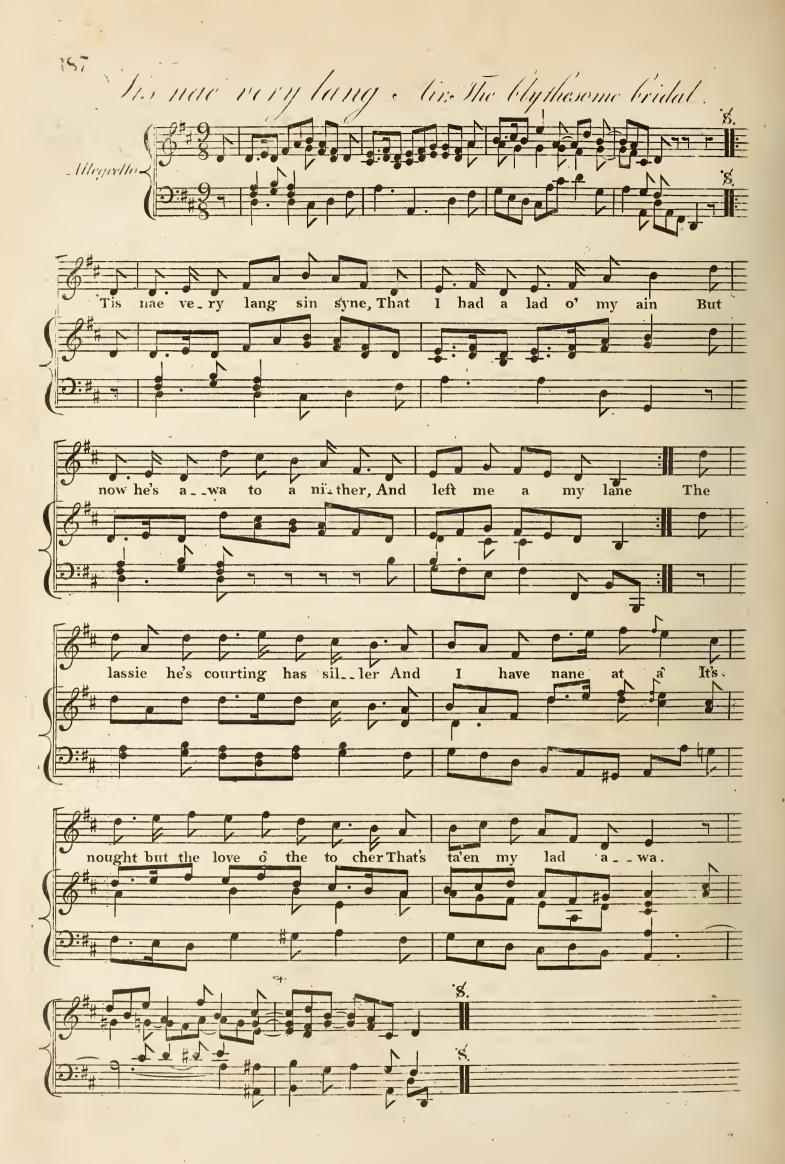
When, lo, in form of minstrel auld,

A stern and stalwart ghaist appear'd.

† The following note is from the pen of Dr Currie: "This poem, an imperfect copy of which was printed in Johnson's Museum, is here given from the Poet's M.S., with his last corrections. The seenery, so finely described, is taken from nature. The Poet is supposed to be musing by night on the banks of the river Cluden, and by the ruins of Lineluden Abbey, founded in the twelfth century, of whose present situation the reader may find some account in Penant's Tour in Seotland, or Grose's Antiquities of that division of the island. Such a time and such a place are well fitted for holding converse with aerial beings. Though this poem has a political bias, yet it may be presumed that no reader of taste, whatever his opinions may be, would forgive its being omitted. Our Poet's prudence suppress'd the song of Libertie, perhaps fortunately for his reputation. It may be questioned whether, even in the resources of his genius, a strain of poetry could have

66 been found worthy of the grandeur and solemnity of this preparation."





'TIS NAE VERY LANG SINSYNE.

AIR .--- FY LET'S A' TO THE BRIDAL.

'T is nae very lang sinsyne
That I had a lad of my ain;
But now he's awa' to anither,
And left me a' my lane.
The lass he's courting has siller,
And I hae nanc at a';
'Tis nought but the love of the tocher
That's tane my lad awa'.

But I'm blythe that my heart's my ain,
And I'll keep it a' my life,
Until that I meet wi' a lad
Wha has sense to wale a good wife.
For though I say't mysell,
That shou'd nae say't, 'tis true,
The lad that gets me for a wife,
He'll ne'er hae occasion to rue.

I gang ay fou clean and fou tosh,
As a' the neighbours can tell;
Though I've seldom a gown on my back
But sic as I spin mysell.
And when I am clad in my curtsey,
I think mysell as braw
As Susie, wi' a' her pearling
That's tane my lad awa.'

But I wish they were buckled together,
And may they live happy for life;
Tho' Willie does slight me, and's left me,
The chield he deserves a good wife.
But, O! I'm blythe that I've miss'd him,
As blythe as I weel can be;
For ane that's sae keen o' the siller
Will ne'er agree wi' me.

But, as the truth is, I'm hearty,
I hate to be serimpit and scant;
The wee thing I ha'e I'll mak' use o't
And nae ane about me shall want.
For I'm a good guide o' the warld,
I ken when to had and to gi'e;
But whinging and cringing for siller
Will ne'er agree wi' me.

Contentment is better than riches,
And he wha has that has enough;
The master is seldom sae happy
As Robin that drives the plough.
But if a young lad wou'd cast up,
To make me his partner for life,
If the chield has the sense to be happy,
He'll fa' on his feet for a wife.

THE DOGS .----A POLITICAL SONG.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK IN 1802,

By HECTOR MACNEILL, Esq.

THE SAME AIR.

You ask me why great dogs should snarle,
When we little dogs can agree?
I answer, the cause of all quarrel
Is nought but—the love of a fee.
Look round for a clear illustration;
Look round and as clearly you'll see,
That every great dog in his station
Is snarling for love of a fee.

The first on the list of the great, Sir,
Is mighty great Bounapartè:
He quarrels with kingdom and state, Sir,
Unbounded dominion's his fce.
The great dog of all the great Prussias
Snarl'd fierce till he met Dumouri'r,
Then run—broke his word, and ne'er blushes
But laughs at John Bull for his fce.

From kings, Sir, look down to our commons, Ev'n there, too, great dogs disagree; All bark about freedom, like Romans, But all for the love of a fee.

Our demo-dogs all turn debate dogs, And yelp under Liberty's lee;

Make every thing bad in our state dogs, And houl for the—want of a fee.

Our loyal dogs bark what they're able,
Make every thing happy and free;
Look round to the treasury table,
And modestly bawl for a fee:
Each party the other despises,
(The Outs and Inns ne'er can agree)
Self-interest's the blister that rises,
The plaster that heals is a fee.

Make Brinsely the clerk of the navy,
Give Charlie the exchequer key,
I warrant they soon cry peccavi,
And snarle no more for a fee.
See Billy, the boast of our nation!
None once was more snarling than he;
But mark now!—how calm in his station,
For long has he finger'd the fee.

You ask, then, if truth is a vapour?

And honour vain phantoms that flee?
I answer, if truth lights the taper,
The extinguisher's always a fee.
Then ask not why great dogs will quarrel,
But wonder how such e'er agree,
Dogs must show their teeth when they snarle
For the bone of contention—a fee.

A HIGHLAND LAD MY LOVE WAS BORN

By BURNS.

AIR .--- THE WHITE COCKADE.

A HIGHLAND lad my love was born,
The lawland laws he held in scorn;
But he still was faithful to his clan,
My gallant braw John Highlandman.
Sing hey, my braw John Highlandman,
Sing ho, my braw John Highlandman,
There's not a lad in a' the land
Was match for my John Highlandman!

With his philabeg and tartan plaid,
And good claymore down by his side,
The ladies' hearts he did trepan,
My gallant braw John Highlandman!
Sing hey, &c.

We ranged a' from Tweed to Spey,
And liv'd like lords and ladies gay;
For a lawland face he feared none,
My gallant braw John Highlandman!
Sing hey, &c.

They banish'd him beyond the sea, But ere the bud was on the tree, Adown my cheeks the pearls ran, Embracing my John Highlandman. Sing hey, &c.

But oh! they catch'd him at the last,
And bound him in a dungeon fast;
My curse upon them every one,
The've hang'd my braw John Highlandman!
Sing hey, &c.

And now a widow I must mourn
Departed joys that ne'er return;
No comfort but a hearty can,
When I think on John Highlandman.
Sing hey, my braw John Highlandman,
Sing ho, my braw John Highlandman,
There's not a lad in a' the land
Was match for my John Highlandman!

THE OLD SONG,

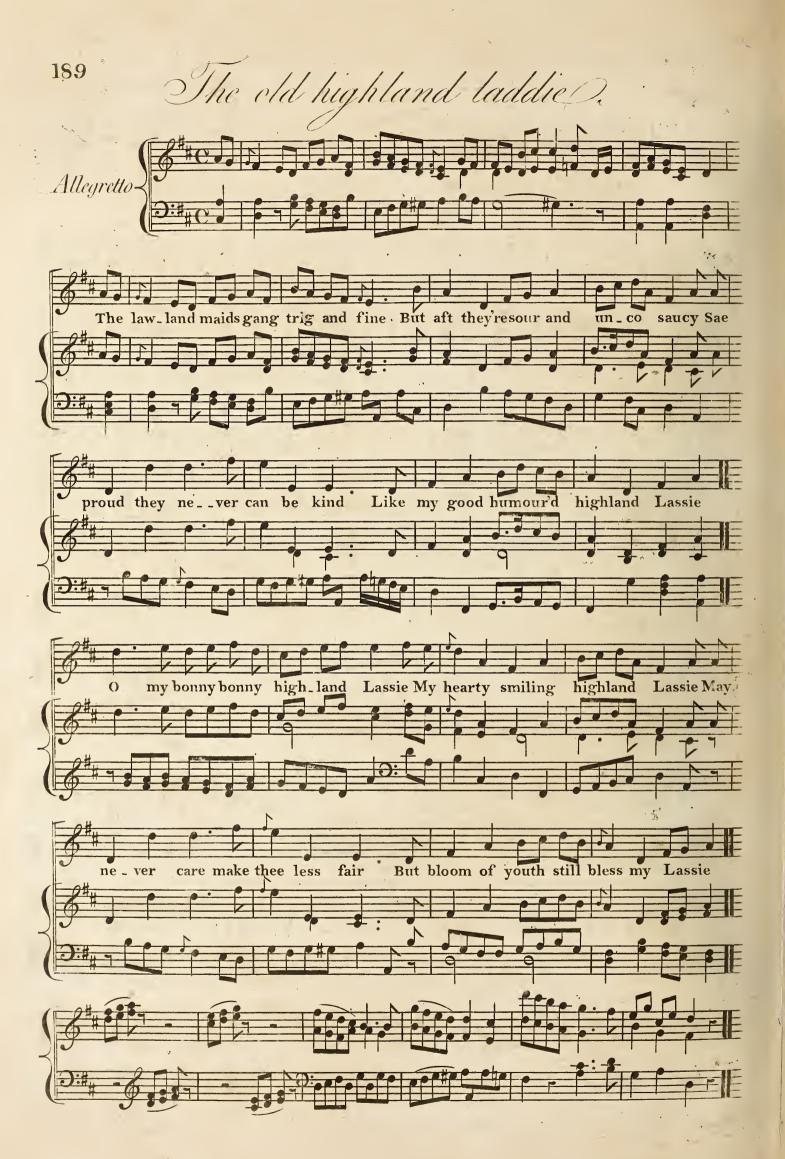
TO THE SAME AIR.

My love was born in Aberdeen,
The bonniest lad that e'er was seen;
But now he makes our hearts fu' sad,
He takes the field wi' his white cockade.
O he's a ranting, roving lad,
He is a brisk and a bonny lad,
Betide what may, I will be wed,
And follow the boy wi' the white cockade.

I'll sell my rock, my reel, my tow,
My gude grey mare, and hawkit cow,
To buy mysel a tartan plaid,
To follow the boy wi' the white cockade.
O he 's a ranting, roving lad,
He is a brisk and a bonny lad,
Betide what may, I will be wed,
And follow the boy wi' the white cockade.







THE LAWLAND MAIDS GANG TRIG AND FINE.

By ALLAN RAMSAY.

AIR .--- THE OLD HIGHLAND LADDIE.

The lawland maids gang trig and fine,
But aft they're sour and unco saucy;
Sae proud they never can be kind,
Like my good-humour'd highland lassie.
O my bonny, bonny highland lassie,
My hearty smiling highland lassie;
May never care make thee less fair,
But bloom of youth still bless my lassie.

