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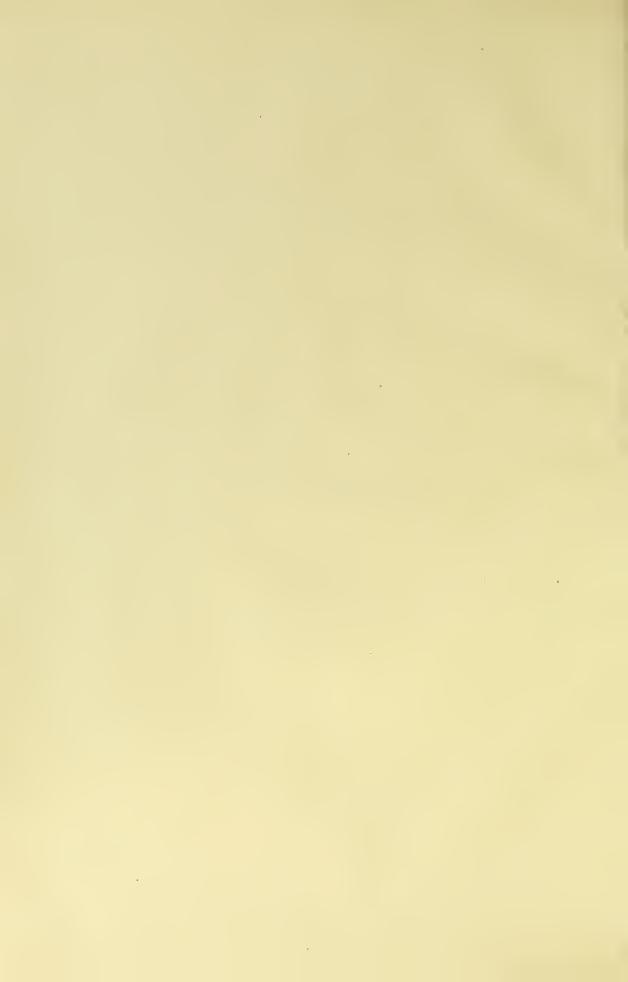
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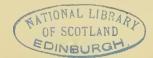
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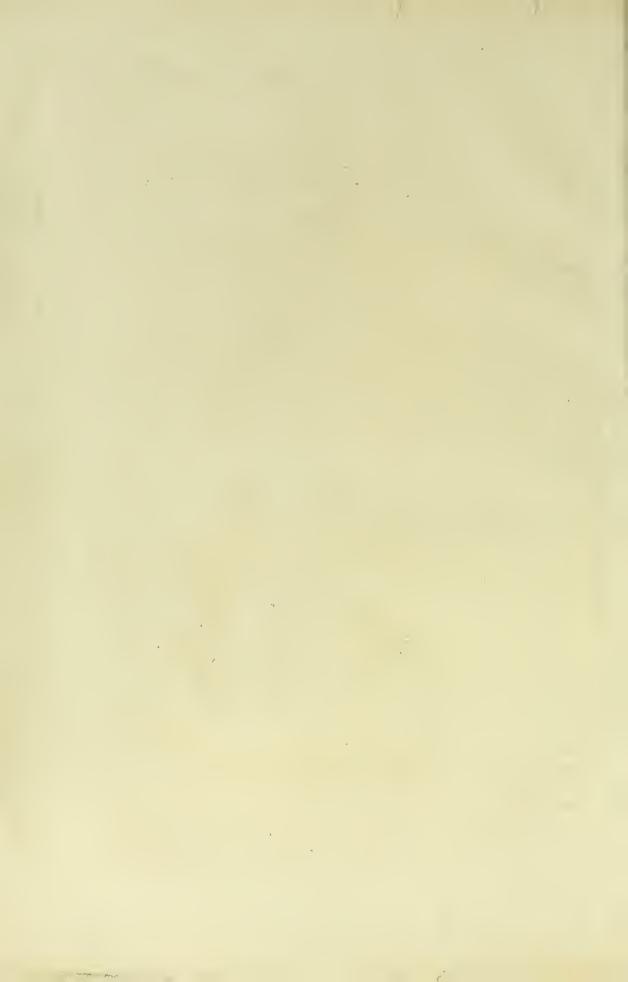
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PREFACE.

ENCOURAGED by the very flattering manner in which the Scotish MINSTREL has been received, the Publisher brings forward this Volume of IRISH MELODIES upon a similar plan, and trusts that, upon examination, this work will be found not less entitled to public approbation and patronage.

It is certain that the Scots and Irish divide between them the richest musical inheritance in the world; and so uninterrupted has been the intercourse of wandering minstrels between the sister kingdoms,—so similar the style of their melodies,—that no inconsiderable proportion of our finest airs has become a sort of disputed property claimed by both parties,—a circumstance that renders the present publication almost a necessary continuation of the former.

In foreign countries,—in Italy and Germany, the very seats of scientific song,—these artless airs have found admirers; and some of their most eminent masters have not disdained to adorn their works by incorporating them with their compositions; but upon the heart of a *native*, "like the memory of joys that are past," they produce those effects, "pleasant and mournful," of which a stranger can form no conception.

With what emotions does every man listen to the strain that was first impressed upon his ear by the voice of "the mother that looked on his childhood," whose lullabies soothed his infant cares to rest, and whose memory is associated with a thousand tender recollections of "scenes of wo and scenes of pleasure" never to be forgotten!

Aided by this powerful principle of association, our national melodies have obtained an ascendency in the estimation of our countrymen, against which the best music of the modern schools would vainly be brought in competition; indeed, by that numerous class who have been more indebted to nature for ears than to teachers for science, they are almost regarded as the *only* music.

Who has not seen a numerous assembly unmoved by the most scientific compositions of the greatest masters, and sitting for a whole evening under the discharge of all the thundering artillery of modern accompaniments with the most unfeeling indifference? But change the entertainment—strike up one of our old Scotish or Irish melodies—let it be but tolerably performed, even by a single voice or instrument,—and the audience shall become at once all life and feeling, and

testify, by demonstrations the most unequivocal, that that is the music which, through the avenue of the ear, can make its way directly to the heart.

"The grand criterion of literary composition," says Cicero, "is that becoming air which every reader imagines so easy to be imitated, yet will find so difficult to attain." Overlooking a criterion no less applicable to musical than to literary compositions—supposing that airs, of a modulation so restricted as seldom to exceed a sharpened fourth, or a flattened seventh, must be of easy construction,—many a musician has conceived himself capable of composing airs such as we are considering,—a single trial, however, will probably convince him of his mistake. No less a master than Geminiani was not ashamed to confess, that he had blotted quires of paper in vain, in attempting to compose a second part to "The Broom of the Cowdenknowes."

Through the force of novelty, or the peculiar powers of some favourite singer, one new song after another becomes the rage of the day, which in a short time is laid aside to be remembered no more. It bloomed but to wither—was born but to die; but our old national melodies are *imperishable* plants, unfading *evergreens*, which have no more to dread from the capricious innovations of fashion, than the oak has to fear from the storm, which, instead of overturning, serves but to fix it more deeply in its native earth.

For the publication of melodies of such unquestionable value it would no doubt be absurd to offer an apology; but our readers are perhaps aware, that these melodies have already been given to the world, adorned with all the poetical talent of Mr Moore, and all the musical science of Sir John Stevenson.

To the merits of a Work so deservedly popular, and which, among the higher ranks, has obtained a circulation so extensive, we will be the first to subscribe, and have no wish that our humble performance should ever be mentioned in competition with it; but, if, by the economy of our typography and plan of arrangement, we have been able to condense, into one portable volume, the most valuable melodies that are there contained in nine or ten, and reduced the price from seven or eight pounds to about as many shillings;—if, in place of accompaniments in which the air is not heard, we have substituted those of which the melody forms a constituent part, so that the full effect of the whole may be heard upon the Piano-Forte, either with or without the voice,—we think we have done no unacceptable service to a large class of the community, among whom we may reasonably expect our Work to find support and circulation.

