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ALLOA HOUSE.

HE spring time returns and clothes the green plains; So spoke the fair maid: when sorrow's keen pain, And Alloa shines more chearful and gay; The lark tunes his throat, and the neighbouring swains Sing merrily round me wherever I stray: But Sandy no more returns to my view; No spring time me chears, no music can charm; He's gone! and, I fear me, for ever adieu! Adieu ev'ry pleasure this bosom can warm!

O Alloa House! how much art thou chang'd! How filent, how dull to me is each grove! Alone I here wander where once we both rang'd, Alas! where to please me my Sandy once strove! Here, Sandy, I heard the tales that you told; Here listen'd too fond, whenever you sung; Am I grown less fair, then, that you are turn'd cold? Or foolish, believ'd a false, flattering tongue?

And shame, her last fault'ring accents supprest; For fate at that moment brought back her dear fwain, Who heard, and with rapture his Nelly addrest: My Nelly! my fair! I come, O my love! No power shall thee tear again from my arms, And, Nelly! no more thy fond shepherd reprove, Who knows thy fair worth, and adores all thy charms.

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

THE LAST TIME I CAME O'ER THE MOOR.

THE last time I came o'er the moor,
I lest my love behind me;
Ye pow'rs! what pain do I endure,
When soft ideas mind me?
Soon as the ruddy morn display'd
The beaming day ensuing,
I met betimes my lovely maid,
In sit retreats for wooing.

Beneath the cooling shade we lay,
Gazing and chastely sporting;
We kis'd and promis'd time away,
Till night spread her black curtain.
I pitied all beneath the skies,
Ev'n kings, when she was nigh me;
In raptures I beheld her eyes,
Which cou'd but ill deny me.

Shou'd I be call'd where cannons roar,
Where mortal steel may wound me,
Or cast upon some foreign shore,
Where dangers may surround me:
Yet hopes again to see my love,
To seast on glowing kisses,
Shall make my care at distance move,
In prospect of such blisses.

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

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

. The last time Jeame our the Meer





FLOWERS OF THE FOREST.

From Pinkerton's Select Scotish Ballads.

I Have heard o' lilting at the ewes milking,

Laffes a lilting eir the break o' day;

But now I hear moaning on ilka green loaning,

Sen our bra foresters are a' wed away.

At een in the gloming nae swankies are roaming,.
'Mang stacks wi the lasses at bogle to play;
For ilk ane sits dreary, lamenting her deary;
The Flowers o' the Forest, wha're a' wed away.

At bouchts in the morning nae blyth lads are forning,
The laffes are lonely, dowie, and wae;
Nae daffin, nae gabbing, but fiching and fabbing;
Ilk ane lifts her leglen and hies her away.

In harst at the sheiring na yonkers are jeiring;
The bansters are lyart, runkled, and gray;
At fairs nor at preaching, nae wooing nae sleeching,
Sen our bra foresters are a' wed away.

O dule for the order sent our lads to the border!

The English for anes by gyle wan the day.

The Flowers o' the Forest, wha ay shone the foremost,

The prime o' the land lye cauld in the clay!

LOVE IS THE CAUSE OF MY MOURNING.

By a murmuring stream a fair shepherdess lay:

Be so kind, O ye nymphs, I oft times heard her say,

Tell Strephon I die, if he passes this way,

And that love is the cause of my mourning.

False shepherds that tell me of beauty and charms,

You deceive me, for Strephon's cold heart never warms:

Yet bring me this Strephon, let me die in his arms;

Oh, Strephon! the cause of my mourning.

But first, said she, let me go
Down to the shades below,
Ere ye let Strephon know
That I have lov'd him so:

Then on my pale cheek no blushes will show That love was the cause of my mourning. Her eyes were scarce closed when Strephon came by, He thought she'd been sleeping, and softly drew night? But finding her breathless, oh heavens! did he cry,

Ah, Chloris! the cause of my mourning.

Restore me my Chloris, ye nymphs, use your art!