Than ony lass in burrows-town,
Wha mak' their cheeks with patches motie,
I'd tak' my Katie but a gown,
Barefooted, in her little coatie.
O my bonny, &c.

Beneath the brier or brecken bush,

Whene'er I kiss and court my dawtie,

Happy and blythe as ane wad wish,

My flighterin heart gangs pittie-pattie.

O my bonny, &c.

There's nane shall dare by deed or word,
'Gainst her to wag a tongue or finger,
While I can wield my trusty sword,
Or frae my side whisk out a whinger.
O my bonny, &c.

O'er highest heathery hills I'll sten,
With cockit gun and ratches tenty,
To drive the deer out of their den,
To feast my lass on dishes dainty.
O my bonny, &c.

The mountains clad with purple bloom,
And berries ripe, invite my treasure
To range with me, let great fowk gloom,
While wealth and pride confound their
pleasure.

O my bonny, bonny highland lassie,
My hearty smiling highland lassie,
May never care make thee less fair,
But bloom of youth still bless my lassie.

COME, FETCH TO ME A PINT O' WINE.

THE SAME AIR.

Come, fetch to me a pint o' wine,
And fill it in a silver tassie,
That I may drink before I go
A service to my bonnie lassie.
The boat rocks at the pier of Leith,
Fu' loud the wind blaws frae the ferry,
The ship rides by the Berwick-law,
And I maun leave my bonnie Mary.

The trumpets sound, the banners fly,

The glitt'ring spears are ranked ready,

The shouts o' war are heard afar,

The battle closes deep and bloody:

It's not the roar o' sea or shore,

Wou'd make me longer wish to tarry;

Nor shouts o' war that's heard afar,

It's leaving thee, my bonnie Mary.

SAE FLAXEN WERE HER RINGLETS.

WRITTEN

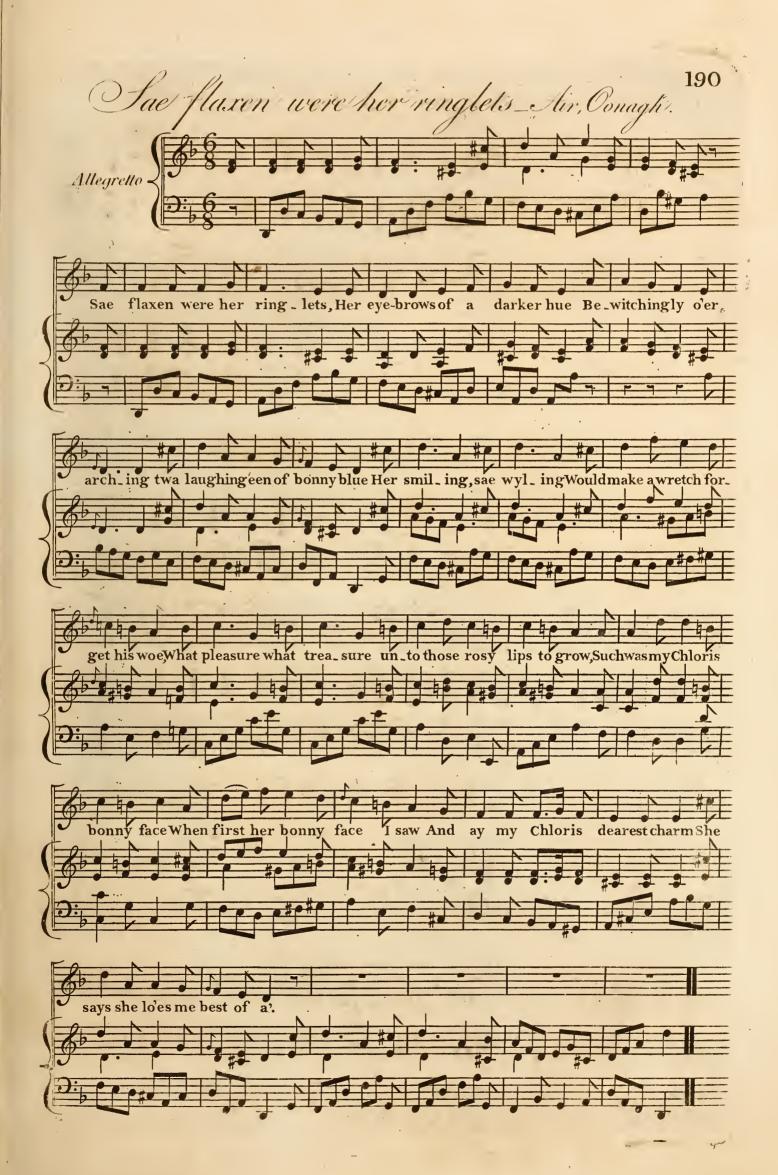
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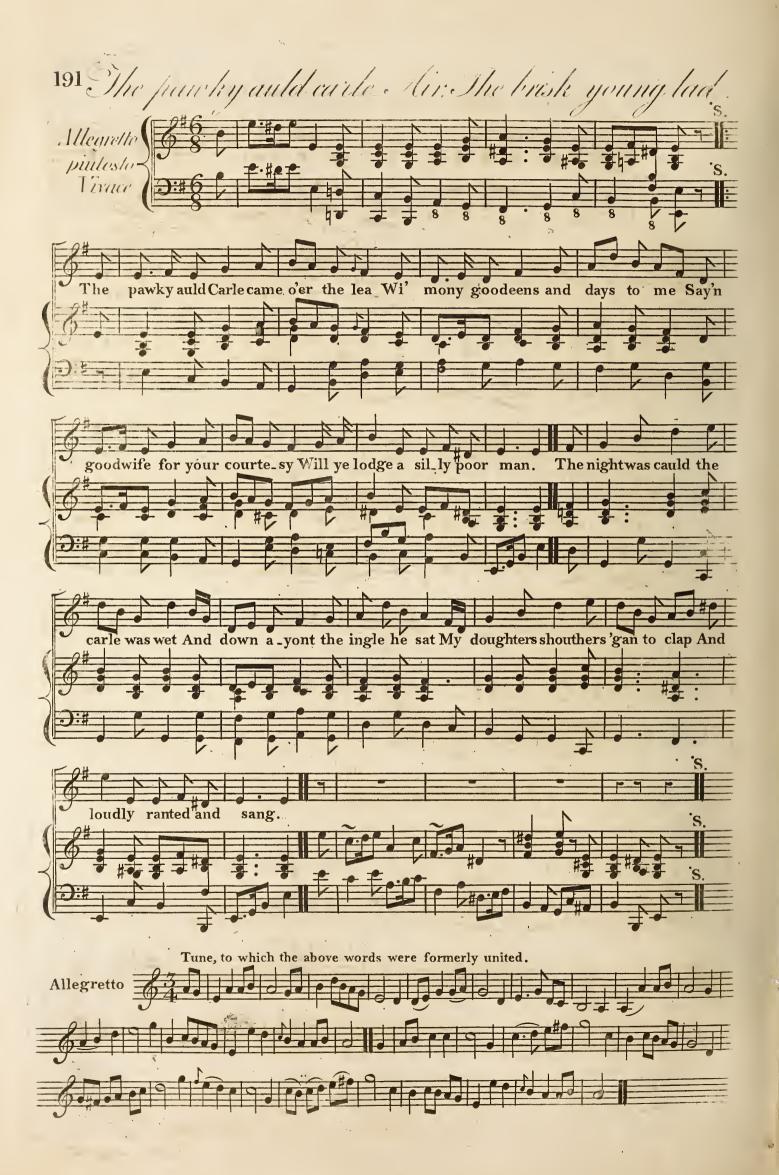
IRISH AIR .--- OONAGH.

Sae flaxen were her ringlets,
Her eye-brows of a darker hue,
Bewitchingly o'er arching
Twa laughing een o' bonnie blue.
Her smiling, sae wyling,
Wou'd make a wretch forget his woe;
What pleasure, what treasure,
Unto these rosy lips to grow:
Such was my Chloris' bonnie face,
When first her bonnie face I saw;
And ay my Chloris' dearest charm,
She says she lo'es me best of a'.

Like harmony her motion;
Her pretty ancle is a spy,
Betraying fair proportion,
Wou'd make a saint forget the sky;
Sae warming, sae charming,
Her fautless form and gracefu' air;
Ilk feature---auld nature
Declar'd that she cou'd do nae mair!
Her's are the willing chains o' love,
By conquering beauty's sov'reign law;
And ay my Chloris' dearest charm,
She says she lo'es me best of a.'

Let others love the city,
And gaudy shew at sunny noon;
Gi'e me the lonely valley,
The dewy eve, and rising moon;
Fair beaming, and streaming
Her silver light the boughs amang;
While falling, recalling,
The amorous thrush concludes his sang;
There, dearest Chloris, wilt thou rove
By wimpling burn and leafy shaw,
And hear my vows o' truth and love,
And say thou lo'es me best of a'.





THE GABERLUNZIE MAN;

SAID TO HAVE BEEN WRITTEN

By KING JAMES V.

AIR .--- THE BRISK YOUNG LAD.

The Editor finds that the Gaberlunzie Man may be sung with much greater effect to this air, than to the tune with which the verses have commonly been joined; the brisk young lad being a lively air, within the compass of every ordinary voice, while the other air not only wants vivacity, but requires a range of voice which few possess, and of course is seldom or never sung. The Editor has therefore united this excellent humourous ballad to the livelier air; but to satisfy those who wish to see the other tune, it is engraved at the foot of the plate. The critical reader will perceive that, in some instances, the Editor has been obliged to shorten the word Gaberlunzie, and slightly to alter a few words for the sake of the Singer; but it is to be observed, that greater alterations would be necessary, if the ballad were sung with the old tune, which does not by any means suit the measure, any more than the spirit, of the lines; so that it seems more than questionable whether the one was ever intended for the other.

The pawky auld earle came o'er the lea;
W' mony good-eens and days to me,
Saying, gudewife, for your courtesie,
Will ye lodge a silly poor man?
The night was cauld, the earle was wat,
And down ayont the ingle he sat;
My doughter's shouthers he 'gan to elap,
And eadgily ranted and sang.

O wow! quo' he, were I as free
As first when I saw this countrie,
How blythe and merry wad I be!
And I wad ne'er think lang.
He grew canty, she grew fain,
But little did her auld minny ken
W. at thir slee twa together were saying;
When wooning they were sae thrang.

And O! quo' he, were ye as black
As e'er the erown o' my daddie's hat,
'Tis I wad lay you by my back,
And awa wi' thee I'd gang.
And O! quo' she, were I as white,
As e'er the snaw lay on the dyke,
I'd eleid me braw, and lady like,
And awa wi' thee I'd gang.

Between the twa was made a plot;
They raise a wee before the cock,
And wylily they shot the loek,
And fast to the bent they're gane.
Up in the morn the auld wife raise,
And at her leisure put on her elaise;
Syne to the servant's bed she gaes,
To spier for the silly poor man.

She gaed to the bed where the beggar .ay,
The strae was eauld, he was away;
She elapt her hands, ery'd, dulefu' day!
For some o' our gear will be gane.
Some ran to eoffer, and some to kist,
But nought was stown that eou'd be mist;
She danc'd her lane, ery'd, praise be blest!
I have lodg'd a leal poor man.

Since naething's awa', as we can learn,
The kirn's to kirn, and milk to yearn,
Gae but the house, lass, and waken my bairn,
And bid her come quickly ben.
The servant gaed where the doughter lay,
The sheets were cauld, she was away,
And fast to her gudewife 'gan to say *,
She's aff wi' the silly poor man!

O fy gar ride, and fy gar rin,
And haste, these traitors find again!
For she's be burnt, and he's be slain,
The wearyfu' beggarly man!
Some rode upo' horse, some ran a-fit,
The wife was wud, and out o' her wit,
She coudna gang, nor yet could she sit,
But ay she curs'd and she bann'd.

Mean time, far hind out owr the lea,
Fu' snug in a glen, where nane eou'd see,
The twa in kindly sport and glee,
Cut frae a new cheese a whang.
The prieving was gude, it pleas'd them baith;
To lo'e her for ay he gave her his aith:
Quo' she, to leave thee I will be laith,
My winsome Gab'lunzie man.

O kend my minnie I were wi' you,
Ill-fardly wad she crook her mou;
Sik a poor man she'd never trow,
After the Gab'lunzie man.
My dear, quo' he, ye're yet owr young,
And hae nae learnt the beggars tongue,
To earry wi' me frae town to town
The Gaberlunzie on.