In the poetical department, we have carefully excluded every thing, whether in expression or sentiment, that could, by the most fastidious, be considered offensive. It is painful to hear (as we have heard) licentious sentiments, veiled under all the graces of poetical expression, warbled from the lips of some unsuspecting

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innocent, who, if conscious of their import, would have blushed at their impurity. We have admitted nothing which a parent might not safely put into the hand of his child. If we cannot pretend that our songs are all of high poetical merit, they are at least all *innocent*; and of the two, we would rather run the risk of being denounced for *dulness* than lashed for *licentiousness*.

To our contributors of original poetry we beg to present our most grateful acknowledgments,—particularly to Mr D. Weir of Greenock; Mr Alexander Laing, near Brechin; Mr R. Hogg; Mr Henry Scott Riddel; and Mr James Hogg (the Etterick Shepherd); who have all entered with enthusiasm into the design of this undertaking, and so successfully caught the true spirit of the melodies, as to make "the sound seem but an echo to the sense," in a great number of excellent songs.

For the industry that collected, and the science that arranged these melodies, we are indebted to Mr R. A. Smith, of whose qualifications for the task the public are already in possession of satisfactory pledges. He has spared no pains to obtain the most accurate setts; and they are here presented in all that wild originality and native simplicity, which forms their characteristic excellence, with an accompaniment in a style so simple, that the right hand always plays the melody to which the harmony is added in small notes below,—a plan for which, we are quite sure, he is entitled to the thanks of every little Miss who has been subjected to all the difficulties of singing an air, and at the same time playing a running accompaniment in which that air was not included.

To be admired, the music of Ireland needs but to be known; and that this volume might prove both acceptable and accessible to the lovers of song, whatever could contribute to diminish the difficulty of performing, and facilitate the means of attaining, these admirable melodies, has throughout received the most anxious attention of the Publisher.

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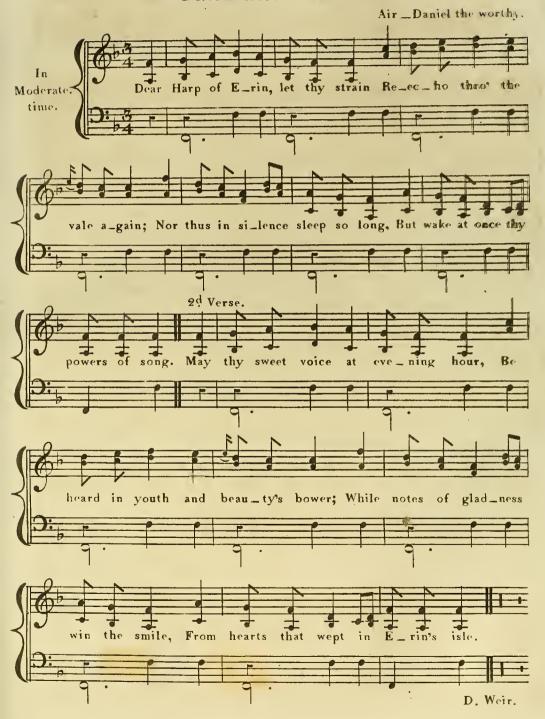
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DEAR HARP OF ERIM.







Oh! sad is my fate! said the heart-broken stranger,
The wild deer and wolf to a covert can flee,
But I have no refuge from famine and danger,
A home and a country remain not for me.
Ah! never again in the green shady bowers,
Where my forefathers liv'd, shall I spend the sweet hours,
Or cover my harp with the wild-woven flowers,
And strike the sweet numbers of Erin go Bragh!

Oh, Erin! my country, though sad and forsaken,
In dreams I revisit thy sea-beaten shore;
But, alas! in a far foreign land I awaken,
And sigh for the friends who can meet me no more!
Ah! cruel fate! wilt thou never replace me
In a mansion of peace, where no perils can chace me?
Ah! never again shall my brothers embrace me!
They died to defend me, or live to deplore.

Where is the cabin-door, fast by the wild wood?

Sisters and sire, did you weep for its fall?

Where is the mother that look'd on my childhood?

And where is the bosom friend, dearer than all?

Ah, my sad soul! long abandon'd by pleasure,

Why didst thou doat on a fast-fading treasure?

Tears, like the rain-drops, may fall without measure,

But rapture and beauty they cannot recall.

But yet, all its fond recollections suppressing,
One dying wish my fond bosom shall draw,
Erin, an exile bequeaths thee his blessing,
Land of my forefathers __ Erin go Bragh!
Buried and cold, when my heart stills its motion,
Green be thy fields, sweetest Isle of the ocean,
And thy harp-striking bards sing aloud with devotion,
Erin mavourneen, Erin go Bragh!

Campbell.

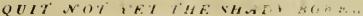
POOR EMBLEM OF DEPARTED PLEASURE.



Poor hapless flower, 1 still will wear thee;
While life remains, we ne'er must part,
And death's rude hand alone shall tear thee
From this sad, lonely, broken heart!
Thy hour of pride was quickly shaded,
Thy balmy sweetness soon was o'er,
In one short night thy beauties faded,
And now thou charm'st the eye no more.

The guardian thorns which close caress thee Wound not this tortured breast of mine; Ah, no! the heart to which I press thee Has felt a deeper sting than thine! Poor emblem of departed pleasure, I view thee with a mournful eye! Thy faded form I still will treasure.

It tells of bliss long since gone by.





1st Voice _ Cease, oh! cease, thou gentle youth,
Can my spirits fail me?
Shielded thus by love and truth,
How should fears assail me?
2d Voice _ Lady, since the fall of night,
Far have we been roaming;
Lady, ere the morning light,
Many a mile is coming.

1st Voice _ Then the shady bower farewell _ .

Now the hill we're climbing;

May we reach the friar's cell

Ere the matin's chiming!

2d Voice _ Then the shady bower farewell _

Angels hover o'er us!

Soon we'll hear the convent bell,

Here's the path before us!

OPE THY CASEMENT, LADY BRIGHT.



Breathe one soft word, Lady bright,

To my 'raptur'd ear!

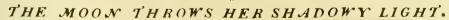
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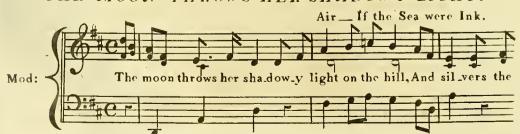
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Oh! sweetly forgive me for chasing thy rest,

And the sigh of delight from my breast,

O lady, flies to thee!







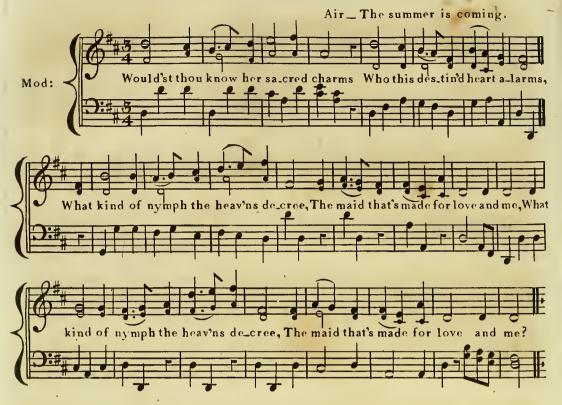
Sweet, sweet are the notes of the harp as they roll;
From the hall of Nithona they rise;
They come to speak peace to my sorrowing soul,
And wipe the big drops from mine eyes;
But despair to the dark brow of Connal is dear,
He lists not to music's mild breath
Ah! where is the yow that enchanted his ear,
That thou would'st be constant till death?

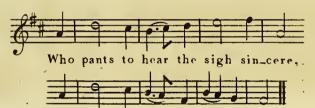
Whence, whence is that shadow that sails o'er the plain, 'Neath the quivering beam of the moon?'
'Tis the white-bosom'd maid I shall view her again, And love all our moments shall crown.

O daughter of Cluthar, thy footstep is near, Lo! here is the thorn on the heath —

Ah! blest was the vow that enchanted mine ear,
That then would'st be constant till death!

WOULD'ST THOU KNOW HER SACRED CHARMS.





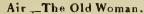
Who melts to see the tender tear, From each ungentle passion free, Such is the maid that's made for me.

Who joys whene'er she sees me glad, Who sorrows when she sees me sad, For peace and me can pump resign, Such is the heart that's made for mine.

Whose soul with generous friendship glows,
Who feels the blessing she bestows,
Gentle to all, but kind to me,
Such be mine, if such there be!

William Hamilton.