They fighing, reply'd, 'Twas yourself shot the dart,

That wounded the tender young shepherdess' heart,

And kill'd the poor Chloris with mourning.

Ah! then is Chloris dead, Wounded by me! he faid; I'll follow thee, chafte maid, Down to the filent shade.

Then on her cold fnowy breast leaning his head, Expir'd the poor Strephon with mourning.





SAE MERRY AS WE TWA HA'E BEEN.

A LASS that was laden with care
Sat heavily under yon thorn;
I liften'd a while for to hear,
When thus she began for to mourn:
Whene'er my dear shepherd was here,
The birds did melodiously sing,
And cold nipping Winter did wear
A face that resembled the Spring.

Sae merry as we two ha'e been,
Sae merry as we two ha'e been,
My heart it is like for to break

When I think on the days we ha'e feen.

Our flocks feeding close by his side,

He gently pressing my hand,

I view'd the wide world in its pride,

And laugh'd at the pomp of command:

My dear, he would oft to me say,

What makes you hard hearted to me?

Oh! why do you thus turn away

From him who is dying for thee?

Sae merry as we two ha'e been,

Sae merry as we two ha'e been,

My heart it is like for to break

When I think on the days we ha'e feen.

But now he is far from my fight,

Perhaps a deceiver may prove,

Which makes me lament day and night,

That ever I granted my love.

At eve, when the rest of the folk

Were merrily seated to spin,

I set myself under an oak,

And heavily sighed for him.

Sae merry, &c.

WHEN ABSENT FROM THE NYMPH I LOVE.

WHEN absent from the nymph I love,
I'd fain shake off the chains I wear;
But, whilst I strive these to remove,
More fetters I'm oblig'd to bear.
My captiv'd fancy, day and night;
Fairer and fairer represents
Belinda, form'd for dear delight,
But cruel cause of my complaint.

All day I wander thro' the groves,

And, fighing, hear from ev'ry tree

The happy birds chirping their loves,

Happy, compar'd with lonely me.

When gentle fleep, with balmy wings,

To rest fans ev'ry weary'd wight,

A thousand fears my fancy brings,

That keep me waking all the night.

Sleep flies, while, like the goddess fair;
And all the graces in her train,
With melting finiles, and killing air;
Appears the cause of all my pain.
A while my mind, delighted, flies
O'er all her sweets, with thrilling joy,
Whilst want of worth makes doubt arise
That all my trembling hopes destroy.

Thus, while my thoughts are fix'd on her;

I'm all o'er transport and desire;

My pulse beats high, my cheeks appear

All roses, and mine eyes all fire.

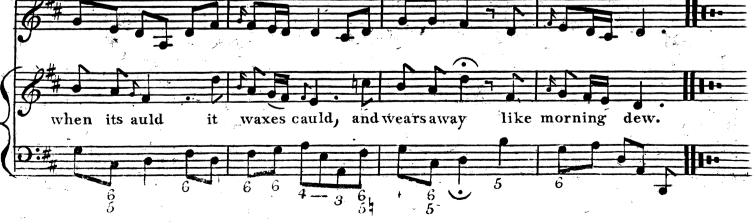
When to myself I turn my view,

My veins grow chill, my cheeks look wan;

Thus, whilst my fears my pains renew;

I scarcely look, or move a man.





O WALY, WALY.

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

A little while when it is new;
But when 'tis auld it waxeth cauld,
And wears awa' like morning dew.
Oh! wherefore shou'd I busk my head?
Oh! wherefore shou'd I kame my hair?
For my true love has me forsook,
And says he'll never lo'e me mair.

Now Arthur-Seat shall be my bed,

The bridal bed I ne'er shall see;

St. Anton's well shall be my drink;

Since my true love has forfaken me.

Oh, Martin's wind, when wilt thou blaw,

And shake the sear leaves aff the tree?

Oh, gentle death! when wilt thou come,

And take a life that wearies me?