Wi' eauk and keil I'll win your bread,
And spinnels and whorles for them wha need;
Whilk is a gentle trade to speed
The Gaberlunzie on.
I'll bow my leg, and erook my knee,
And draw a black elout owr my e'e;
A cripple or blind they will ca' me,
While we shall be merry and sing.

^{*} This line in singing might be altered as follows, "Gudewife!" she cry'd, "gudewife! I say,"

TIBBIE FOWLER O', THE GLEN.

AIR .--- TIBBIE FOWLER.

Tibble Fowler o' the glen,
There's o'er mony wooing at her,
Seven but, and seven ben,
And mony mair wooing at her.
Wooing at her, puing at her,
Courting at her, canna get her;
Filthy elf, it's for her pelf
That a' the lads are wooing at her.
Wooing at her, &c.

Ten cam cast, and ten cam west,

Ten cam rowing o'er the water;

Twa cam down the lang dyke-side,

There's twa and thirty wooing at her.

Wooing at her, puing at her,

Courting at her, canna get her;

Filthy elf, it's for her pelf

That a' the lads are wooing at her.

Wooing at her, &c.

She 's got pendles in her lugs,

Cockle-shells wad set her better;

High heel'd shoon and siller tags,

And a' the lads are wooing at her.

Wooing at her, puing at her,

Courting at her, canna get her;

Filthy elf, it 's for her pelf

That a' the lads are wooing at her.

Wooing at her, &c.

Be a lassie e'er sae black,

If she hae the name o' siller,

Set her up on Tintoc tap,

The wind will blaw a man till her.

Be a lassie e'er sae fair,

If she want the penny siller;

A flie may fell her in the air

Before there come a man 'till her.

Wooing at her, &c.

WILLIE WASTLE'S WIFE.

By BURNS.

THE SAME AIR.

WILLIE WASTLE dwalt on Tweed,
The spot they ca'd it Linkumdoddie,
Willie was a wabster gude,
Cou'd stown a clue wi' ony bodie;
He had a wife was dour and din,
O Tinkler Madgie was her mither;
Sic a wife as Willie had,
I wad na gie a button for her.

She has an e'e, she has but ane,

The cat has twa, the very colour;

Five rusty teeth, forbye a stump,

A clapper tongue wad deave a miller;

A whiskin beard about her mou',

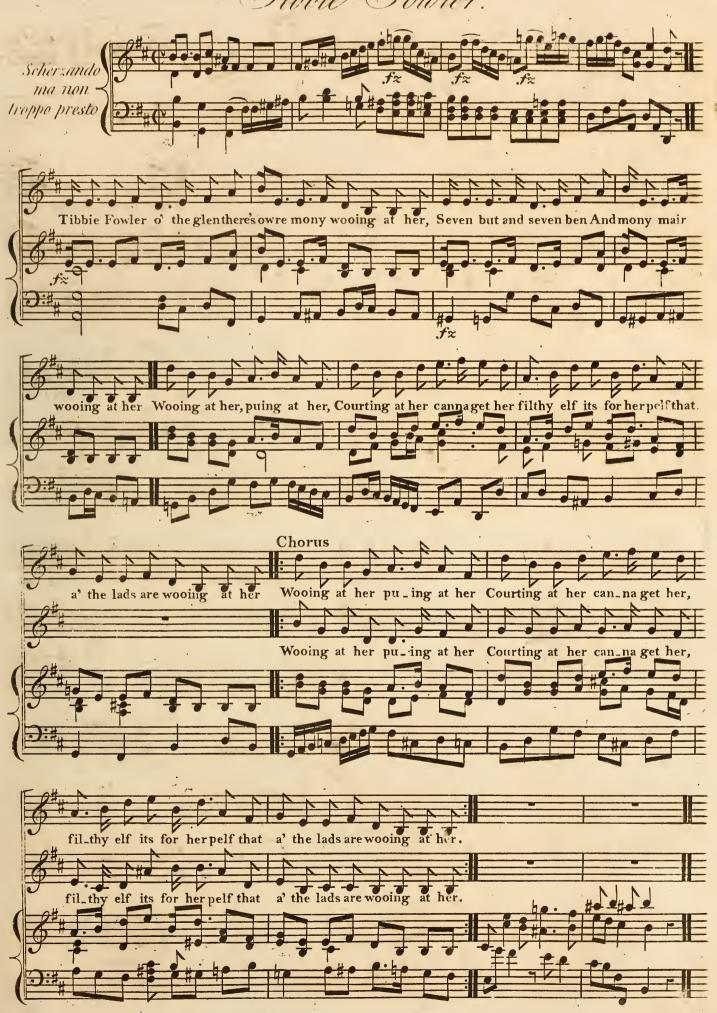
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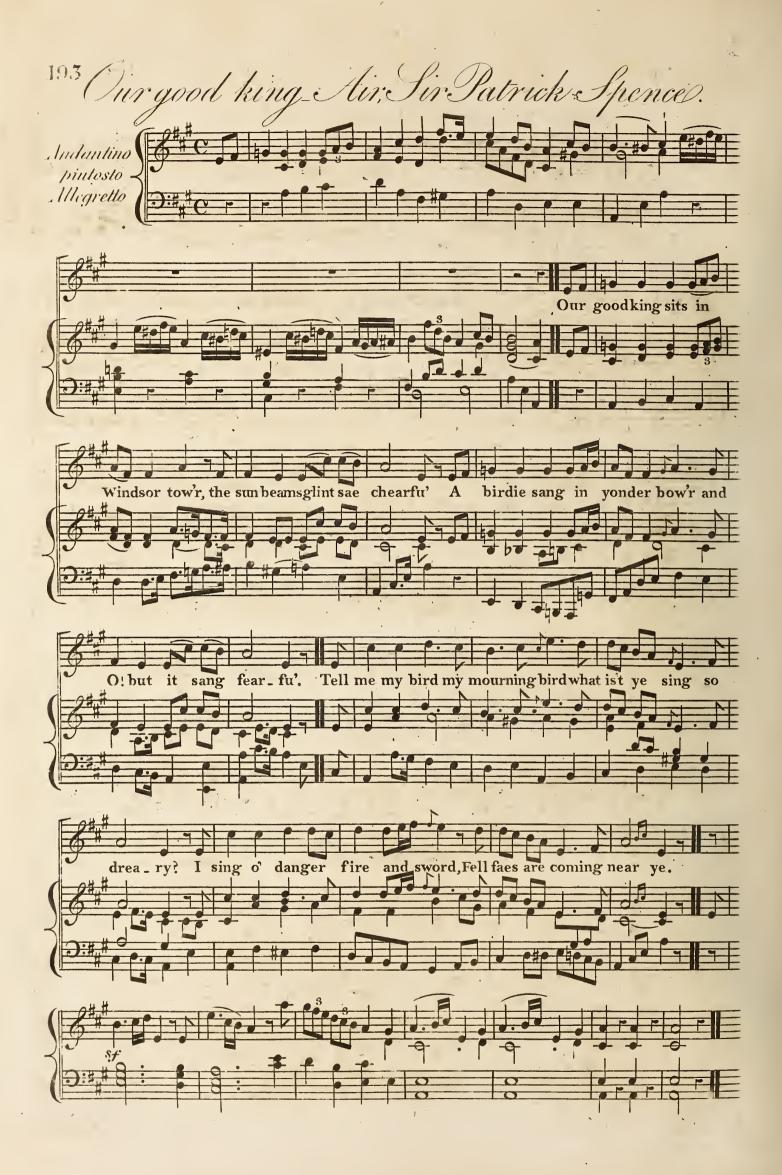
Sic a wife, &c.

She 's bow-hough'd, she 's hein-shinn'd,
Ae limpin leg a hand-breed shorter;
She 's twisted right, she 's twisted left,
To balance fair in ilka quarter;
She has a hump upon her breast,
The twin o' that upon her shouther;
Sic a wife, &c.

Auld baudrans by the ingle sits,
And wi' her loof her face a washin;
But Willie's wife is nae sae trig,
She dights her grunzie wi' a hushion;
Her walie nieves, like midden-creels,
Her face wad fyle the Logan-water;
Sic a wife as Willie had,
I wad na gie a button for her.

Tibbie Fowler.





OUR GOOD KING SITS IN WINDSOR TOWER.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By HECTOR MACNEILL, Esq.

AIR .--- SIR PATRICK SPENCE.

Our good King sits in Windsor tower,
The sun beams glint sae cheerfu',
A birdie sang in yonder bower,
And O! but it sang fearfu'!
Tell me, my bird, my mourning bird,
What is 't you sing so dreary?
I sing o' danger, fire and sword,
Fell faes are coming near ye!

The King stept on his terrace light,

His heart was bauld and cheery,
I fear no foe, by day or night,

While Britain's sons are near me.

The bird ay sang upon the thorn,

And ay its sang was fearfu',
Good King your ships maun sail the morn,

For England's faes are near you.

The King look'd frae his eastle hie,
His look was blythe and airy,
There's no a foe dares face the sea,
Braye England's tars are there ay;

The birdie sang upon the thorn,
But now its sang grew cheerfu',
Good King we'll laugh your face to scorn,
There's nought I see to fear now.

The birdie flew on blythesome wing!

And O but it sang rarely!

And ay it sang, God bless our King!

Bauld Britons love him dearly.

It flew o'er hill, it flew o'er lea,

It sang o'er moor and heather,

Till it eam to the North Countrie,

Whare a' sang blythe thegither.

They sang o' fame, and martial might,

(The pride o' Scottish story;)

They sang o' EDWARD's wars, and flight,

And BRUCE's radiant glory!

They laugh'd at GALLIA's threaten'd ills,

Their shield was Patriot-honour!

They rush'd down Freedom's heath-flow'rd hills,

And rattling join'd her banner!

THE OLD SONG:

TO THE SAME AIR.

The King sits in Dunfermlin toun,
Drinking the bluid-red wine:
Whar sall I get a gude sailor,
To sail this ship o' mine?
Then up and spak an eldern knicht,
Wha sat at his right knie;
Sir Patrick Spence is the best sailor
That sails upon the sea.

The King has written a braid letter,
And sign'd it wi' his hand;
And sent it to Sir Patrick Spence,
Wha walked on the sand.
The first line that Sir Patrick red,
A loud laugh laughed he;
The neist line that Sir Patrick red,
The teir blinded his eie.

- "O wha can he be that has don
 "This deid o' ill to me,
- "To send me at this time o' yeir
 "To sail upo' the sea?

- "Mak haste, mak haste, my mirry men a',
 "Our gude ship sails the morn:"
- O say na sae, my master deir,For I feir deidly storm.'
- I saw the new moon late yestrene,
 Wi' the auld moon in her arm;
- ' And I fear, I fear, my master deir,
 'That we will eum to harm.'
- Our Scottish nobles were right laith
 To weit their shyning shoon;

But lang or a' the play was owr, They wat their heids aboon.

O lang, lang may their ladies sit,
And luik outour the sand,
Or cir they see the bonnie ship
Cum sailing to the land!
Mair than haf owr to Aberdour,
It's fifty fathom deip,—
And there lyes gude Sir Patrick Spence,
Wi' the Scots lords at his feit.

NOW WAT YE WHA I MET YESTREEN.

AIR .--- EDINBURGH KATE.

Now wat ye wha I met yestreen,
Coming down the street, my jo?
My mistress in her tartan screen,
Fu' bonny, braw, and sweet, my jo.
My dear, quoth I, thanks to the night,
That never wish'd a lover ill;
Since ye're out of your mother's sight,
Let's tak a walk up to the hill.

O Katie, wilt thou gang wi' me,
And leave the dinsome town a while;
The blossom's sprouting frae the tree,
And a' the summer's gawn to smile;
The mavis, blackbird, and the lark,
The bleating lambs and whistling hynd,
In ilka dale, green shaw and park,
Will nourish health, and glad your mind.

Soon as the clear goodman of day
Bends his morning draught of dew,
We'll gae to some hurn-side and play,
And gather flow'rs to busk your brow.
We'll pou the daisies on the green,
The lucken gowans frae the bog:
Between-hands now and then we'll lean,
And rest upo' the velvet fog.

There's up into a pleasant glen,
A wee piece frae my father's tow'r,
A canny, saft, and flow'ry den,
Where circling birks have form'd a bow'r:
Whene'er the sun grows high and warm,
We'll to that caller shade remove,
There will I lock thee in mine arm,
And breathe the tender tale of love *.

* The critical reader will find a slight alteration made upon the last line of each of the two last stanzas of the above song.

THE ANSWER.

MY MITHER'S AY GLOWRIN O'ER ME.

THE SAME AIR.

My mither's ay glowrin o'er me, Though she did the same before me, I canna get leave to look to my Love, Or else she'll be like to devour me.

Right fain wad I take your offer,
Sweet Sir, but I'll tine my tocher;
Then, Sandy, you'll fret, and wyte your poor Kate,
Whene'er ye keek in your toom coffer.

