

HUGHIE GRAHAM.

OUR lords are to the mountains gane,

A hunting o' the fallow deer;

And they ha'e gripet Hughie Graham,

For stealing o' the Bishop's mare.

And they hae tied him hand and foot,

And led him up thro' Stirling town;

The lads and laffes met him there,

Cried, Hughie Graham thou art a loun.

O lowfe my right hand free, he fays,

And put my braid-fword in the fame,

He's no in Stirling town this day

Daur tell the tale to Hughie Graham.

Up then befpake the brave Whitefoord,

As he fat by the Bishop's knee,

Five hundred white stots I'll gi'e you,

If ye'll let Hughie Graham gae free,

O haud your tongue, the Bishop says,

And wi' your pleading let me be;

For the ten Grahams were in his coat,

Hughie Graham this day shall die.

Up then bespake the fair Whitesoord,

As she sat by the Bishop's knee,

Five hundred white pence I'll gi'e you

If ye'll gi'e Hughie Graham to me.

And wi' your pleading let it be;

Altho' ten Grahams were in his coat,

Its for my honour he maun die.

They've ta'en him to the gallows knowe,

He looked to the gallows tree,

Yet never colour left his cheek,

Nor ever did he blin' his ee.

At length he looked round about

To fee whatever he could fpy,

And there he faw his auld father,

And he was weeping bitterly.

O haud your tongue my father dear,

And wi' your weeping let it be;

Thy weeping's fairer on my heart

Than a' that they can do to me:

And ye may gi'e my brother James

My fword that's bent in the middle brown,

And bid him come at four o'clock

To fee his brother Hugh cut down.

And ye may tell my kith and kin,

I never did difgrace their blood;

And when they meet the Bishop's cloak,

To mak it shorter by the hood.