THE EWE BUGHTS.

WILL you go to the ewe bughts, Marian,
And wear in the sheep wis me?
The sun shines sweet, my Marian,
But mae half sae sweet as thee.

O Marian's a bonny lass,

And the blyth blinks in her eye;

And fain wad I marry Marian,

Gin Marian wad marry me.

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

And waiftcoat of London brown,

And waiftcoat of London brown,

And wow but ye will be vap'ring.

When ye gang to the town.

I'm young and ftout, my Marian,

Nane dances like me on the green;

And gin ye forsake me, Marian,

I'll e'en gae draw up wi' Jean.

Sea put on your pearlins, Marian,
And kirtle of cramafie,
And foon as my chin has nae hair on,
I shall come west and see thee.





DE'IL JAK' THE WARS.

Fy on the wars that hurried Willy from me,
Who to love me just had sworn;
They made him Captain sure to undo me:
Woe's me he'll ne'er return:
A thousand loons abroad will fight him,
He from thousands ne'er will run,
Day and night I did invite him,
To stay at home from sword and gun.
I us'd alluring graces,
With meikle kind embraces,
Now sighing, then crying, tears dropping fall;
And had he my soft arms,
Preferr'd to war's alarms,
My love grown mad, without the man of God
I fear in my sit I had granted all.

I wash'd and I patch'd, to mak' me look provoking,
Snares that they told me would catch the men,
And on my head a huge commode sat poking,
Which made me shew as tall again;
For a new gown too I paid muckle money,
Which with golden flow'rs did shine;
My love well might think me gay and bonny,
No Scot's lass was e'er so fine:
My petticoat I spotted,
Fringe too with thread I knotted,
Lace shoes, and silk hose, garter'd o'er the knee;
But oh! the fatal thought,
To Willy these are nought;
Who rode to town, and risled with dragoons,
When he, silly loon, might have plundered m

AULD ROBIN GRAY.

W HEN the sheep are in the fauld, and the kye at hame, And a' this weary world to sleep are gane; The waes of my heart fa' in show'rs frae my ee, When my gudeman lyes sound by me.

Young Jamie loo'd me weel, and he fought me for his bride, But faving a crown he had naething befide; To mak' his crown a poun', my Jamie gaid to fea, And the crown and the poun' were bath for me.

He had na' been gane a week but only twa'
When my mither she fell sick, and the cow was stoun away';
My father brak' his arm, and my Jamie at the sea,
And auld Robin Gray came a courting me.

My father coudna' work, and my mither coudna' spin, I toil'd day and night, but their bread I coudna' win; Auld Rob maintain'd them baith, and with tears in his ee, Said, Jenny, for their sakes, oh marry me.

My heart it faid na, I look'd for Jamie back;
But the wind it blew high, and the ship it was a wreck.
The ship it was a wreck, why didna' Jamie die?
And why do I live to say, ah waes me?

Auld Robin argued fair, tho' my mither didna' speak, She look'd in my face till my heart was like to break; So they gi'd him my hand, tho' my heart was on the sea:

And auld Robin Gray is gudeman to me.

I hadna' been a wife a week but only four,
When fitting fae mournfully at mine ain door,
I faw my Jamie's wraeth, for I coudna' think it he,
Till he faid, I'm come back, love, to marry thee.

O fair did we greet; and little cou'd we fay;
We took but ae kifs, and we tore ourselves away.

I wish I were dead; but I'm nae like to die;
And why do I live to say, ah, waes me?

I gang like a ghaift, and I carena' to spin;
I darena' think on Jamie; for that wou'd be a sin;
But I'll do my best a gude wife to be,
For auld Robin Gray is kind to me.





LOW DOWN IN THE BROOM.

My daddy is a canker'd carle,

He'll nae twin wi' his gear;

My minny she's a scaldin wife,

Hads a' the house afteer;

But let them say, or let them do,

It's a' ane to me;

For he's low down, he's in the broom

That's waiting for me;

Waiting for me, my love,

He's waiting for me;

For he's low down, he's in the broom

That's waiting for me;

My aunty Kate sits at her wheel,
And sair she lightlies me;
But weel ken I it's a' envy;
For ne'er a Jo has she.