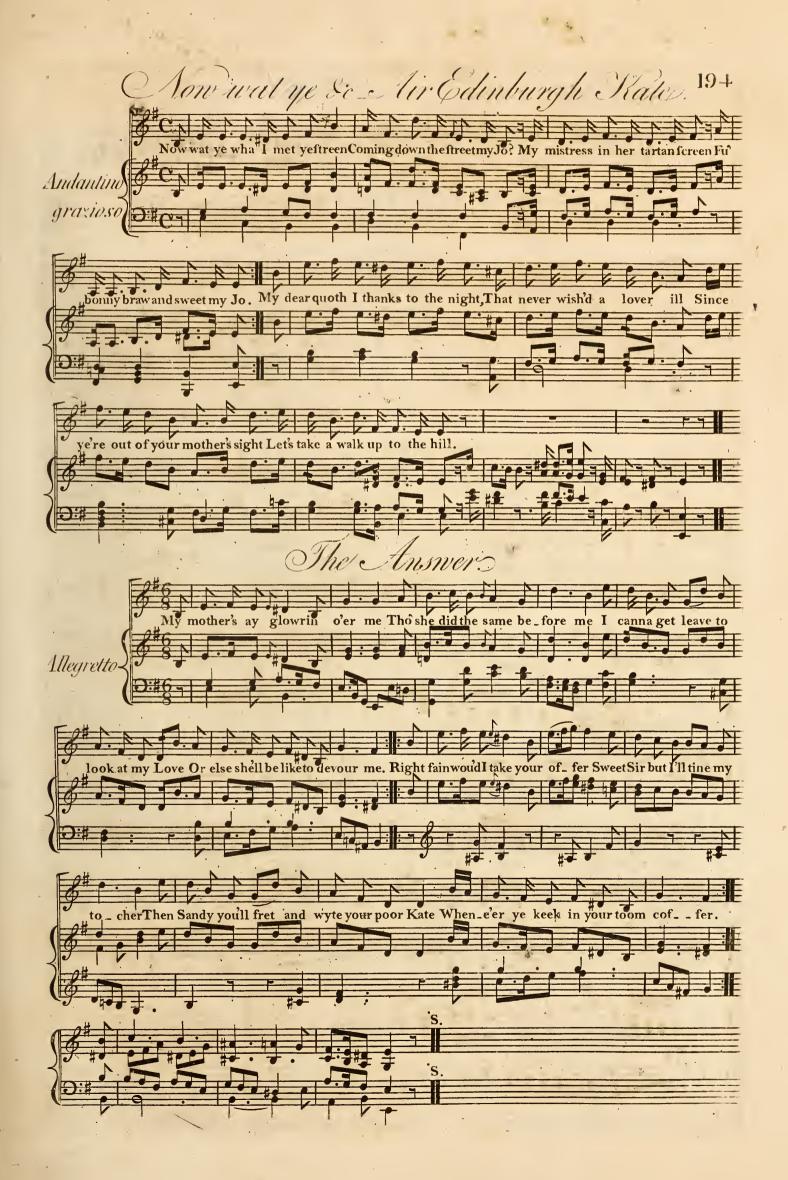
For though my father has plenty
Of siller, and plenishing dainty,
Yet he's unco swear to twin wi' his gear;
And sae we had need to be tenty.

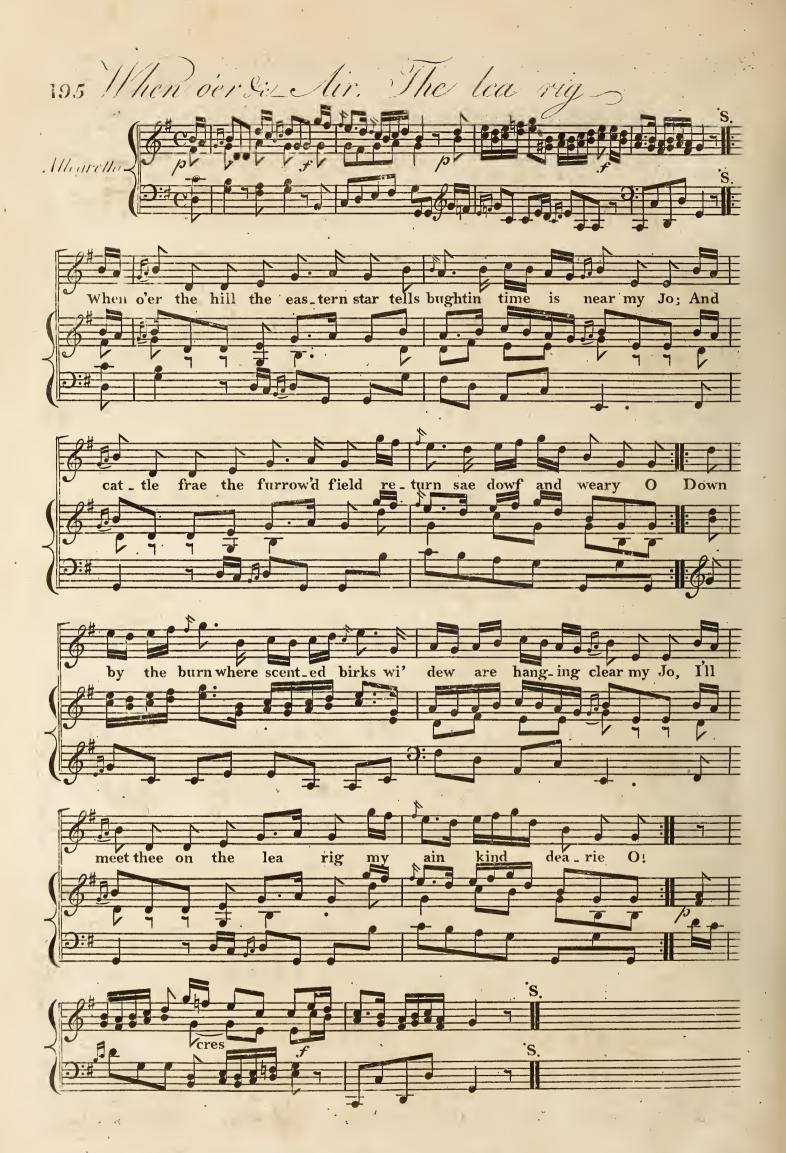
Tutor my parents wi' caution,

Be wylie in ilka motion;

Brag weel o' ye'r land, and there's my leal hand,

Win them, I'll be at your devotion





WHEN O'ER THE HILL THE EASTERN STAR.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By BURNS.

AIR .--- THE LEA-RIG.

When o'er the hill the eastern star
Tells bughtin-time is near, my jo;
And owsen frae the furrowed field
Return sae dowf and weary O:
Down by the burn, where scented birks
Wi' dew are hanging clear, my jo,
I'll meet thee on the lea-rig,
My ain kind dearie O.

At mid-night hour, in mirkest glen,
I'd rove and ne'er be irie O,
If thro' that glen I gaed to thee,
My ain kind dearie O.

Altho' the night were ne'er sae wild,
And I were ne'er sae weary O,
I'd meet thee on the lea-rig,
My ain kind dearie O.

The hunter lo'es the morning sun,

To rouse the mountain deer, my jo;
At noon the fisher seeks the glen,

Adown the burn to steer, my jo:
Gi'e me the hour o' gloamin grey,

It makes my heart sae cheary O,

To meet thee on the lea-rig,

My ain kind dearie O.

YE BRAES OF TOUCH, HOW SWEET YE SMILE.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By A LADY.

THE SAME AIR.

YE braes of Touch *, how sweet ye smile,
When ev'ning lingers in the sky;
Your lovely shades my cares beguile
Ev'n seen thro' sorrow's wat'ry eye.
Not fairer flowers Arcadia blest,
Not sweeter Tempe's verdant vale,
When in thy green retreats I rest,
Where music floats on ev'ry gale.

Ye braes of Touch, how fresh ye bloom,
When spring calls forth her earliest flow'rs,
I feel my heart its peace resume
When shelter'd in your vocal bow'rs.

Your dashing falls, your tranquil groves,
Yourwand'ring streams that murmur sweet,
Where ease reclines, and freedom roves
Around the Muse's fav'rite seat.

Your every wildly varied charm,
When bright with summer's ardent beams,
Can wounded mem'ry's power disarm,
And raise the soul to happier themes.
Ye braes of Touch, how gay ye smile,
When rising larks salute the day,
Your rural charms my cares beguile,
And wake the long forgotten lay.

^{*} Touch, near Stirling, the seat of Archibald Seton, Esq.—The word is pronounc'd with the guttural sound of the Scottish dialect; but as that sound would be difficult to the English singer, it may be pronounced as if it were spell'd Touk.

THE GYPSIES CAME TO OUR GOOD LORD'S GATE.

AIR .--- JOHNY FAW, --- OR, THE GYPSIE LADDIE.

Some verses commonly printed as part of this ballad, are here omitted, as being unfit for this work.

The gypsies came to our good lord's gate,
And wow but they sang sweetly;
They sang sae sweet, and sae compleat,
That down came our fair lady.

And she came tripping down the stair, Wi' a' her maids before her; As soon as they saw her weil-far'd face, They coost the glamer o'er her.

- O come with me,' says Johny Faw,
 O come with me my deary;
- For I vow and swear, by the hilt of my sword,
 Your lord shall nae mair come near ye.'
- " Here, take frae me this gay mantile, "And bring to me a plaidie;
- "Tho' kith and kin and a' had sworn,
 "I'll follow the gypsie laddie.

- "Yestreen I lay in a well-made bed,
 And my good lord beside me;
- "This night I'll ly in a tenant's barn,
 "Whatever shall betide me."

And when our lord came hame at e'en, And speir'd for his fair lady, The tane she cry'd, and the other reply'd, She's awa' wi' the gypsie laddie.

- "Gae saddle to me the black black steed,
 Gae saddle and make him ready,
- "Before I either eat or sleep,
 "I'll gae seek my fair lady."

And we were fifteen well-made men,
Of courage stout and steady,
And we were a' put down for ane,
A fair young wanton lady.

A person of the name of Johne Faw is said to have been king of the gypsies in the time of James V., who, about the year 1542, issued a curious proclamation, ordaining all sheriffs, &c. to assist Johne Faw, there stiled, "Lord and "Erle of Litill Egipt," in seizing and securing certain fugitive gypsies, in order that they might be punish'd by Johne, their lord and master, conform to his laws: for which purpose the magistrates were to lend him their prisons, stocks, fetters, &c. And the king charges his lieges not to molest the said Johne Faw, and his company, in their lawful business within the realm, or in passing through, remaining in, or going forth of the same, under penalty; and all skippers, masters of ships, and mariners were ordered to receive Mm and his company, upon their expences, for furthering them to parts beyond sea. See M'Laurin's Remarkable Cases, p. 774.

It is not improbable that this Johne Faw is the Hero of the above ballad; and the rank and title of the Heroine seems to be ascertained, from the following verse of a different copy:

There was seven gypsies in a gang, And they were brisk and bonny O, And they're to be hang'd all in a row, For the Earl of Castle's * lady O.

* Cassills.

CRAZ'D WALTER CAME TO OUR LADY'S GATE.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By MRS GRANT.

THE SAME AIR

CRAZ'D WALTER came to our lady's gate,
And he sung sad and sweetly;
O soft is the smile of my lovely Kate,
It melts my soul completely.
The lady view'd with a scornful frown
The gentle maniae's sorrow,
O look not on me so proudly down,
I'll wed you, love, to-morrow.