On life's dark sea;

And memory hails that sacred spot,

Wherefer we be.

It leaves all joys,

And fondly sighs,

As youth comes on the mind,

And looks upon the morn of life,

With fond thoughts twin'd,

As it sweetly broke on bow'r and hill, And youth's gay mind.

O our childhood's days are ne'er forgot. When age will come with locks of grey, To quench youth's spark,

And its stream runs cold along the way,

Where all seems dark

'Twill smiling gaze,

As memory's blaze

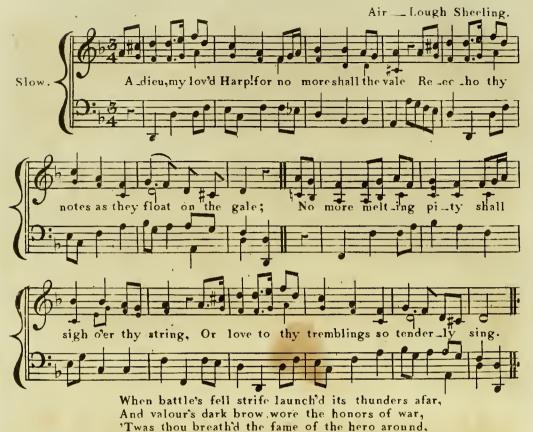
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With fond thoughts twin'd.

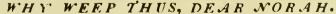
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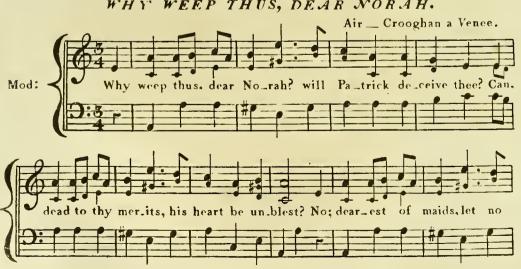
D. Meir.



Ye daughters of Erin, soon comes the sad day When over the turf where I sleep, ye shall say_ "Oh! still is the song we repaid with a tear, And silent the string that delighted the ear!"

And young emulation was wak'd by the sound.







But into what climate soever he wander,

What fairy scenes tread in, what beauty may see,

Though fortune her store of allurements should squander,

His heart shall be changeless to Ireland and thee.

Shall the flowery-brimm'd Shannon, sweet stream, cease to move me,

With that homely clean cot where I've spent my best days,

And Norah, far dearer than all that's there lovely,

To crown the bright vision that fancy would raise?

If I fall, dearest maid, and thy love would condole me,
As far from the lap of green Erin I lie,
Let this pious thought, which I swear to, console thee
'Twill be Heaven and thou that divide my last sigh.
Far better I augur: beside this pure fountain,
To anchor my hopes on thy bosom of snow,
While the broad sun of eve, as he dips by you mountain,
Shall oft leave us happy, and find us still so.



O! 'tis sweet! and who that has known can forget,
All the charms of the night's lovely hour,
When wand'ring that moment _perchance may have met
Her he lov'd in the moon-lighted bower?
Yes! that bower is remember'd wherever he goes,
And its moonlight can ne'er fade away;
In storm, and in sunshine, forever it glows,
And breaks through the brightness of day.

D. Weir.



There is no fair one to confess The love she long conceal'd, And to the thrilling soft caress With maiden fondness yield: To steal a kiss with glowing lip, Since it may be 'the last, And when we part upon the ship A longing look to cast.

Yet, though that careth for me now No kindred heart there be, I love thee, O my Country! __thou Art all in all to me! But son of mine shall never tread By Erin's stream and vale, And, glorying as his father did, His native country hail.

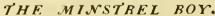
O Erin! thou art fair and wide, And happy hearts hast thou; But none more true with thee abide Than his that leaves thee now. This soul of mine is desolate, This cheek of mine is dry, And onward to a wilder fate From hopelessness I fly.

R. Hogg.

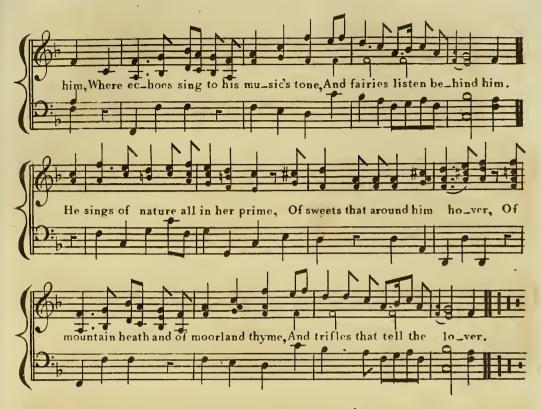


Of all the sweet hours that o'er me flew, And many sweet hours this bosom knew, Sweet maid, sweet maid, they were with thee. And how I've gaz'd on the golden sky, Because the dear moonlight hour was nigh, When a rosy kiss from that lip I steal, Sweet maid, sweet maid, to meet with thee.

Of all the blest hours I e'er enjoy, It's when I look on that sparkling eye, Sweet maid, sweet maid, so dear to me. And when I gaze 'tis rapture to feel Sweet maid, sweet maid, so dear to me. D. Weir.







How wildly sweet is the minstrel's lay Thro' cliffs and wild woods ringing! For, ah! there is love to beckon his way, And hope in the song he's singing. The bard may indite and the minstrel sing, And maidens may chorus it rarely; But unless there be love in the heart within, The ditty will charm but sparely.

James Hogg.

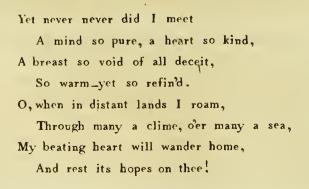
SMILE THROUGH THY TEARS.

Same Air.

Smile thro' thy tears, like the blush moss rose, Smile thro' thy tears, like the pale primrose, When the warm rains fall around it: Thy fond heart now may seek repose From the rankling griefs that wound it: For a parent's loss the eyes may fill, And weep till the heart runs over; But the pang is long and deeper still That falls on the grave of a lover.

When the zephyrs play around it; In me let thy trembling heart repose, I will ward the sorrows that wound it. 'Twere a futile wish such love to crave. As warm'd thy maiden bosom; While Henry sleeps, where the alders wave O'er the night_shade's drooping blossom. Thos Lyle. "

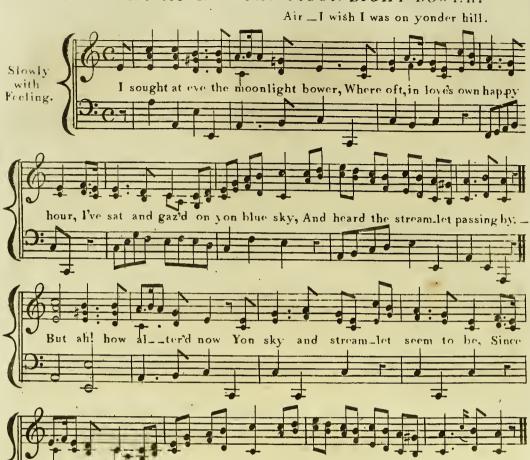
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view, And ma_ny a lip of co_ral dye, And cheek of ro_seate hue;



It is sweet to remember the friends that were dear,
Who moulder in death, and are vanished away;
And to think, as we mourn, that a sigh and a tear
Shall mingle for us when departed as they;
For, ah! it were fearful to think when we die
That our loss would cost no one a tear or a sigh!



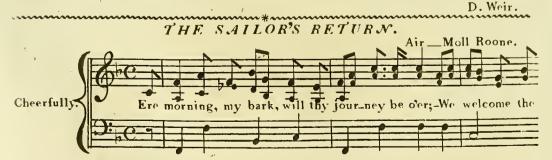
deep-ly mark'd this brow, And grief has done its worst to

O! I could weep_as now I gaze
On love's own bower, and flowery ways,
To think of thee, beloved shade,
So late in youth and health array'd.
What would avail my tears?

The heart is cold, and our thy grave The tear-drop of the night appears, And flowers in mournful silence wave.