But let them say, &c.

My coufin Nell was fair beguil'd Wi Johnnie in the glen;
And aye fince fyne, fhe cries, beware Of false deluding men.

But let ber say, &c.

Gley'd Sandy he came wast ae night,

And speer'd when I saw Pate,

And aye since syne the neighbours round

They jeer me air and late.

But let them say, &c.

FAIR HELEN.

I Wish I were where Helen lies,
Who night and day upon me cries,
Who night and day upon me cries;
I wish I were where Helen lies,
On fair Kirkonnel Lee,

O Helen fair, O Helen chafte,

If I were with thee I were bleft;

Where low thou lieft, and at thy rest,

Oh! were I with thee I'd be bleft,

On fair Kirkonnel Lee.

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

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





THE YELLOW-HAIR'D LADDIE.

In April, when primrofes paint the sweet plain,
And Summer, approaching, rejoiceth the swain,
The yellow-hair'd Laddie wou'd often times go
To wilds and deep glens, where the hawthorn trees grow.

The shepherd thus sung: Tho' young Mary be fair,
Her beauty is dash'd with a scornsu' proud air:
But Susie was handsome, and sweetly cou'd sing;
Her breath like the breezes persum'd in the spring.

There, under the shade of an old sacred thorn,
With freedom he sung his loves evining and morn:
He sang with so saft and enchanting a sound,
That sylvans and sairies unseen danc'd around.

That Maddie, in all the gay bloom of her youth,
Like the Moon was inconstant, and never spoke truth:
But Susie was faithful, good humour'd, and free,
And fair as the goddess who sprung from the sea.

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

MY DEARY, IF YOU DIE.

LOVE never more shall give me pain,
My fancy's fix'd on thee;
Nor ever maid my heart shall gain,
My Peggy, if thou die.
Thy beauty doth such pleasure give,
Thy love's so true to me:
Without thee I can never live,
My deary, if thou die.

If fate should tear thee from my breast,

How shall I, lonely, stray?

In dreary dreams the night I'll waste,

In sighs the filent day.

I ne'er can so much virtue find,

Nor such perfection see:

Then I'll renounce all woman-kind,

My Peggy, after thee.

No new-blown beauty fires my heart

With Cupid's raving rage,

But thine which can fuch fweets impart,

Must all the world engage.

'Twas this that, like the morning fun,

Gave joy and life to me;

And when its destin'd day is done,

With Peggy let me die!

Ye powers that smile on virtuous love,

And in such pleasure share;
Ye who its faithful flames approve,
With pity view the fair!
Restore my Peggy's wonted charms,
Those charms so dear to me:
Oh! never tear them from those arms:
I'm lost, if Peggy die.

Befs the Gunkië.



BESS THE GAWKIE.

BLYTH young Bess to Jean did say,
Will ye gang to you sunny brae,
Where flocks do feed, and herds do stray,
And sport a while wi' Jamie!
Ah na, lass! I'll ne'er gang there,
Nor about Jamie tak nae care,
For he's tane up wi' Maggy.

For hark! and I will tell you, last;
Did I not see your Jamie pass,
Wi mickle gladness in his face,
Out o'er the muir to Maggy?
I wat he gae her mony a kiss,
And Maggy took them ne'er amiss:
'Tween ilka smack, pleas'd her wi' this,
That Bess was but a gawkie.

For when a civil kiss I seek,

She turns her head and thraws her cheek,

And for an hour she'll scarcely speak;

Who'd not call her a gawkie?

But sure my Maggy has mair sense,

She'll gie a score without offence;

Now gie me ane unto the mense,

And ye shall be my dawtie.