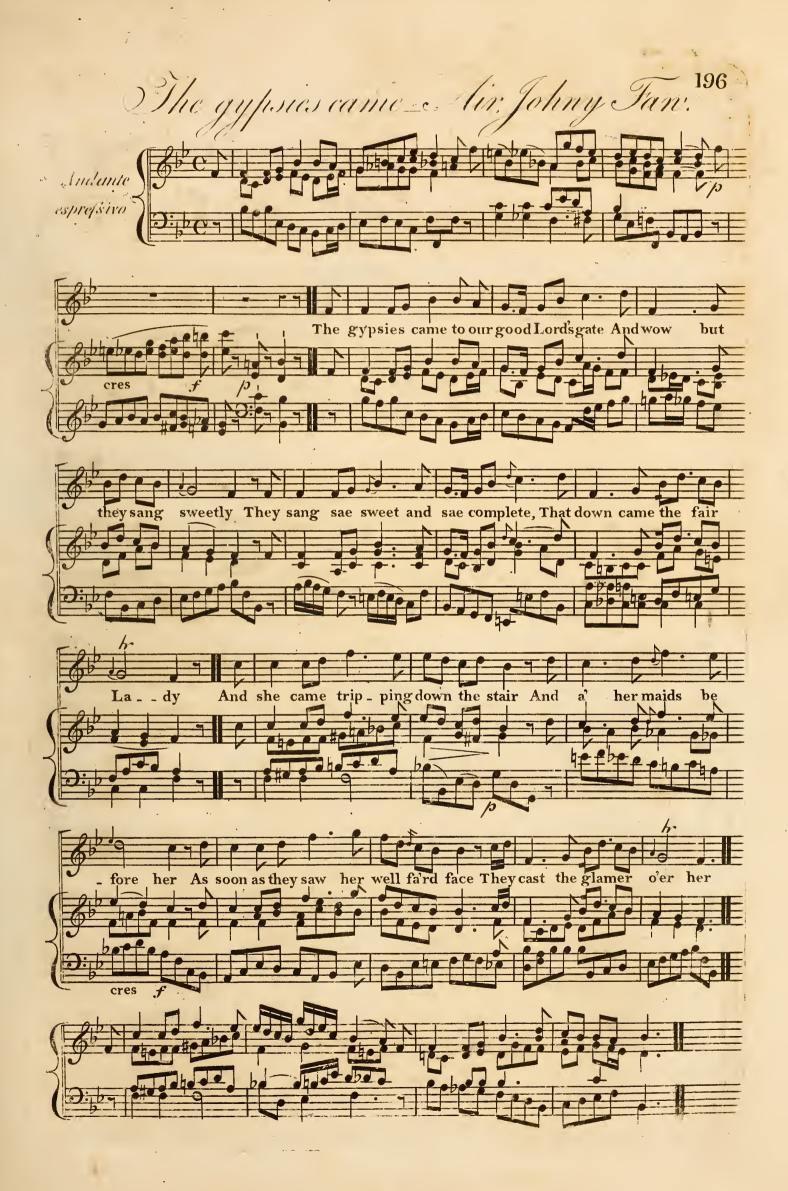
I'll twine a chaplet round your brow
Of rue, and the wilding's blossom;
I'll plunge where spreading lillies grow
In yon still water's bosom.
No roof defends me from the sky,
No blazing hearth does checr me,
When wand'ring late where owls do cry,
The passing strangers fear me.

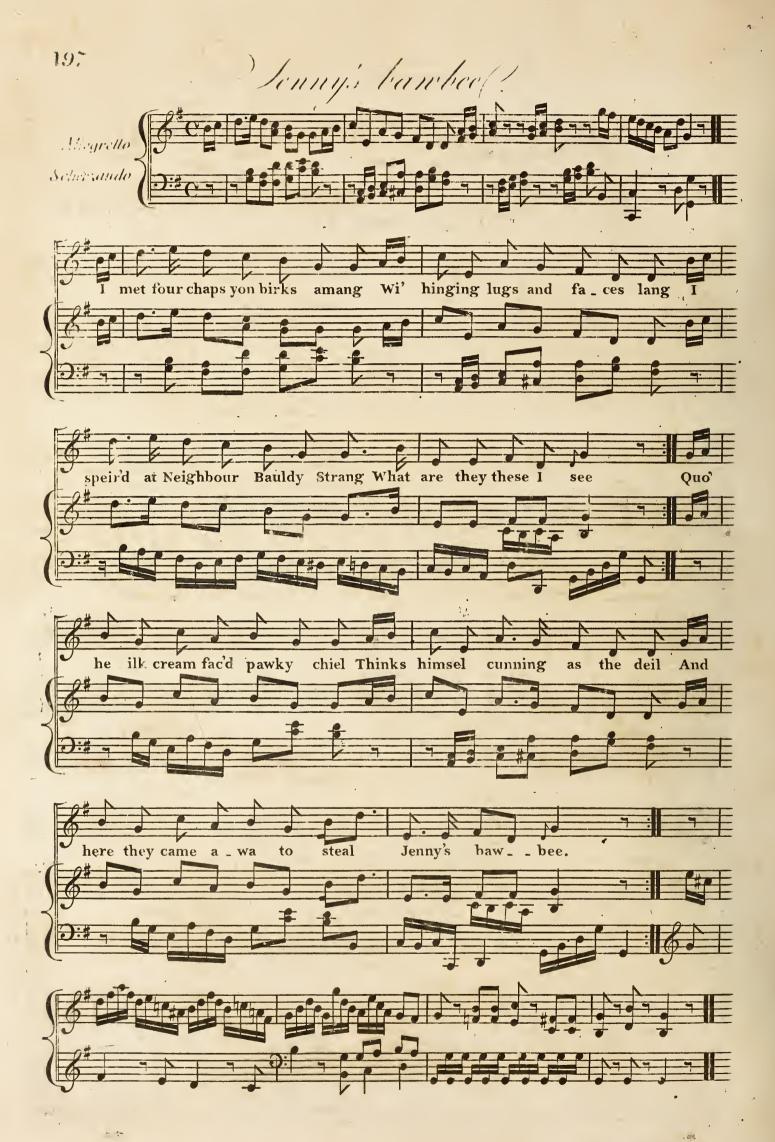
When bright the frosty moon shines late,
Through dark blue skies so clearly,
Come, see my haunt, O lovely Kate,
Where I watch the day-spring early.

Beneath yon broad oak's solemn shade, The wither'd leaves I gather; There is poor Walter's lowly bed, In wild and wint'ry weather.

There, in the dreary hour of night,
When stormy clouds are flying,
I watch your chamber's distant light,
To view your shadow trying.
When slumber wraps your careless mind
In downy case reclining,
My love-notes mingle with the wind,
In restless anguish pining.

Frown, ye dark storms of angry night,
Come with your terrors round me;
Chace from my brain that smile so bright,
The look that first did wound me.
Or smile once more, my lovely Kate,
To soothe poor Walter's sorrow;
Think of the wretched wanderer's fate,
Who sees no joyful morrow.





I MET FOUR CHAPS YON BIRKS AMANG.

WRITTEN

By ALEXANDER BOSWELL, Esq. of Auchinleck,

AND HERE PUBLISH'D BY HIS PERMISSION.

AIR .--- JENNY'S BAWBEE.

I MET four chaps you birks amang,
Wi' hingin lugs and faces lang;
I speer'd at neebour Bauldy Strang,
Wha's they I see?
Quo' he, ilk eream-fac'd, pawky chiel,
Thought he was cunning as the de'il,
And here they cam, awa to steal
Jenny's bawbee.

The first, a captain to his trade,
Wi' skull ill-lin'd, but back weel clad,
March'd round the barn and bye the shed,
And pap'd on his knee:
Quo' he, "My goddess, nymph, and queen,
"Your beauty's dazzled baith my e'en!"
But de'il a beauty he had seen
But---Jenny's bawbee.

A lawyer niest, wi' blethrin gab,

Wha speeches wove like ony wab,

In ilk ane's eorn ay took a dab,

And a' for a fee. '

Aecounts he ow'd through a' the town,

And tradesmen's tongues nae mair cou'd drown,

But now he thought to clout his gown

Wi' Jenny's bawbee.

A Norland laird niest trotted up,
Wi' bawsen'd naig and siller whup,
Cried, "There's my beast, lad, had the grup,
Or tie't till a tree.
"What's gowd to me, I've walth o' lan',
"Bestow on ane o' worth your han';"
He thought to pay what he was awn
Wi' Jenny's bawbee.

Dress'd up just like the knave o' elubs,
A THING eame niest, (but life has rubs),
Foul were the roads, and fou the dubs,
And jaupit a' was he.
He danc'd up, squintin' through a glass,
And grinn'd, "I'faith a bonnie lass!"
He thought to win, wi' front o' brass,
Jenny's bawbee.

She bade the laird gae kaim his wig,
The soger no to strut sae big,
The lawyer no to be a prig,
The fool ery'd, "Tehee!
"I kent that I could never fail!"
But she prin'd the dish-clout to his tail,
And sous'd him wi' a water-pail,
And kept her bawbee!

CRO CHALLIN:

TRANSLATED FROM THE GAELIC FOR THIS WORK

By MRS GRANT.

HIGHLAND AIR --- CRO CHALLIN.

The following Song from the Gaelic, when sent to the Editor, was accompanied by some remarks of the Translator, which shall here be prefixed: "The verses of CRO CHALLIN have lived from the days when agriculture was in its infancy, and continues " still to soothe every fold, and lull every cradle in these wild regions. A literal translation I dont pretend to give, but I " will venture to appeal to every judge of Gaelic, and of Poetry, whether I have not rendered the spirit of this curious frag-" ment of antiquity. The changes which time and culture have effected on manners, are best traced in popular songs, more " particularly the Gaelic fragments, in which the transitions from the life of a Hunter to that of a Herdsman, and from "that to the more laborious and stationary pursuits of Agriculture, are strongly mark'd. Anciently the Hunter was admired as a person of manly courage, who, in the pursuit of a livelihood, exerted the virtues of patience and fortitude, and fol-" lowed Nature into her most sublime retirements. Herdsmen were then accounted the sons of little men; sordid, inferior " beings, who preferr'd ease and safety to noble daring, and boundless variety; and were considered to be as much below the "Hunter, as the cattle they tended were inferior in grace and agility to the deer the others pursued. Interest, however, re-" versed such opinions: In process of time, the maidens boasted of the numerous herds of their lovers, and viewed the Hunts-" man as a poor wandering adventurer. About this time the Song here translated seems to have been composed. The enamour'd nymph, willing to think Colin as rich as others, talks in an obscure and figurative manner of the Cattle of Colin " (Cro Challin), and pursues the metaphor through many playful allusions to the deer, roes, fawns, &c. and their manner of sporting and feeding, in a style too minute for translation: in the end, however, it appears that the boasted cattle of " Colin were no other than those wild commoners of nature, and his sole profession that of hunting! I have endeavoured to copreserve the tender simplicity of the original, and to render almost literally, the fond repetition of endearing epithets. The co love songs of those days were the breathings of real passion: nobody thought of that most absurd of all things, a fictitious " love song.

"It is silly sooth,

"And dallies with the innocence of love
"Like the old age."

My Colin, lov'd Colin, my Colin, my dear, Who wont the wild mountains to trace without fear; O where are thy flocks, that so swiftly rebound, And fly o'er the heath without touching the ground?

So dappled, so varied, so beauteous their hue, So agile, so graceful, so charming to view; O'er all the wide forest, there's nought can compeer With the light bounding flocks of my Colin, my dear.

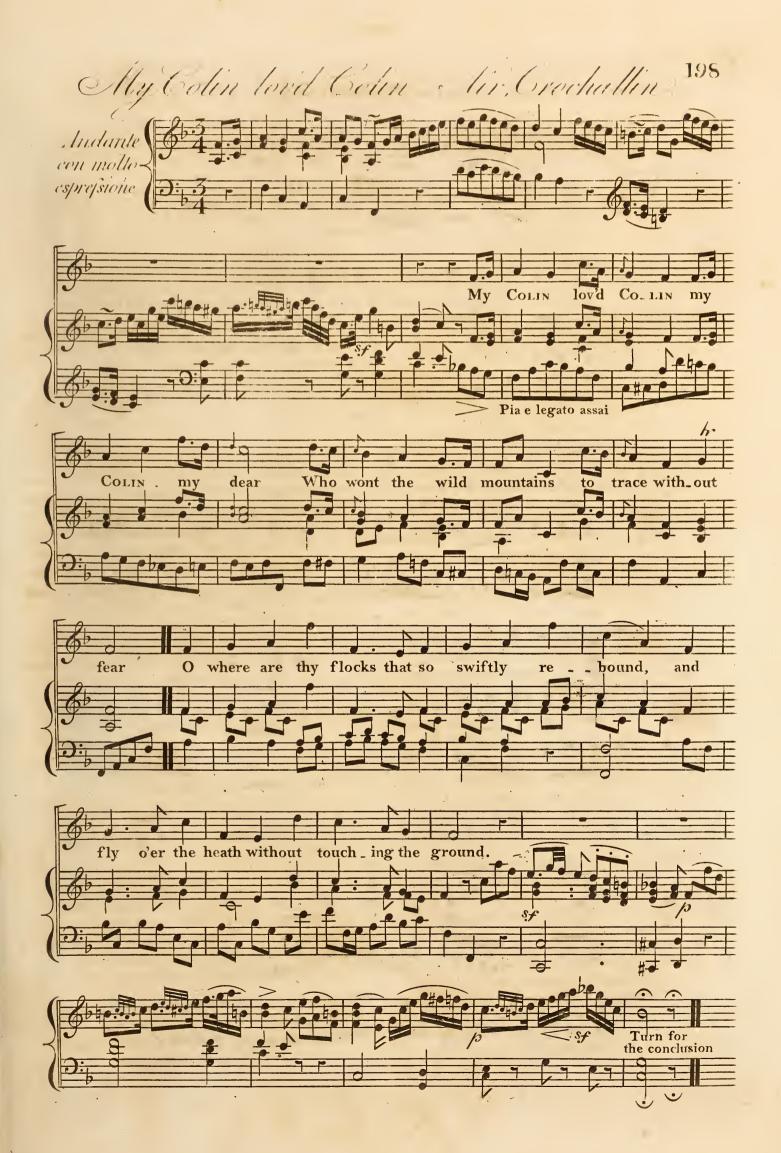
My Colin, dear Colin, my Colin, my love,
O where are thy herds that so loftily move,
With branches so stately their proud heads are crown'd,
With their motion so rapid the woods all resound.