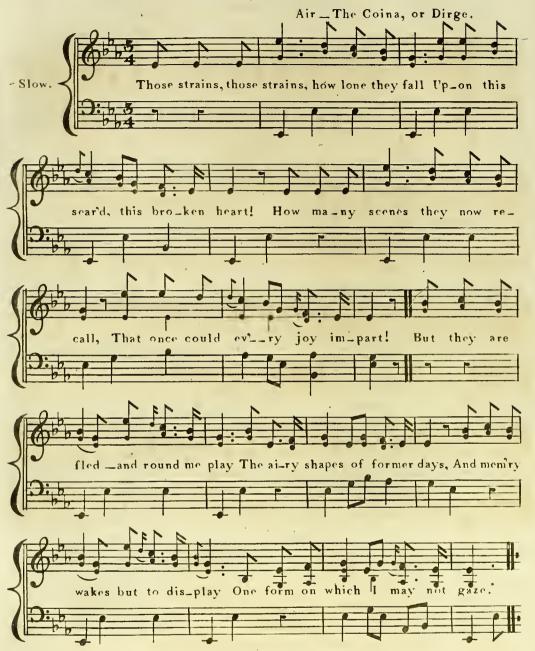
Beloved shade, if, at this hour,
Thou comest near thy once-lov'd bower,
Let not those tears, nor let those sighs,
Disturb thee in thy native skies;
But come in some sweet dream

To speak of peace, for in thy tomb My heart is laid, and there no beam Can break, its darkness to illume.





O'er my eyelids when slumber her witchery threw,
And weary and worn out I sank on the deck,
Methought to the arms of my Mary I flew,
And our little one kiss'd me and clung to my neck.
Then swiftly, my bark, o'er the waters away!
The curlew there measures our course through the air,
O sweet round my home spreads the calm smiling bay,
And kind is the heart that will welcome us there!



Oh lull those chords —each tale they weave
Bids the big tear of anguish roll:
Minstrel! their liveliest strains but leave
A deeper sadness on my soul;
For long within this lonely breast
Has sorrow held her gloomy reign,
Till ev'ry feeling is at best
Ting'd with a darker shade of pain.



Dear to our hearts is the magical chord

That vibrates to sympathy's finger;

Fondly we hang on a sigh, or a word,

And, 'raptur'd, by beauty we linger.

Oh! dear to our hearts is the magical chord

That vibrates to sympathy's finger.

Sweet is the tune when in union of soul

Each cheek with a smile is enlighten'd;

Care flies abash'd from the vine-blushing bowl,

Each eye by good humonr is brighten'd.

Oh! sweet is the tune when in union of soul

Each cheek with a smile is enlighten'd!



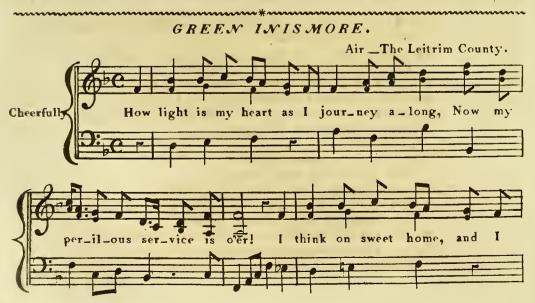
Come, lull my sorrows to repose,

With numbers such as angels sing,

And teach me to forget my woes,

By pouring rapture from the string!

Mrs Wilson.

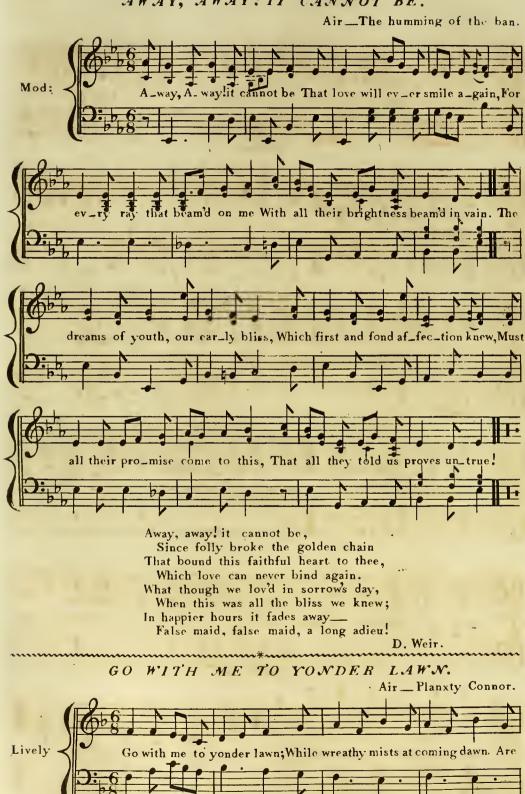




Ah! Eveleen, my love! hadst thou seen this fond breast,
How, at parting, it bled to its core,
Thou hadst there seen thine image so deeply imprest,
That thou ne'er could'st have doubted me more.
For my king and my country undaunted I fought,
And brav'd all the hardships of war-as I ought,
But the day never rose saw thee strange to my thought,
Since I left thee in green Inismore.

Ye dear native mountains, that tow'r on my view,
What joys to my mind ye restore!
The past happy scenes of my life ye renew,
And ye ne'er seem'd so charming before.
In the rapture of fancy already I spy
My kindred and friends crowding round me with joy,
But my Eveleen, sweet girl, there's a far dearer tie
Binds this heart to the green Inismore!

Tannahill.







The hour of our parting my bosom alarms, —
And when shall this bosom again be at rest?

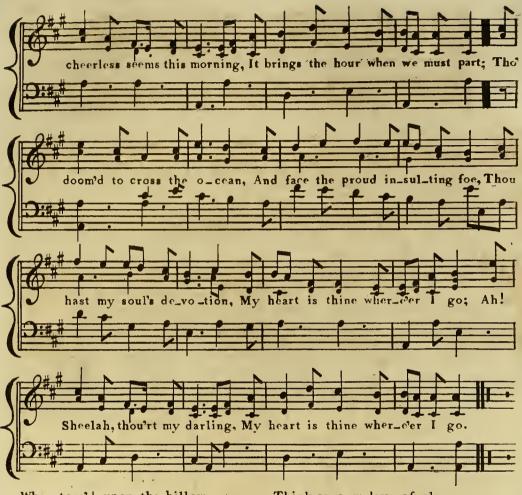
Sure he thus accustomed to doat on thy charms,
Deprived of thy presence, can never be blessed!

When the wild blasts of winter blew waste o'er the hill,
And withered the fair flowers that painted the plain,
Oh, thou wert a flower that delighted me still,
And I cared not how long till they blossomed again.

But now though the beauties of spring-time are come,
These beauties can only bring sorrow to me,
For my soul must remain in the depths of a gloom
Even darker than winter, in absence of thee!

H.S. Riddell.





When toss'd upon the billow,

And angry tempests round me blow,
Let not the gloomy willow

O'ershade thy lovely lily brow; But mind the seaman's story,

Sweet William and his charming Sue;

I'll soon return with glory,
And, like sweet William, wed thee too.
Ah! Sheelah, thou'rt my darling,
My heart is thine where'er I go.

Think on our days of pleasure, While wand'ring by the Shannon side, When summer days gave leisure To stray amidst their flow'ry pride;

And while thy faithful lover
Is far upon the stormy main,
Think, when the wars are over,

These golden days shall come again; Ah! Sheelah, thou'rt my darling, These golden days shall come again.

Farewell, ye lofty mountains,
Your flow'ry wilds we wont to rove;
Ye woody glens and fountains,

One fond embrace, and then adieu; Ah! Sheelah, thou'rt my darling, One fond embrace, and then adieu!

The dear retreats of mutual love.

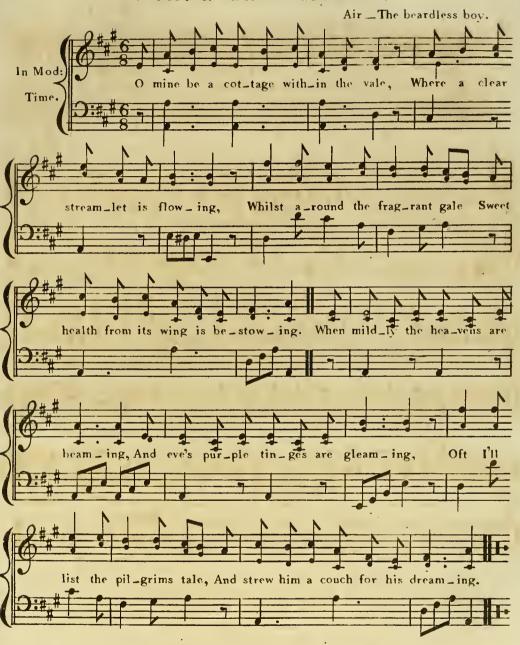
Tannahill.