O Jamie, ye hae money tane,
But I will never stand for ane
Or twa when we do meet again,
Sae ne'er think me a gawkie.
Ah na, lass! that ne'er can be,
Sic thoughts as these are far frae me,
Or ony thy sweet face that see,
E'er to think thee a gawkie.

But, wisht, nae mair of this we'll speak,
For yonder Jamie does us meet;
Instead of Meg, he kist sae sweet,
I trow he likes the gawkie.
O dear Bess I I hardly knew,
When I came by your gown sae new,
I think you've got it wat wi' dew.
Quoth she, That's like a gawkie.

It's wat wi' dew, and 'twill get rain,
And I'll get gowns when it is gane,
Sae ye may gang the gate you came,
And tell it to your dawtie.
The guilt appear'd in Jamie's cheek,
He cry'd, Oh cruel maid, but fweet!
If I should gang another gate,
I ne'er cou'd meet my dawtie.

LEANDER ON THE BAY.

DEANDER on the Bay

Of Hellespont all naked stood,
Impatient of delay,
He leapt into the fatal slood,
The raging seas,
Whom none can please,
Gainst him their malice show;
The heav'n's lowr'd,
The rain down pour'd,
And loud the winds did blow.

Then casting round his eyes,
Thus, of his fate he did complain:
Ye cruel rocks and skies!
Ye stormy winds, and angry main!
What 'tis to miss
The lover's bliss,
Alas! ye do not know;
Make me your wreck
As I come back,
But spare me as I go.

Lo! yonder stands the tower

Where my beloved Hero lyes,

And this is the appointed hour

Which sets to watch her longing eyes.

To his fond suit

The gods were mute;

The billows answer, no:

Up to the skies

The surges rise,

But sunk the youth as low.

Mean while the wishing maid,
Divided 'twixt her care and love,
Now does his stay upbraid;
Now dreads he shou'd the passage prove:
O fate! said she,
Nor heav'n, nor thee,
Our vows shall e'er divide;
I'd leap this wall,
Cou'd I but fall
By my Leander's side.

representation than the following

At length the rifing fun

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

Down from the wall she leapt
Into the raging seas to him,
Courting each wave she met,
To teach her wearied arms to swim:
The sea-gods wept,
Nor longer kept
Her from her lover's side:
When join'd, at last,
She grasp'd him fast,
Then sigh'd, embrac'd, and died.





DUMBARTON DRUMS.

Dumbarton's drums beat bonny—0,
When they mind me of my dear Johnny—0.
How happy am I,
When my foldier is by,
When he kiffes and bleffes his Annie—0!
'Tis a foldier alone can delight me—0,
For his graceful looks do invite me—0:
While guarded in his arms,
I'll fear no war's alarms,
Neither danger nor death shall e'er fright me—0.

My love is a handsome laddie—O,

Genteel, but ne'er foppish nor gaudy—O:

Tho' commissions are dear,

Yet I'll buy him one this year;

He shall no longer serve as a cadie—O:

A soldier has honour and bravery—O,

Unacquainted with rogues and their knavery—O;

He minds no other thing

But the ladies and the king;

For every other care is but slavery—O.

Then I'll be the Captain's lady—O;

Farewel all my friends and daddy—O;

I'll stay no more at home,

But I'll follow with the drum,

And whenever it beats, I'll be ready—O.

Dumbarton's drums found bonny—O,

They are sprightly, like my dear Johnny—O;

How happy shall I be,

When on my soldier's knee,

And he kisses and blesses his Annie—O!

THE COLLIER'S BONNY LASSIE.

THE collier has a daughter,

And, oh, she's wond'rous bonny!

A laird he was that sought her,

Rich baith in lands and money:

The tutors watch'd the motion

Of this young honest lover;

But love is like the ocean,

Wha can its depth discover!

He had the art to please ye,
And was by a' respected;
His air sat round him easy,
Genteel, but unaffected.
The collier's bonny lasse,
Fair as the new-blown lilie,
Ay sweet, and never saucy,
Secur'd the heart of Willie.