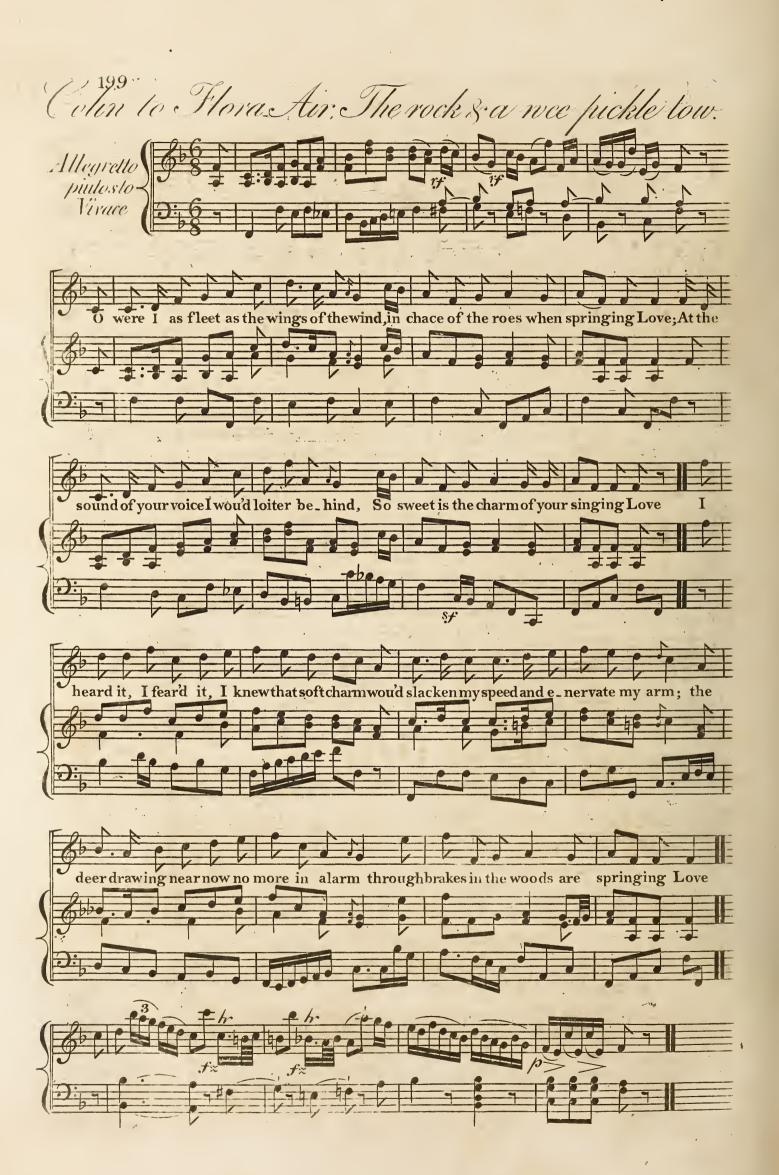
Where the birch trees hang weeping o'er fountains so clear, At noon-day they're sleeping round Colin, my dear; O Colin, sweet Colin, my Colin, my joy, Must those flocks and those herds all thy moments employ!

To you waterfall's dashing I tune my sad strain, And gather these violets for Colin in vain; At sun-set he said he would meet with me here, Then where can he linger, my Colin, my dear.

O Colin, my darling, my pleasure, my pride,
While the flocks of rich shepherds are grazing so wide,
Regardless I view them, unheeded the swains,
Whose herds scatter'd round me adorn the green plains.

Their offers I hear, and their plenty I see,
But what are their wealth and their offers to me;
While the light bounding roes, and the wild mountain deer
Are the cattle of Colin, my hunter, my dear.





COLIN TO FLORA.----O WERE I AS FLEET, &c.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

By MRS GRANT.

AIR .--- THE ROCK AND A WEE PICKLE TOW.

O were I as fleet as the wings of the wind,
In chace of the roes when springing, love,
At the sound of your voice I would loiter behind,
So sweet is the charm of your singing, love.
I heard it, I fear'd it, I knew that soft charm
Would slacken my speed, and enervate my arm;
See the deer, drawing near, now no more in alarm,
Secure through the woodlands are springing, love.

While echo delighed repeats the sweet sound,
And rocks with the music are ringing, love;
The hinds with their fawns come enraptur'd around,
And lose all their fears in your singing, love *.

If Flora to Mora can gather the deer,
All heedless of danger, her accents to hear;
While gazing and praising that melody clear,
Can Colin his bow be stringing, love.

Let my arrows be scatter'd, my bow be unstrung,
And the deer all in safety be springing, love;
Let me gaze on your eyes, and attend to your tongue,
While the woodlands in concert are ringing, love.
While pining and twining the chaplet for me,
Thy hunter still chaces a vision of thee;
My youth and my truth from inconstancy free,
I vow'd to you at the beginning, love.

* When the maids milking the cows in distant glens sing Cro Challin, or any other melody, the deer frequently draw near to listen.

THE OLD SONG OF

THE ROCK AND A WEE PICKLE TOW.

THERE was an auld wife had a wee pickle tow,
And she wad gae try the spinning o't;
But lootin her down, her rock took a low,
And that was an ill beginning o't.
She spat on't, she flet on't, and tramp'd on its pate,
But a' she could do it wad hae its ain gate;
At last she sat down, and she bitterly grat
That ever she try'd the spinning o't.

I hae been a wife these threescore o' years,
And ay I kept free o' the spinning o't;
But how I was sarket, foul fa' them that speirs,
To mind me o' the beginning o't.
The women are now a-days turned sae braw,
That ilk ane maun hae a sark, some maun hae twa;
The warld was better when fient ane awa,
But a wee rag at the beginning o't.

Foul fa' them that ever advis'd me to spin,
That had been sae lang o' beginning o't,
I well might have ended as I had begun,
And never have try'd the spinning o't.

But she's a wise wife wha kens her ain weird,

I thought anes a-day it wad never be speir'd,

How loot ye the low tak the rock by the beard,

When ye gaed to try the spinning o't?

The spinning, the spinning, it gars my heart sab,

To think on the ill beginning o't;

I thought ere I died to have made out a wab

And this was the first beginning o't.

But had I nine doughters, as I hae but three,

The safest and soundest advice I wou'd gie,

That they frae spinning wou'd keep their hands free,

For fear of an ill beginning o't.

But if they in spite of my counsel would run
The dreary sad risk o' the spinning o't,
Let them find a lown seat lighted up by the sun,
Syne venture upon the beginning o't:
But, to do as I've done, alake and avow,
To busk up a rock at the cheek of a low,
They'll say that I had little wit in my pow,—
The meikle deil tak the spinning o't!

GOOD NIGHT, &c.----THE OLD CHIEFTAIN TO HIS SONS.

WRITTEN

By ALEXANDER BOSWELL, Esq. of Auchinleck.

AIR .--- GOOD NIGHT AND JOY BE WI' YE.

Good night and joy be wi' ye a';
Your harmless mirth has cheer'd my heart:
May life's fell blasts out o'er ye blaw!
In sorrow may ye never part!
My spirit lives, but strength is gone;
The mountain fires now blaze in vain:
Remember, sons, the deeds I've done,
And in your deeds I'll live again.

When on you muir our gallant clan
Frae boasting foes their banners tore,
Wha show'd himsel a better man,
Or fiercer wav'd the red claymore?
But when in peace,---then mark me there--When thro' the glen the wanderer came,
I gave him of our hardy fare,
I gave him here a welcome hame.

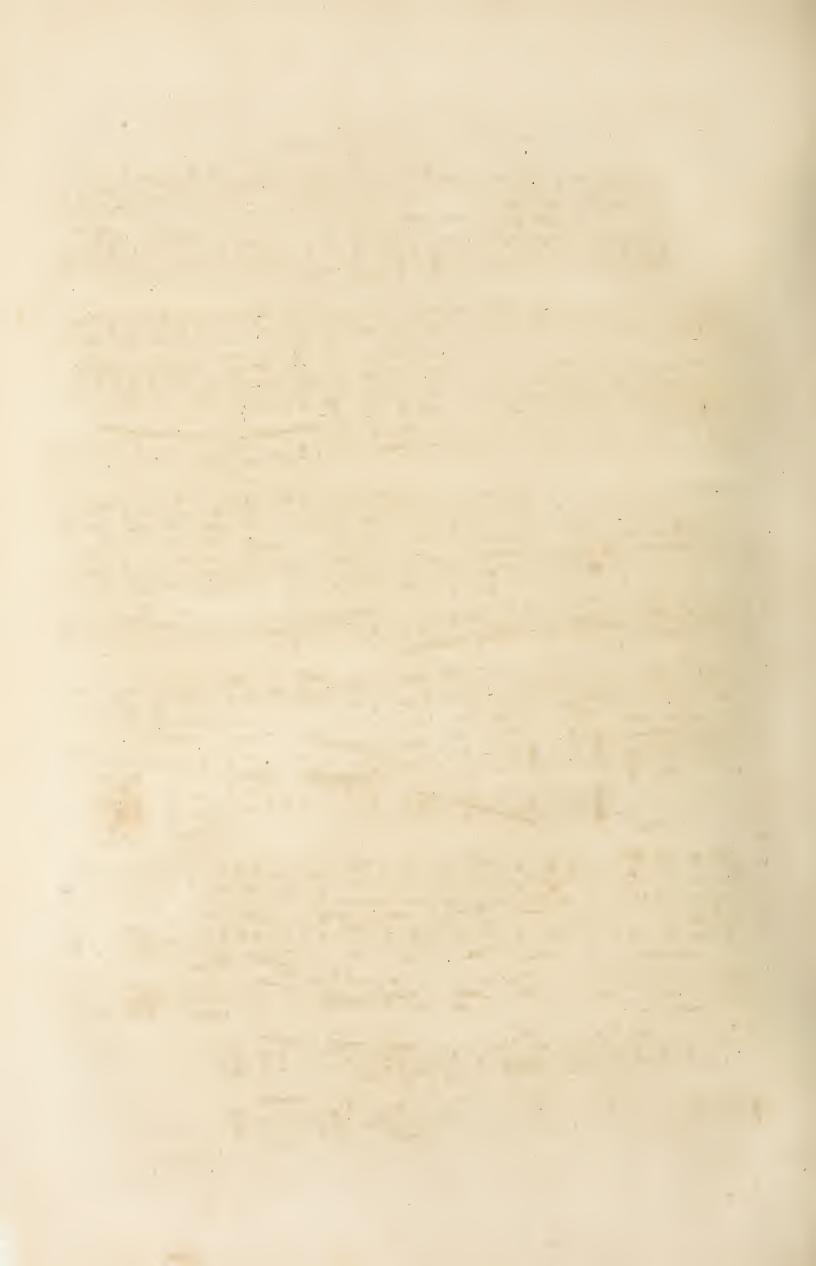
The auld will speak, the young maun hear,
Be canty, but be good and leal;
Your ain ills ay ha'e heart to bear,
Anither's ay ha'e heart to feel.
So, ere I set, I'll see you shine,
I'll see you triumph ere I fa':
My parting breath shall boast you mine:
Good night and joy be wi' ye a'!

Edinburgh:

FOR THE PROPRIETOR, G. THOMSON.

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GLOSSARY OF THE SCOTTISH WORDS

WHICH OCCUR IN

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MADE UP FROM THE BEST AUTHORITIES.

The ch and gh have always the guttural sound. The oo and wi have the sound of the French u. The Scottish diphthong a sounds like the French e, masculine.

Many Southern and Northern words are originally the same, having only letters taken away, or changed for others, of which many instances occur in this glossary; such as, A', for all, Ca' for call, Cauld, for cold, Fause, for false, Grane, for groan, &c. &c.