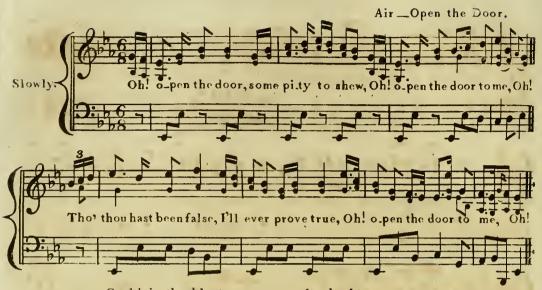
But, oh! my life, my love, forget
That such a dream your path had crost;
Forget the hour that e'er we met,
For honour, love, and life, are lost.
And, in this hour of dark distress,
Forgive me_this is all I crave;
Let that one word my bosom bless,
And pity tell it o'er my grave.

D. Weir.

It will readily be perceived that this song is almost a paraphrase of Emmet's letter to Miss Curran, a few hours before his execution. The melancholy fate of this young Gentleman, and the devoted love of the survivor, are but too well known to require note or comment.



Oh! sweetly the woodbine shall wind along,
Blossoms each lattice adorning,
Whilst the lark's melodious song
Salutes the bright beam of the morning.
Now tell me ye minions of pleasure,
As night's lagging moments you measure,
Can ye, 'midst the city throng,
Bestow on your hearts such a treasure?



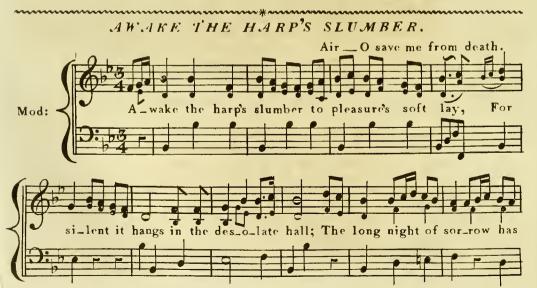
Cauld is the blast upon my pale cheek,
But caulder thy love for me, Oh!
The frost that freezes the life at my heart,
Is nought to the pains frae thee, Oh!

The wan moon is setting behind the white wave,
And time is setting with me, Oh!

Fause friends, fause love, fareweel! for mair
I'll neer trouble them, nor thee, Oh!

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

Burns.





Then change the sad strain, and let gladness arise,
Since the long night of sorrow and sighing is past,
And welcome the light which has dawn'd in the skies,
For the day-star of freedom has risen at last.

And the eyes that have wept now smile in the ray, As they gaze on the beam of the opening day;

They remember again, The glorious strain,

Which was sung ere their liberty vanish'd away.

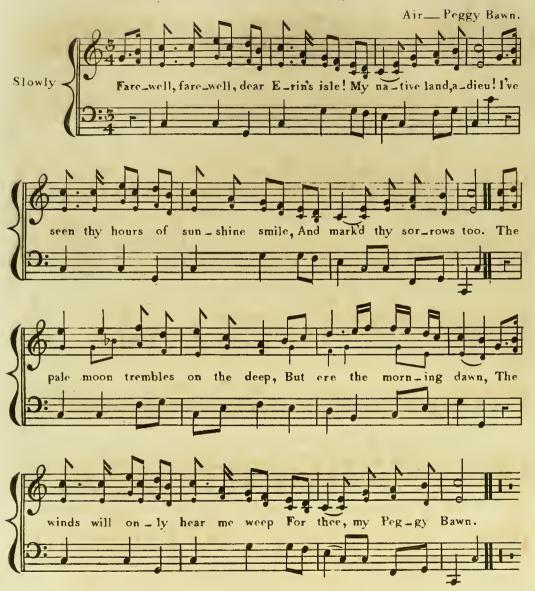
Awake the harp's slumber, the harp which has long Been as mute in the hall, as the Minstrel who gave

A name to the harp, and awaken'd the song _____ The first happy song in the Isle of the brave. Like the bird of the morning that sings through the sky, And meets the bright sun as he rises on high;

Oh! remember again, The glorious strain,

And hail with its music the light that draws nigh.

D. Weir.



And though I haste beyond the sea,

Where sweeter scenes may smile,

My heart unchang'd will turn to thee,

My own, my native Isle.

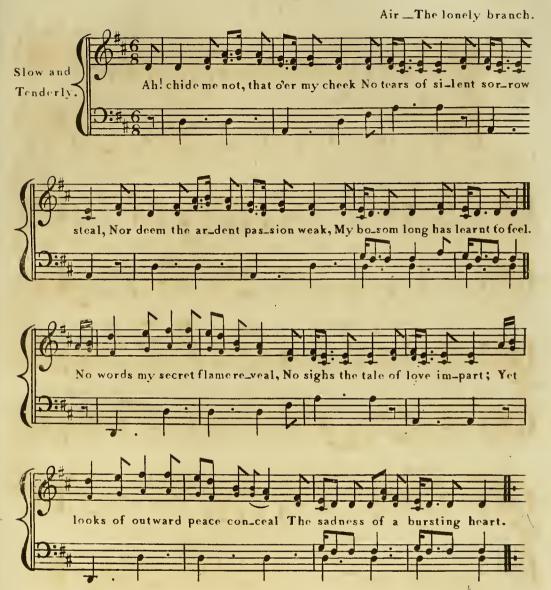
But now a long, a kind farewell

To mountain, grove, and lawn,

While tears alone my parting tell

From thee, my Peggy Bawn.

D. Weir.



Yet do not blame me, if a while

I wear the semblance of repose,

And woo a fleeting summer smile,

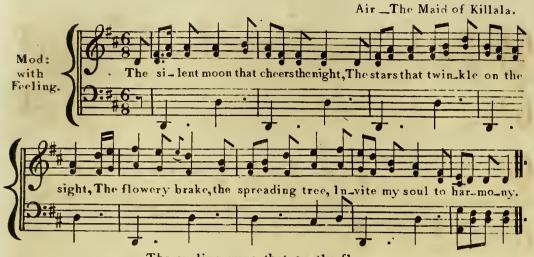
To gild the darkness of my woes;

Oh! 'tis the lingering ray that throws

O'er the dim vale a blaze of light,

And, bright in parting splendour, glows

The herald of a cheerless night.



The curling wave that gently flows, The zephyr's breath that softly blows, The river winding to the sea, Invite my soul to harmony.

The murmuring stream that glides along, The bird that warbles nature's song, The mountain towering to the sky, Invite my soul to harmony.

The verdant hills clad o'er with sheep, The distant sails upon the deep, The sky around, and all I see, Invite my soul to harmony.

The beauty of the female face, The mind, the form, the easy grace, The modest smile, and sparkling eye, Invite my soul to harmony.

Rob! Wight.





Oh, tell me what light, of the earth or the sky,
Cau the deepest delight to the spirit impart?
'Tis the bright beaming radiance that lives in the eye
Of the maid that affection has bound to our heart.
More charming is this than the glory of art,
More lovely than rays from yon bright worlds above:
It heightens each joy, as it soothes every smart,
Enchanting our souls with the magic of love.

Oh, tell me what drop is most melting and meek
That aught 'neath the azure of heaven can share?
'Tis the tear-drop that falls from the dear maiden's cheek,
When she breathes o'er her lover her sigh and her prayer.
More tender is this, more celestial and fair,
Than the dew-drop that springs from the chamber of morn,
A balm that still softens the ranklings of care—
That heals every wound that our bosom hath borne.
H.S. Riddell.



But thou shalt smile, my dearest maid,
No ills like these await thee:
For I can give thee cause to hate
No more than thou canst hate me.
And never think to frown, fair maid;
Thou canst not; when thou triest,
Well I can see, beneath thy frown
Lurk smiles, the sweetest, slyest.

R. Hogg.

SHEPHERDS, I HAVE LOST MY LOVE.