He lov'd beyond expression

The charms that were about her,
And panted for possession,
His life was dull without her.

After mature resolving,
Close to his breast he held her,
In saftest slames dissolving,
He tenderly thus tell'd her:

My bonny collier's daughter,

Let naething discompose ye,

'Tis no your scanty tocher

Shall ever gar me lose ye:

For I have gear in plenty,

And love says, 'tis my duty

To ware what Heav'n has lent me

Upon your wit and beauty.







CORN-RIGGS ARE BONNY.

MY Patie is a lover gay,

His mind is never muddy,

His breath is fweeter than new hay,

His face is fair and ruddy.

His shape is handsome, middle size;

He's stately in his wa'king;

The shining of his een surprize;

'Tis heav'n to hear him ta'king.

Last night I met him on a bawk,

Where yellow corn is growing,

There mony a kindly word he spake,

That set my heart a-glowing.

He kiss'd and vow'd he wad be mine,

And lo'ed me best of ony;

That gars me like to sing sinsyne,

O corn-riggs are bonny.

Let maidens of a filly mind

Refuse what maist they're wanting,

Since we for yielding are design'd,

We chastely should be granting;

Then I'll comply and marry Pate,

And syne my cockernony

He's free to kiss me air or late,

Where corn-riggs are bonny.

THE BONNIE EARL OF MURRAY.

From Pinkerton's Select Scotish Ballads.

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

- Now was be to you, Huntly!
 - ' O wharfore did ye fae!
- I bad you bring him wi' you;
 - ' But forbad you him to flay.'

He was a bra' galant,

And he rid at the ring;

The bonnie Earl of Murray,

He micht ha' been a king.

He was a bra' galant,

And he play'd at the ba';

The bonnie Earl of Murray

Was the flower among them a'.

He was a bra' galant,

And he play'd at the gluve:

The bonnie Earl of Murray,

He was the queen's luve.

O lang will his lady

Look owr the castle downe,

Ere she see the Earl of Murray

Cum sounding through the toun!





ETRICK BANKS.

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

I faid, my lassie, will ye go

To the Highland hills, the Earse to learn?

I'll baith gi'e thee a cow and ewe,

When ye come to the brigg of Earn.

At Leith auld meal comes in, ne'er fash,

And herrings at the Broomy law;

Cheer up your heart, my bonny lass,

There's geer to win we never saw.

All day when we have wrought enough,
When winter, frosts and snaw, begin,
Soon as the sun gaes west the loch,
At night when you sit down to spin,
I'll screw my pipes, and play a spring:
And thus the weary night will end,
Till the tender kid and lamb time bring
Our pleasant summer back again.

Syne when the trees are in their bloom,
And gowans glent o'er ilka field,
I'll meet my lass amang the broom,
And lead you to my summer shield.
Then far frae a' their scornsu' din,
That make the kindly hearts their sport;
We'll laugh, and kiss, and dance, and sing,
And gar the langest day seem short.

THE HIGHLAND LADDIE.

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

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

O'er benty hill with him I'll run,
And leave my Lawland kin and dady.
Frae Winter's cauld, and Summer's fun,
He'll hap me with his Highland plaidy:
O my bonny, &c.

If I were free at will to chuse

To be the wealthiest Lawland lady,

I'd take young Donald without trews,

With bonnet blue and belted plaidy.

O my bonny, &c.

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

O my bonny, &c.

Few compliments between us pass,
I ca' him my dear Highland laddie,
And he ca's me his Lawland lass,
Syne rows me in his tartan plaidy.

O my bonny, &c.

Nae greater joy I'll e'er pretend,

Than that his love prove true and steady,

Like mine to him, which ne'er shall end,

While Heaven preserves my Highland laddie.

O my bonny, &c.





O DEAR MOTHER, WHAT SHALL I DO?

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

Lasses, when their fancy's carried,
Think of nought but to be married;
Running to a life destroys
Heartsome, free, and youthfu' joys.