&c. &c. A', all Abeigh, at a shy distance Aboon, above, up Ae, one Aff, off, Aff-hand, unpremeditated Afil, on foot Afore, before Aft, oft Aften, often Ail·lins, perhaps, Aik, oak Ain, own Air, early Airle, or Arles, earnest-money Airts, points of the compass Aith, oath Ajee, aside Alane, alone Amang, or Amo', among An', and, if Ance, once An, one Aneath, beneath Anither, another Artfu', artful Arthur's Seat, a hill close to Edinburgh Ase, ashes Asklent, to the one side Asteer, abroad, stirring Athort, athwart Atween, between Auld, old Auldfarren, sagacious, cunning Aunty, aunt, Ava, at all Awa', away Awn, owing Awsome, frightful, terrible Ay, always, for ever Ayont, beyond

B

Ba', ball
Babbin, hobbling and dancing
Bade, stay'd
Bagrie, trash
Bailie, a magistrate

Baith, both Bairn, a child Band, bond Bangster, blusterer,-sometimes, the conqueror Bann'd, swore Bannock, bread thicker than cakes, soft and round Bams, swears in a passion Bansters, those who bind corn in harvest Bardies, dimin. of bards Basin'd, or Bawsand, whitefaced, or freekled in the face with white Bauld, bold Bawbee, a halfpenny Bawdrans, the cat Bawk, a grassy spot or stripe in a corn field Bawmy, balmy Be, by Beastie, dimin. of beast Beckt, curtsied Beet, to add fuel to the fire Befa', befal Beforn, before Belang, belong Ben, inner room or parlour Bend, drink Bent, the open field, or open country Bicker, a wooden dish Bide, to suffer, also to stay Biel, or Bield, shelter Bien, wealthy; a bien house, a warm well furnished house Big, to build Biggit, built Bigonet, cap or coif Billie, brother Binge, to do obeisance Birdie, a little bird Birk, birch, birch-tree Birken-snaw, a small wood Birkie, a familiar epithet, applied chiefly to a forward young man

Birl, to drink; to club for

Blae, pale, looking sickly

liquor

Blaw, to blow, also to boast Bleer'd, Bleer-eet, dim, or red about the eyes Bleeze, blaze Blether, to talk idly Blethers, nonsense Blether-skate, a foolish babbling fellow Blin', blind; also cease, -never blin', never stop Blinkit, glanced, twinkled Blude, blood Bluntie, a bashful person Blythe, cheerful Bobbin, hobbling and dancing Bobbit and Beckt, hobbled and curtsied Bodle, one sixth of a penny English Bog, Bogie, a marsh Bogle, hobgoblin Bonnilie, handsomly, beauti-Bonzing, drinking heartily Brae, the side of a hill Braid, broad Brak, broke Braw, fine, handsome Brawly, or Brawlie, very well, finely, heartily Brechen, or Brachen, fern Bree, or Broe, broth Barley-bree, ale Breed, breadth Breeks, breeches Brent, appears to be sometimes used for beautiful Brent brow, a high fine forehcad. In Burns's John Anderson, brent seems oppos'd to bald; and thus the Poet probably meant by brent brow, a brow covered with fine ringlets of hair Brig, a bridge Brither, a brother
Broach, a kind of buckle for the neckerchief

Bruilzie, a broil, a combus-

tion

Buckled, married

Buckshin, an inhabitant of Virginia Bught, a little fold where the ewes arc milked Bughting-time, the time of milking the ewes Bun, or Bunker, a long chest which serves for a seat.-Bun, sometimes used for backside Burn, water, a rivulet Burnie, dimin. of burn Burrow, a borough or town Busk, to dress Buskins, dresses Buss, bush But, without But an' ben, the country kitchen and parlour Byre, a cow-house

C

Ca', to call, to name, to drive Cadgily, cheerfully Caller, fresh, sound, Cam, came Camstarie, obstinate, ill to manage Canker'd, angry, passionately snarling Canna, cannot Cannie, gentle, dexterous Cannilie, gently, dexterously Canty, cheerful, merry Cappy, ale in a wooden dish Carena, care not; I carena by, I am indifferent Carl, a name for an old man Carlin, a stout old woman Carts, cards Castocks, the core and stalk of cabbage Ca't, or Ca'd, called, driven Cauld, cold Chanter, a part of a bagpipe Chaps, persons, Chappit-stocks, mashed cabbage Chappin, an English quart Chearfn', cheery, cheerful

Chield, young fellow, a slight and familiar term Christendie, Christendom Claise, or Clase, clothes Claith, cloth Claithing, clothing Clamb, did climb Claver, clover Clavers, nonsense Claute o' gear, a small portion of money avariciously hoarded Claw, to scratch Claymore, broad sword Cleed, to clothe Cleeds, doth clothe Clink, cash Clocken, hatching hen Clout, stroke, also, to mend Coft, bought Coggie, a small wooden dish, used for drinking Coila, from Kyle, a district of Ayrshire, so called, saith tradition, from Coiluz, a Pictish monarch Collie, a country cur Coof, a blockhead, a ninny Coost, did cast Cour, cover, also to stoop from fear Cuthie, kind, loving Crack, conversation, to con-Cragie, or Craigie, the throat Craig, a rock, also the throat Craik, to cry or call incessantly; also the name of a bird Cramasie, crimson Crap, a crop, also, did creep Craw, a crow of a cock, also a rook Creel, or Creill, a kind of stout basket, carried chiefly on a person's back Creepie, a low seat Cronach, or Coronach, a highland dirge or lamentation Croon, to hum a tune Crouse, chcerful, courageous Crowdy-moudy, a sort of gruel Crummy, a cow's name Cummers, gossips Curtsy, an old fashioned headdress Cushat, the dove or woodpigeon Cutts, lots Cutty, short Cutty gun, is said to mean a short tobacco pipe

D

Daddie, a father
Daft, merry, giddy, foolish
Daffin, merriment, foolishness

Dainty, pleasant, good humoured Dais'd, stupified Dandily, much carress'd, fondled Dang, beat, overcame Danton, daunt, affright Dauntingly, in a bold daring manner Daw, dawn Dawin, dawning Dawt, to fondle, caress Dawty, darling Dead, death Dearie, dimin. of dear Deave, to stun the ears with noise Deed, indeed Deid, dead Deil, the devil Delyte, delight Descrive, to describe Dight, to wipe, to clean Din, sallow Dine, dinner-time Dinna, do not Dinsome, noisy Disna, does not Dochter, daughter Docken, dock (the herb) Doddy, a eow without horns Doggie, little dog Doilt, confused, silly Doin, doing Doited, crazy, as in old age Dool, sorrow Dorty, saucy, nice Douce, or Douse, sober, prudent Dowf, pithless, wanting force Dought, was, or were able Doure, sullen Dow, dove Dow, am able, can Dowie, worn with grief, fatigue Downa, am not able, cannot Doylt, or Doilt, confused, stupid Dozen'd, cold, almost life-Drappie, a little drop Dringing, slow, spiritless Drone, part of a bagpipe Drouket, drenched Drouth, thirst, drought Drumlie, muddie Dubs, mire Dule, or Dool, sorrow Dulefu', sorrowful Dunted, beat Dunts, strokes, blows, Durk, a poinard or dagger Dwalt, dwelt, Dwining, decaying Dyke, wall

· Dyvour, a bankrupt

E

Ear, early
E'e, the eye
Een, the eyes
E'en, or E'enin, evening
Eerie, frighted, dreading apparitions
Eild, old age
Eneugh, enough

Fa', fall, befal-Manna fa' that, must not attempt that Fae, a foe Fain, earnest desire, also joyful-Fidgen fain, restless from joy Faithfu', faithful Fald, fold Fand, found Fare, go Fash, trouble Fash'd, troubled Faught, fight Fauld, fold, also sheep-fold Faulding, to fold, to shut sheep in the fold-Faun, fallen Faut, fault Fause, false Fearfu', fearsome, frightful Fecht, fight Fechtin, fighting Feck, a considerable part--maist feck, the greatest numbernae feck, very few Feckless, fceble, weak Fen, or Fend, to be above want, to make shift to live Ferlie, wonder Fidgin, fidgeting Fient, Fiend, devil Fier, a brother, a friend Flee, a fly Fleech, to supplicate in a flattering manner Fleechin, supplicating Flet, scolded Fley'd, frighted, scared Flie, a fly Flightering, or Flittering, fluttering Flyting, scolding Fou, full, also drunk Forby, besides Fore, to the fore, alive, preserved Forgather, meet with, encounter Forpet, fourth part of a peck Foursome reel, a dance of four persons Fowk, folk Frae, from Fraise, making a fraise, is to pretend a great deal of kind-

ness

Fu, full, also drunk Fumart, the Polecat Fyle, to soil, to dirty

G

Gab, the mouth, also pert speaking Gaberlunzie-man, a walletman or tinker, who appears to have been formerly a Jack of-all-trades Gae, to go,—gaed, went, gane, gone,—gaun, going Gain, serve, will be sufficient Gane, gone Gang, to go, to walk, Gar, to make, to force Garse, grass Gar't, forced Gat, got, bcgot Gate, road Gaud, ploughing, or rather the instrument used for driving oxen in a plough Gaunt, to yawn Gawky, an idle, staring, idiotical person Gear, riches, goods of any Geck, to mock, to toss the head in derision Geordie, George Genty, small and handsome Ghaist, a ghost Gie, to give, -gied, gave, gi'en, given Giff, if Gill, half an English pint Gimmer, a ewe from one to two years old Gin, if, also against Girdle, an iron plate on which oat-cakes, &c. are baked Girnin, peevish, snarling Glamer, charm, spell Glaive, a sword Gleg, sharp, ready Gleim, shine Glen, a deep narrow valley Glent, shine, glitter Gley, to squint,-Gleed, squinting,-Agley, off at a side Glib, smooth and quick Glint, to glance, to passquickly like a transient gleam Gloamin, the twilight Glowr, to stare, to look carnestly Glowr'd, star'd Gorcocks, mountain game Gowan, the flower of the daisy, dandelion, hawkweed Gowd, gold Gowdspink, goldfinch Gouff'd, struck Gowk, a cuckoo, also a term of contempt

Graith, dress, accontrements Grat, wept Gree, agree—to bear the gree, to be decidedly victor. Greed, covetousness Greet, to slied tears, to weep Grip, to hold fast Grippet, cateh'd, held fast Grunzie, mouth Gude, or Guid, the Supreme Being; also good Gudebrither, brother-in-law Gude een, good evening Gude haith, a petty oath Guidman, or the master and Guidman, or mistress of the house Gudewife, Gude-willie, ready to give Gutcher, or Gutchard, grand-

H

Ha', hall Had, hold Ha'-house, a house with a hall in it Hadden, holden Haddin, a small stock'd farm Hae, to have Haffit, the temple, the side of the head Hafflins, nearly half, partly Hairst, harvest Haith, a petty oath Halanshaker, ragamuffin Hale, whole Haly, holy Hame, home Hamely, homely, kind Han', or Haun, hand Hanker, to doubt or waver Hap, to wrap, to cover, an outer garment Happity-leg, lame leg Harn, coarse linen Haud, to hold Hause, embrace Hawick gill, a double gill, i.e. an English pint Hawkie, a cow, properly one with a white face Hawkit, white faced Healsome, healthful Heartsome, gladsome, pleasant Heather, heath Hech! Oh! strange! Hecht, promised Hein-shin'd, sharp or outshin'd Hellim, helm Heeze, to elevate, to raise Heezy, a tossing, a scolding, a beating Hersel, herself Hey, an exclamation, to give notice of any thing; also

expressive of a sigh or wish

Hie, or Hiegh, high Hind, far hind, far beyond Hiney, honcy Hinging, hanging Hirdum dirdum, frolie and fun Hirple, to walk crazily, to creep Hirplin, creeping Hizzie, hussy, a young girl Hodden grey, coarse cloth Hool, outer skin or ease Hoolie, slowly, leisurely Hoolie, take leisure, stop Hosens, stockings Host, to cough Howe, hollow, a dell Howlet, an owl Hunder, hundred Hurkle, to crouch like a eat Hussy'f-scap, housewifery -Hushion, or Hoggar, an old stocking without a foot

T

I', in
Ilk, Ilka, each, every
Illfard, ill favoured, ugly
Ingle, fire, fire-place
Irie, frighted, dreading apparitions
Ise, I shall or will
Ither, other, one another
Itsel', itself

J

Jad, jade; also a familiar term among country folks for a giddy young girl Jag, the best part of calf leather uncurried Jaw, coarse raillery, to jirk as water Jeed, moved Jeer, to joke, to taunt Jimp, slender in the waist Jinkin, dodging, turning quickly Jinker, that turns quickly, a sprightly girl, a wag Jo, a sweetheart Jow, means both the swinging motion and pealing sound of a large bell

K

Kail, eolewort, a kind of broth

Kail-yard, a cottager's garden

Kame, comb

Kauk, chalk

Kauk and keil, i. e. by fortune telling. Fortune-tellers, pretending to be dumb, wrote their answers with chalk and red ochre; see Song 191