Never shall I see them more,

Untill her returning,

All the joys of life are o'er,

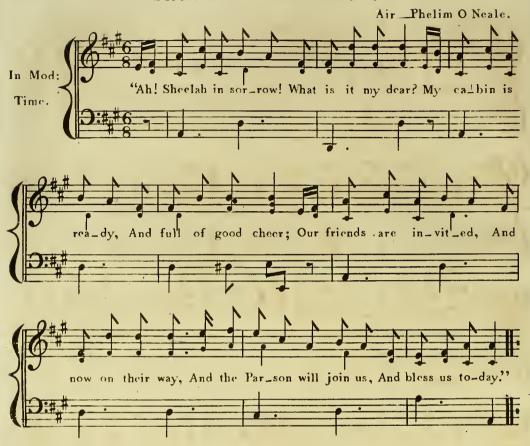
From gladness chang'd to mourning:

Whither is my charmer flown,

Shepherds, tell me whither?

Ah! woe for me! perhaps she's gone,

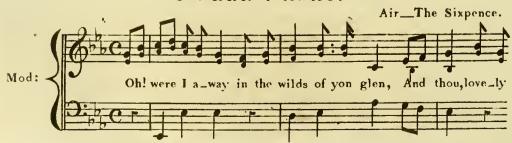
Forever and forever.



"I cannot be happy;
Oh!how can I be?
My Father's so cruel
To Mother and me.
She gave me some trifle,
And what did he say?
She would sure give me all
Ere she got me away?"

"Oh! Sheelah, my jewel,
Be good as you're fair _
They are ailing and old,
They have little to spare;
We are healthy and young,
We are loving and true,
And their blessing is all
That I wish for with you?'
Alext Laing.

O WERE I AWAY.



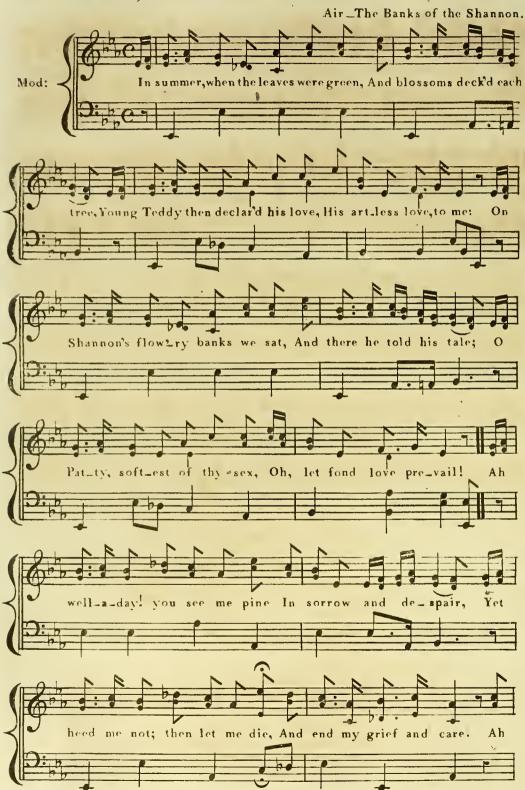


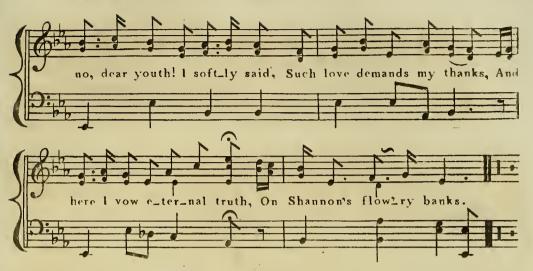
And still, as we strayed nature's solitudes through,
Would I gather each wild opening blossom,
To braid the fair ringlets that wave o'er thy brow,
And garland thy white-heaving bosom:
On our way by the moorland, the rock, and the stream,
Would the care of this spirit be o'er thee;
Oh! the world to me as a shadow would seem,
While I lived, only lived to adore thee!

The tear-drop is pure that the fond lover weeps,
When hopes long-departed awaken,
The moonbeam is bright on the heath-flower that sleeps,
When clouds have the welkin forsaken;
But thine eye is more bright, and thy spirit more pure—
Oh! though we have lived thus to sever,
Thine image of loveliness still must allure,
Must live on my memory for ever!

H.S. Riddell.

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IN SUMMER, WHEN THE LEAVES WERE GREEN.



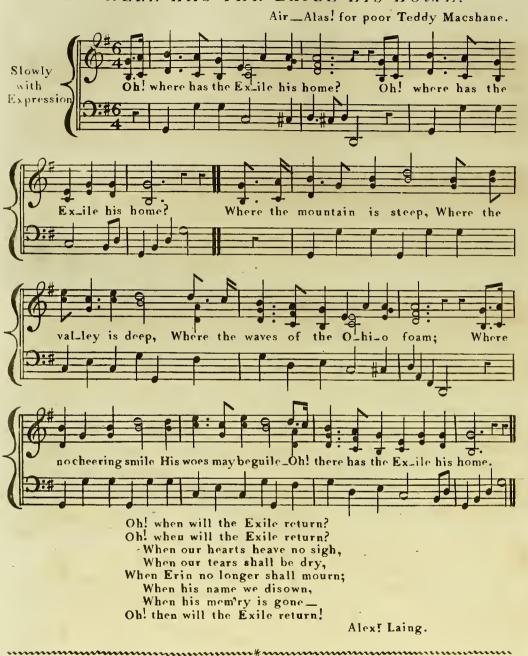


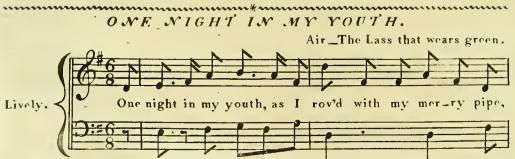
And then we vow'd eternal truth,
On Shannon's flow'ry banks,
And then we gather'd sweetest flow'rs.
And play'd such artless pranks:
But, woe is me! the press-gang came,
And forc'd my Ned away,
lust when we nam'd next morning fair
To be our wedding-day.

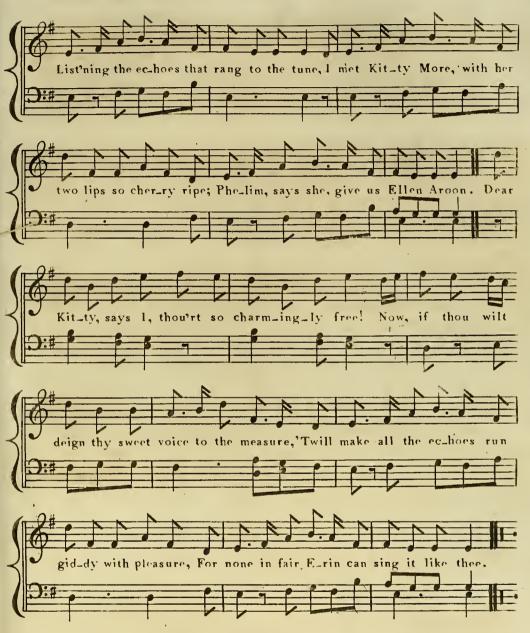
My love, he cried, they force me hence,
But still my heart is thine;
All peace be yours, my gentle Pat,
While war and toil are mine!
With riches l'll return to thee.
I sobb'd out words of thanks,
And then we vow'd eternal truth,
On Shannon's flow'ry banks.

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On Shannon's flow'ry banks.
And then I saw him sail away,
And join the hostile ranks.
From morn to eve, for twelve dull months,
His absence sad I mourn'd;
The peace was made, the ship came back,
But Teddy ne'er return'd.

His beauteous face and manly form
Have won a nobler fair;
My Teddy's false, and I, forlorn,
Must die in sad despair.
Ye gentle maidens, see me laid,
While you stand round in ranks,
And plant a willow o'er my head,
On Shannon's flow'ry banks.







My chanter I plied, with my heart beating gaily,
I pip'd up the strain, while so sweetly she sung,
The soft melting melody fill'd all the valley,
The green woods around us in harmony rung.
Methought that she verily charm'd up the moon!
Now, still, as I wander in village or city,
When good people call for some favourite ditty,
I give them sweet Kitty, and Ellen Aroon.

Tannahill.