THERE CAME A GHAIST TO MARGRET'S DOOR.

THERE came a ghaift to Marg'ret's door,
With many a grievous groan;
And ay, he tirled at the pin,
But answer made she none.

Is that my father Philip?

Or is't my brother John?

Or is't my true love Willy,

From Scotland new come home?

'Tis not thy father Philip,

Nor yet thy brother John;

But 'tis thy true love Willy,

From Scotland new come home.

Oh, fweet Marg'ret! oh, dear Marg'ret!

I pray thee fpeak to me;

Give me my faith and troth, Marg'ret,

As I gave it to thee.

Thy faith and troth thoust never get,
We twa will never twin,
Till that thou come within my bower,
And kiss my cheek and chin.

If I shou'd come within thy bower,

I am no earthly man;

And shou'd I kiss thy rosy lips,

Thy days will not be lang.

Oh, fweet Marg'ret! oh, dear Marg'ret!

I pray thee fpeak to me;

Give me my faith and troth, Marg'ret,

As I gave it to thee.

Thy faith and troth thoust never get,
We two will never twin,
Till you take me to you kirk yard,
And wed me with a ring.

My bones are buried in yon kirk yard,
Afar beyond the fea;
And it is but my fpirit, Marg'ret,
That's now speaking to thee.

She stretched out her lily-white hand,
And for to do her best;
Hae, there's your faith and troth, Willy;
God send your soul good rest.

Now she has kilted her robes of green.

A piece below her knee.

And a' the live-lang winter night

The dear corpse follow'd she.

Is there any room at your head, Willy?

Or any room at your feet?

Or any room at your fide, Willy,

Wherein that I may creep?

There's no room at my head, Marg'ret;
There's no room at my feet;
There's no room at my fide, Marg'ret,
My coffin's made so meet.

Then up and crew the red, red cock,
And up then crew the gray;
'Tis time, 'tis time, my dear Marg'ret,
That you were going away.

No more the ghaist to Marg'ret said, But with a grievous groan, Evanish'd in a cloud of mist, And left her all alone.

Oh, stay, my only true love, stay,

The constant Marg'ret cry'd:

Wan grew her cheeks, she clos'd her een,

Stretch'd her soft limbs, and dy'd.



GLOSSARY.

A', all Aboon, above Ae, one Aff, off Aften, often Aik, oak Ain, own Alane, alone Amaist, almost Ane, one Anes, once Anither, another Ase, ashes Asteer, in stir, in commotion Awa, away Auld, old Ay, aye, ever, always Ayont, beyond

R

Ba', ball Baith, both Bald, Bauld, bold Bane, bone Bannocks, bread baked on a stone, or gridiron Baubie, halfpenny Bent, open fields Birks, birch Big, Bigg, build Billy, brother Blate, bashful Blathrie, abuse Blink, glance of the eye Bracken, fern Brae, acclivity, or declivity Braid, broad Braw, brave, finely dressed Breeks, breeches Broach, a kind of buckle Bught, Sheep-fold Burn, rivulet Busk, prepare, deck Byer, cow-house

C

Ca', call Cadgily, jovially Canna, cannot Canker'd, peevish Canny, skilful, prudent Canty, mirthful Cauld, cold Chap, to knock Claiths, cloaths Cleeding, or clyding, cloathing Cleed, cloathed Cockernony, the hair bound up Coggie, little cag Coost, cast Craig, neck, also rock Cramasie, crimson Crowdy-mowdy, a fort of gruel Crummy, a cow's name

D

Daddie, father Daffin, fooling, waggery Dander, to waste time idly, to Saunter Danton, daunt Dawt, fondle, caress Deil, devil Dinna, do not Disna, does not Docken, dock weed Doggie, little dog Dorty, scornful Dow, dove, also can Dowy, pining, drooping Drumly, muddy Dud, rag Dule, pain, grief