Kebbuck, a cheese Keek, a pecp, to peep Keil, red ochre Ken, to know Kend or Ken't, knew Kenna, know not Kepp, catch Kent, a long staff which shepherds use for leaping over ditches Kin, Kith, kindred, friends Kine, race or breed Kimmer, a female gossip Kirk, church Kirn, churn Kist, ehest, a shop-counter Kit, a small wooden vessel, hooped and staved Knowe, a small round hillock Knurl, a churl Kye, cows Kyle, a district of Ayrshire

L

Lade, load Laddie, diminutive of lad Laigh, low Laird, a man of landed pro-Lairing, wading and sinking in snow, mud, &c. Laith, loath Lambie, Lammy, dimin. of lamb Lane, alone; my lane, myself alone Lanely, lonely Lang, Langsome, long; to think lang, to weary Langer, longer Lang kail, eoleworts uncut Langsyne, long since, old Lap, leapt Lassie, dimin. of lass Lat, let Lauch, law, custom Lave, the rest, the others, Laverock, the lark Law, low Lawin, a tavern reckoning Lawland, lowland Leal, loyal, true, faithful Lear, learning Lea-rig, grassy ridge Learn, used for teach Leglen, a milking pale with one handle Lee-lang, live-long Leesome, lovely, agreeable Leest, lest Leeze me, a phrase of congratulatory endearment Len', lend Leugh, laugh'd Lift, the sky Lightly, to slight, to sneer at Lightsome, pleasant

Lilt, a ballad, a tune, to sing Limmer, a kept mistress, a strumpet Link, to walk quiekly or trippingly Linn; a water fall Linsywoolsey, made from linen and wool mixed Lint, flax Lint-tap, flax on the distaff Lintwhite, a linnet Loan, a village common, the place for milking cows Loch, a lake Loe, or Loo, love Loo'd, lov'd Loof, the palm of the hand Loor, rather Loot, did let Lootin, stooping Low, flame Lown, calm, still Lows'd, let loose Loun, a fellow, a ragamuffin Loup, leap, jump Loupin, jumping Loury's burn, St Laurenee river Lucken, gowans, cabbage dai-Lug, the ear; also a handle Luggie, a small wooden dish with a handle

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Luve, love

Luver, lover

Lyart, hoary

Mae, more Mak', make Mailin, a farm Mane, moan Mantile, a mantle, a cloak Mair, more Mammy, mother; also nurse Man, maun, must Mang, among Marrow, mate, equal, eomrade Maskin-pat, a tea-pot Mavis, the thrush Maukin, a hare Mauna, or maunna, must not Maw, to mow, or cut down Meikle, much, big Merle, the black bird Mess John, a parson Middin, dunghill Minnie, or Mither, mother Mirk, dark Mishanter, mischance, misfortune Mony; many Morn, the next day Mou, the mouth Muck'd, cleansed Muckle, or Meikle, much, big

Muggins, coarse hose without feet
Muir, moor
Mutch, a coif, a linen cap
Mysel', myself

N

Na, no, not Nae, not, not any Naebody, nobody Nuething, nothing Naig, a nag, a horse Nane, none Neath, beneath Neebor, a neighbour Neep, turnip Neuk, nook Nick, Auld Nick, one of the many names for the devil Niest, next Nieves, fists Nortand, or Norlin, of or belonging to the North

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O', of
O'erword, by-word
Ony, or onie, any
Or, is often used for ere, before
O't, of it
Ousen, oxen
Owk, week
Owre, over, too
Owrlay, cravat
Oxter, the arm-pit—In his oxter, under his arm, or, in his arms

P

Paction, contract, agreement Paidlet, play'd in shallow wa-Paitrick, a partridge Papp'd, pop'd Pat, put; also a pot Paukie, cunning Pearlings, thread lace Peat-pat, a piece of moss ground from whence fucl is dug Peats, turf for firing Pendles, jewels, ear-rings Pet, silent anger; also one too much carressed Philabeg, a very short pettycoat worn by highlanders instead of breeches Phraise, fuss, fair speeches Pickle, a small quantity Pine, pain, measiness Pith, strength Placads, placards, proclama-Plack, a coin, value the third part of an English penny

Plaiden, coarse woollen cloth Plaidy, a small plaid, generally of chequered and variegated stuff Plenishing, household furni-Pleugh, the plough Poind, to seize on goods by a legal warrant Poortith, poverty Posie, a fanciful composition or collection Pou, or Pu', to pull Pouch, a pocket Pou't, did pull Pouther'd, powdered Pow, the head, the skull Pozie, a small concealed hoard Prie, to taste Prieving, tasting Prin'd, pinn'd Pu'd, pull'd Puing, pulling Puttin cow, butting, mischievous cow

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Qean, a buxom lass
Quey, a cow from one year to
two years old
Quo', quoth, says

R

Randie, a gipsy, a sturdy vagrant, a scold Rang, reigned Ranty tanty, probably used only in an alliterative way, like hirdum dirdum Raird, roar'd Raise, rose Rash, a rush Ratches, hunting dogs Raw, in a raw, in a row Rax, to stretch, to reach Reaver, robber or pirate Red up, put in order Rede, counsel, to counsel Ree, half drunk, fuddled Reeky, smoky Reif, rapinc, robbery Rig, a ridge Rin, to run, to melt; Rinin, running Rogie, a little rogue Rokely, a cloak Roose, to praise, to commend Row, to roll, to wrap Rowing, rolling Rowte, to low, to bellow Rowth, plenty Rowthy, having plenty Rucks, ricks Rugging, pulling, taking away by force Rung, a cudgel

Runkled, wrinkled

S

Sab, sob Sabbing, or Sobbin, sobbing Sae, so Saft, soft Sair, sore; also to serve Sang, song Sark, a shirt or shift Saul, soul Saut, salt Sax, six Saxpence, sixpence Scour, to run fast; also a hearty draught of liquor Scrimp, Scrimpit, narrow, straitened Sel', self; a lody's sel', one's self alone Sell't, sold Sey, greensey apron, serge, or woollen Shachl't, clumsy and misshapen Shanks, legs-rade on good shanks nagie, walk'd on his Shanna, shall not Shaw, to shew; also a woody grove by a water side Sheen, shoes Shearer, a reaper Shearing, reaping Shiel, or Shield, shed, hovel Shill, shrill Shoon, shoes Shot the lock, put back the bolt Shouther, shoulder Shyre, clear, thin.—As shyre a lick, as clever a wag Sic, Sicken, such Sicker, secure, firm Sidelins, sidelong, slanting Siller, silver, money Simmer, summer Sin, or Sith, since Sinsyne, since that time Skaith, damage; to injure Skiegh, proud, nice, high mettled Skelp, to strike, to slap; also to walk with a smart tripping step Slae, sloe Slap, a gate, a breach in a fence Slaw, slow Slee, sly Slocken, to quench Sma', small Smoor, to smother Smoor'd, smothered Snapper, stumble Snaw, snow Snell, bitter, biting Snood, the band for tying up a woman's hair Snool, one whose spirit is bro-

ken; to chide, to dispirit by hard labour Sonsie, jolly, having engaging looks Sooth, truth, a petty oath Soum of sheep, ten sheep Souple, flexible, swift Souter, a shoemaker Sowp, a small quantity of any thing liquid; also a spoon-Sowther, solder, to cement Soy, some kind of raw silk Spak, spake Speel, climb Spier, to ask, to enquire Spindles and whorles, implements used in spinning with Spring, a quick tune on a musical instrument Spuilzie, or Spoolie, to plun-Sprush, spruce Stack, a rick of corn, hay, &c. Staig, a horse Stalwart, strong, valiant Stane, a stone Staw, did steal; also to surfeit Steeks, closes Steer, to molest, to stir Sten, or stend, to move with a hasty long step, sudden Stirk, bullock Stock, a plant of colewort, cabbage, &c. Stock-and-horn, a shepherd's pipe; made by inserting a reed pierced like a flute into a cow's horn, the mouthpiece being like that of a hautboy stockit, stocked Stoit, totter Stot, to rebound Stoor, sounding hollow, strong, and hoarse Stoup, a vessel for measuring or holding liquor Stoure, dust in motion Stown, stolen Strack, did strike Strae, straw,-a fair strae death, a natural death Straikit hands, struck hands Strang, strong Strappan, tall and handsome Strathspey, a highland dance Sturt, trouble, vexation Style, a gate; back style, the private or back entry Sumph, blockhead Suthron, southern, an old name for the English nation Swaird, sward Swankie, a tight, strapping young fellow

Swat, did sweat Swats, ale Swith, get away Swither, to hesitate Syne, since, then

T

Tae, a toe Taiken, token Tak, to take Takin, taking Tane, the one Tap, the top Tappit hen, the Scottish quart Tapsalteerie, heels o'er head Tartan, cross stripped stuff of various colours, worn by the highlanders Tassie, a cup Tawkin, talking Teats, small parcels Ted, to scatter, to spread Tees'd, nibbled Tent, care for, heed, caution; also a field-pulpit Tentie, heedful, cautious Tentless, heedless Thue, these The night, to-night Theek, to thatch Thegither, together Thir, these Thowe, a thaw, to thaw Thowless, lazy, spiritless Thrang, throng Threesome reel, a dance of three persons Thraw, to sprain, to turn, twist, to contradict Tiff, in order Till, to; Till't, to it Timmer, timber Tine, to lose; Tint, lost Tinkler, tinker Tip, or Tippenny, ale at twopence the Scotch pint Tippence, two pence

Tirl, to attempt to open the

Tither, the other

Titty, sister Tocher, a marriage-portion Tod, a fox Todlin, tottering To the fore, alive, preserved Toofall of the night, before nightfall Toolie, fight, struggle Toom, empty Toom'd, empticd Tosh, neat, tight Towmond, a twelvemonth Toy, a very old fashion of female head-dress Tramp, to trample Trews, highland pantaloons Trig, spruce, neat Trow, to believe Troth, truth, a petty oath Tryste, an appointment; also a fair for cattle Tuik, took Tullochgorum, the name of a gentleman's scat in Strath-Tulzie, a quarrel, a fight Twa, two; Twa three, a few 'Twad, 'twould, it would Twafald, double Twal, twelve Twin, part with Tyke, a dog Typpenny; see Tippenny Tyne, or tine, to lose

U

Unco, strange, prodigious, very Unfald, unfold Unskaith'd, unhurt Upo', upon

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Vap'rin, vapouring
Vaunty, or vogie, boasting,
proud

W

Wa', wall
Wa's, walls

Wab, web Wabster, weaver, Wad, would; also a pledge Wadna, would not Wae, woc Waefu', woeful Wale, choice; to choose Walloch, a highland dance Wallop, to move swiftly with great spirit Walth, wealth Waly, ample, jolly; also an interjection of distress Wame, the belly Wamefu', a bellyfull Wan, won Wark, work Warl, or warld, world Warlock, a wizzard War't, were it Warst, worst Waes, or waes me, woes me Wat, wet; also wot or know Waught, a large draught Wauks, wakens Waukin, awake, to keep awake, also watching Waur, worse; also to worst Weaponshaw, shew of arms or weapons, a kind of militia revicw Wearifu', wearisome, vexatious Web, or wab, a piece of cloth Wede, rooted out Wee, little Weel, or weill, well Ween, think Weet, or wat, wet, rain Weetin, wetting

Whatreck, nevertheless Whiles, sometimes Whinger, a hanger, a highland dirk Whinging, whining Whisk, to pull out hastily Whist, silence! Whoop, whip off Whyles, sometimes IVi', with Widdiefu', trifling and mischievous Wife, a diminutive endearing term for a wife Wightly, strongly Wilfu', wilful Wimplin, waving, meandering IVin, or won, to reside, dwell Winna, will not ns ome, gay, desirable, agrceable Wist, known, thought Won, or win, to dwell IVoo', wool IVorry, to choke, to suffocate Wouk, week, IVow, an interjection of surprise Wrack, to tease, to vex Wraith, a spirit, a ghost Wrang, wrong; to wrong Wreeth, a drifted heap of snow Wud, mad Wyle, to beguile by flattery Wylie, cunning Wylily, cunningly Wyte, blame

Y

Yade, a mare
Yamer, to complain peevishly
Yearn, curdle
Ye'se, ye shall
Yestreen, yesternight
Yett, gate
Yill, ale
Yowe, a ewe
Yowie, diminutive of ewe
Yule, Christmas

Weir, war

Wha, who

Weird, fortune, fate

IVe'se, we shall

Westlin, western

Whae'er, whoever

Whang, large slice

Whare'er, wherever

Wham, whom

Whan, when

Whare, where