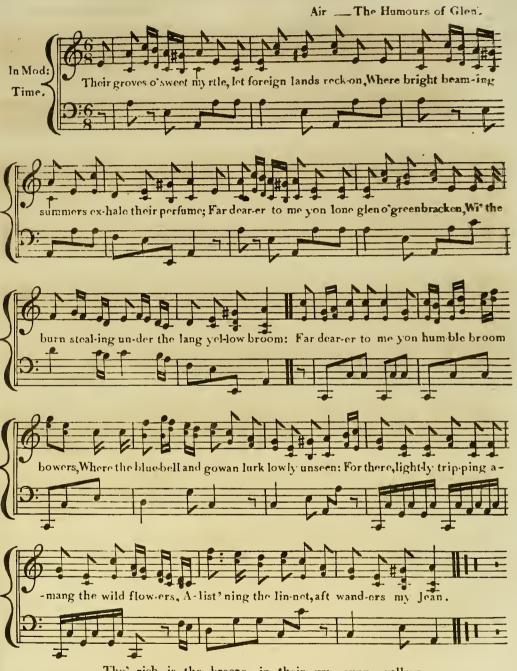


Thy father was tender, thy father was kind, His last look at parting will ne'er leave my mind; For they've made him a grave, far far o'er the sea, No more to return to my baby or me.

Oh! hush, my dear baby, lie still on my breast. And I'll sing thee a song, to lull thee to rest; I'll sit by thy cradle, I'll watch o'er thy sleep; And, oh! lovely baby, why, why should'st thou weep?

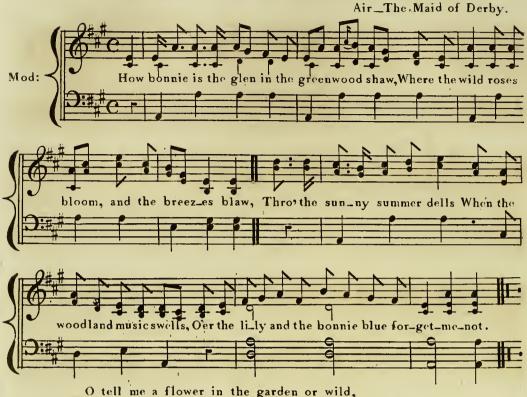
Thy mother may weep, and thy mother may sigh; But let peace, and let happiness beam in thine eye, For the joy of my heart is far o'er the sea, No more to return to my baby or me.

D. Weir.



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

Burns.



O tell me a flower in the garden or wild, So modest, and so peerless, as summer's fair child; Not a brighter floweret blows ___ Even the blush Celestial rose, Must yield to the bonnie blue forget-me-not.

By the cress-cover'd fountain, where its sparkling waters run, Thy azure star with golden breast is smiling to the sun, While the violets that bloom Round the fane at beauty's tomb, Are gemn'd with the bonnie blue forget-me-not.

Dearest emblem of friendship, thou beauty of the grove! Thy pale blue eye like my Laura's beams with love; And when Laura courts the shade, Whisper softly to the maid,

That thy name, lovely flower! is forget-me-not.

O MIGHT I BUT MY PATRICK LOVE. Air _O Patrick, fly from me. O might I but my Patrick love! My mother chides se_vere_ly, And

Thomas Lyle.

Simplicity

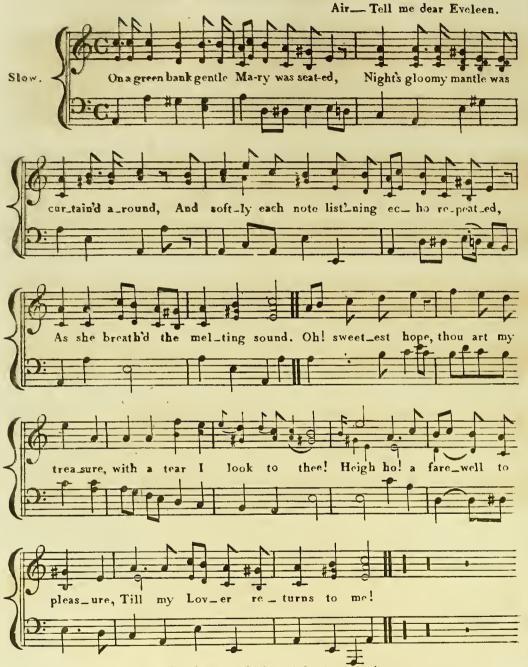


And then my Patrick says to me,
In truth he has not riches;
That true love is but seldom prized
By those whom gold bewitches.
He tells me, he enough can earn,
And that I need not fear it,
That scanty stores should serve his turn.
If I would only share it.

O Patrick, fly from me, &c.

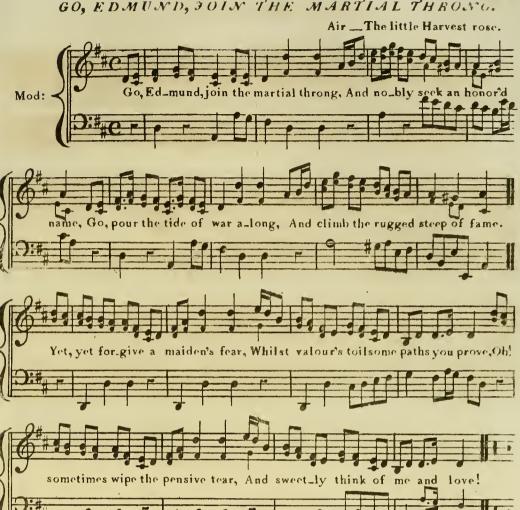
That honest hearts need fear no harm,
Though hard the world is going;
He tells me; but ah, me! I fear,
I will from duty falter;
I wish he could as soon persuade
The mother_as the daughter.
O Patrick, fly from me, &c.

We mock the storm that's blowing;



Chill fell the dews, and the night it was dreary,
Wildly the wind from the mountain now rov'd;
The dews and the wind were unheeded by Mary,
She thought but of him she lov'd:
Again she sung, "Thou art my treasure,

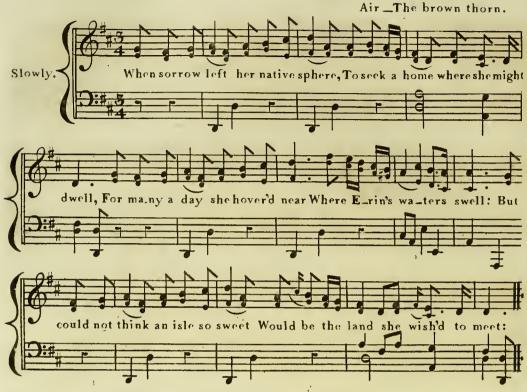
Again she sung, "Thou art my treasure,
Oh! sweet hope, I look to thee!
Heigh ho! a farewell to pleasure,
Till my Edmund returns to me!"



On Erin's sod you drew your breath, From her you caught the patriot glow, Whose children spurn the thoughts of death. And foremost meet the daring foe; Yet whilst with pride you scorn to fly, Or from the brow of battle move, Oh! sometimes breathe the tender sigh, And dearly think of me and love!

Should Fate your early fall decree, Far, far from Erin's parent shore, Where ne'er my doating eyes might see Those looks of manly beauty more; To Heav'n shou'd rise the fervent pray'r, To meet in lasting bliss above, Within my breast the wound I'd bear, And meekly die for you and love.

50 WHEN SORROW LEFT HER NATIVE SPHERE.



And while she gaz'd from o'er the deep,

She heard her blue-ey'd daughters sigh,
And saw their children born to weep,

But oh! she knew not why.

This, this, she said, s the home for me,
Unhappy Island of the sea!

D. Weir.





Then why from Italia her squallers invite, When our own native strains are so form'd to delight? Here nature and melody walk hand in hand, And discord ne'er blew her harsh trump o'er our land.

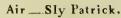
No, no, when such music assails us, Oh, oh, how fruitless the strain!