F

Earn, yern, to curdle Ee, een, eye, eyes Eild, age Ezer, azure F

Fa', fall
Fae, foe
Fain, fond
Fash, trouble
Fauld, fold
Feck, faith
Flinders, splinters
Frae, from
Fou, or fu', full

G

Gaberlunzie, a wallet, that carries a wallet Gae, gave Gae, gang, go Gane, gone Gar, cause Gawky, foolish Gear, goods, riches Geck, flout, jeer Gimmer, a ewe of two years old Gin, gif, if Gleid, gleed, squinting, blind of an eye Glen, a hollow between hills Gloming, twilight Gowan, wild daify Gowd, gold Gowdspink, goldfinch Greet, weep Gude, guid, good Gutcher, grandfather

Η

Ha', hall
Had, hold
Hae, have
Haf, half
Haflins, by half
Hame, home
Hap, cover
Hauver-meal, made of meal of
two forts

Hawse, embrace
Heeze, hoist
Heezy, a hoist
Hie, high
Hip, the berry of the wild rose
Hows, hollows

I

Ilk, ilka, each, every Ingle, fire Irie, afraid of ghosts Ife, I shall Ither, other

J

Jo, Joe, sweetheart

K

Kail, colerworts, broth of coleworts

Kame, comb

Ken, know

Kirn, churn

Kists, chefts

Knows, heights

Ky, king

Kyth and kin, friends and relations

L,

Laigh, low
Lane, alone
Lang, long
Lavrocks, larks
Lee, fallow ground
Leeze me, loves me, a phrase
of endearment
Leil, leal, true, faithful
List, the firmament
Lig, to lie
Lightly, to slight
Loe, loo, to love
Loon, loun, rogue
Loor, lourd, rather

M

Mak', make
Mair, more
Maift, most
Marrow, mate, match
Maun, must
Mavis, thrush
Meit, may, might
Mikle, meikle, muckle, much
Minny, mither, mother
Mony, many
Mou, meuth

Muck, dung, to clean out

N

Na', nae, no, not Nane, none Neist, next Nist-nassin, undetermined

0

Ony, any
Ow'r, over
Ow'rly, a cravat "

I

Pat, put
Paukey, pawkey, cunning
Pearlins, a rwoman's cap
Philabeg, a Highlander's full
drefs
Pine, pain
Plaiden, coarfe blanketing
Pleugh, plough
Pu', pull

Q

Quey, a young heifer Quhen, when Quheir, where

R

Rang, reigned
Ranty-tanty, a Scots dish
Rede, advise, counsel
Riggs, ridges
Rin, run
Row, roll

S

Sae, fo Saft, foft Sair, sore Sall, Jhall Sarke, shirt Sell, fale, felf Sen, fin, fyne, fince, then Shanna, shall not Shaw, Shew Shoo, Shoe Shoon, Shoes Sic, such Siller, siever money Sinsyne, fince that time Slaited, wheted, wiped Sma, small Snaw, fnae, fnow Snood, a head-band Sodger, foldier Soup, small quantity of liquor Speer, speir, ask

Spring, a lively air Staw, flo'e Stane, stean, flone Stown, flolen Sturt, wrath

T

Tak', take Tald, told Tane, taken T'ane, the one Tauk, talk Tedding, laying new-mown grass in rows Tenty, cautious Tine, lose Tint, lost Tocher, dowry Tofall of night, twilight Trews, trowfers Triste, appoint, entice Twa, treo Twin, to part from

V

Vaunty, vain-glorious

W

Wa', wall Wad, would Wae, rvoe Wale, choice Wander, wonder Ware, bestow Wee, little Weel, well-Weelfar'd, well-favoured Wha, who Whist, bift Wi, with Wimpling, twifting, meandring Win, won, dwell Winna, will not Winsome, handsome Wist, known Wite, blame Woo, wool Wow, wonderful! ab! Wreath, ghost

Y

Yern, earn, to curdle Yese, ye shall Yestreen, yesternight

Z

Ze, ye Zou, you Em