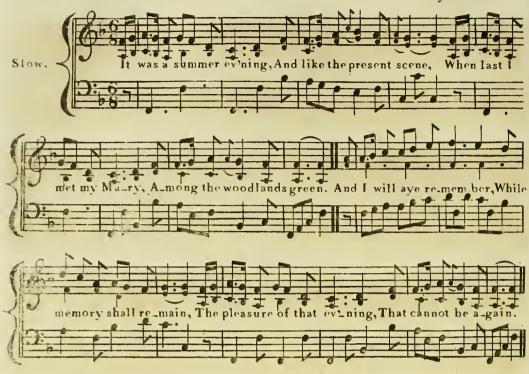
If the heart cannot feel, the sound nought avails us,
We never long to encore it again and again.

How sweet floats the song when the subject's reveal'd, Nor in shakes nor in graces its moral conceal'd! But when science the thoughts of the poet-controul, The notes may surprize, but untouch'd is the soul.

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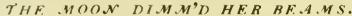


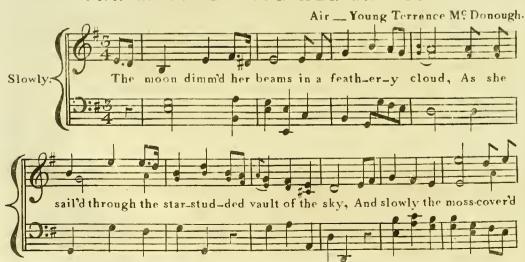


The dews that now are falling
The morning shall exhale;
The wild flow'rs that are closing
Shall open to the gale;
The sun that now is setting
Shall light another day,
But Mary is departed
For ever and for aye.

The beauties of the morning
Shall many a heart delight,
While every favorite object
Is happy in their sight;
But he whose hopes are vanish'd,
Whose spirit is forlorn,
Longs for that starless evening
That never knows a morn.

Knox.

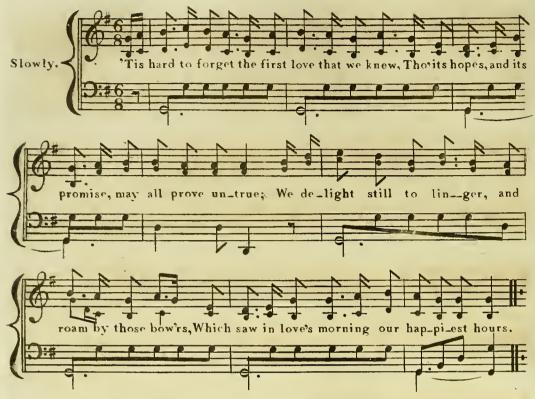






"Oh! where is the warrior that awfully rose
In his might, like the wide-spreading oak on the heath?
Alas! the bright eye that flash'd fire on his foes,
For ever is clos'd in the slumber of death!
In his hall not a string of the Harp now is stirr'd,
The bards sit around, wrapt in silence and grief,
And only the sobs of his father are heard —
Who shall comfort the sorrowing soul of the chief?

"Oh! where are the blood-crusted spear and the shield?
In indolent rest neath the wall they recline —
And where are his dogs that were fierce in the field?
Round his grass-tufted hillock they lingering whine —
O hear me! thou spirit of Crothal, attend,
In pity look down on the house of thy rest;
For thee doth the fast-falling tear-drop descend,
And thine the last sigh that escapes from my breast!"



As we there love to linger, we never forget The time when we lov'd, and the scenes where we met; And though mournful the thought, there's a pleasure to dream Near the bow'r of our loves, and to gaze on its stream.

D. Weir.





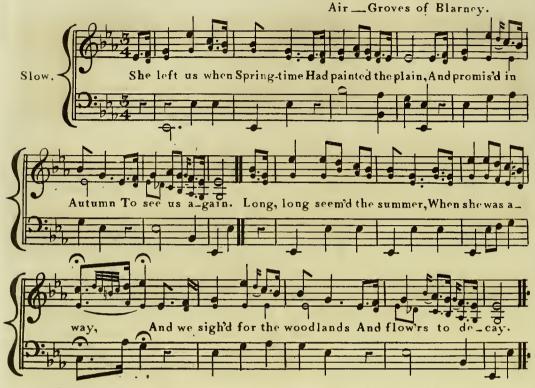
O! give me the heart which unfetter'd remains,
In the depths of a dungeon, and towers amidst chains,
Which lived in a Wallace, a Russell, a Tell,
It is all that I ask, for the world it is wide, ___
There are spots where the tyrant can never abide,
Where the altars of freedom rise bright on the strand,
To guide the poor Exile to liberty's land __
When with tears he has bade his own country farewell.

Can the patriot Exile unfeelingly roam.

Nor think of his country, his birth-place, his home,
And all that once bound him to infancy's spot?

O speak not of this! when he fought with the brave,
And stemm'd the red current, nor would be a slave;
When he fled from the field which a tyrant had won;
When his countrymen bled and his land was undone,
Then that land he forsook but 'tis never forgot.

D. Weir.



The tree at our window

Had scatter'd its leaves,

And the swallow had left us

That sung from the eaves,

When we thought of her promise

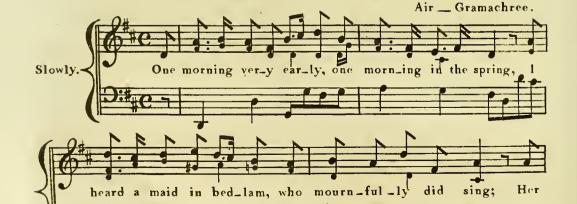
To see us again,

And long'd for her coming;

But all was in vain.

She left us in Spring-time,
In health and in joy,
But the breezes of Autumn
Had blown to destroy;
We saw the long fun'ral
Come over the plain,
And the voice that could cheer us
Can cheer not again.

Knox.



THE MAID IN BEDLAM.



O cruel were his parents, who sent my love to sea, And cruel cruel was the ship which bore my love from me! Yet I love his parents since they're his, althor they've ruined me, And I love my love, because I know my love loves me.

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

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

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

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

HADIA HEART.

Same Air.

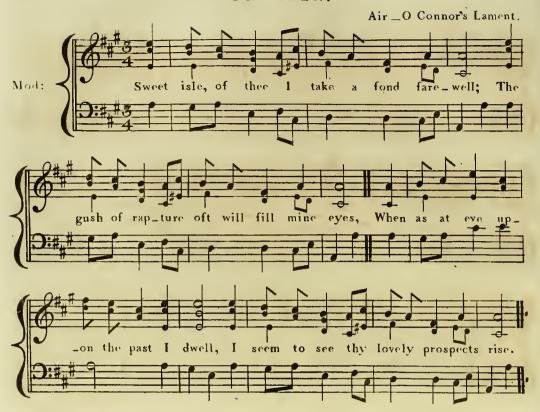
Had I a heart for falsehood fram'd, I ne'er cou'd injure you;

For tho' your tongue no promise claim'd, your charms wou'd make me true;

To you no soul shall bear deceit, no stranger offer wrong:

But friends in all the aged you'll meet, and lovers in the young:

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



For the bright hours spent 'midst such scenes as thine,
Delightful spot, may be compared to thee,
And, as we backward look on life, they shine
Like "sunny islands in a stormy sea?"

J. Player.





He left the calm bay when the morning was shining,
The winds were all hush'd on their pillow of blue,
Love's flower round her heart in its sunlight was twining,
And wav'd in the breezes as sweetly it grew.
The storm has awoke and love's flower it lies weeping,
In depths of the ocean her Patrick is sleeping,
And over his bed the wild waves are sweeping—
He recks not the tears of that maiden so true.

O weep not, fond maid, nor let sorrow awaken

The love-dreams of youth which will bless thee no more;
Like a rose-bud of promise by summer winds shaken,

Thy flower of affection lies nipt on the shore.
The spring-time will come with its sweet sunny showers,
And roses will bloom in the cold wintry bowers.
But, ah! lovely maid, amidst evergreen flowers,

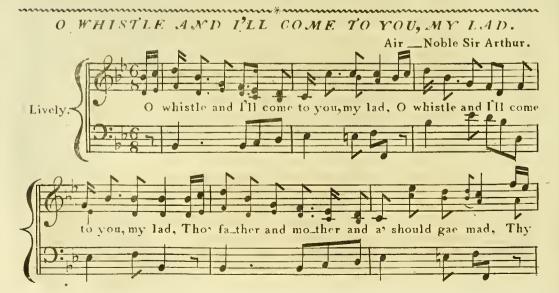
Thy Patrick will meet thee where storms never roar.

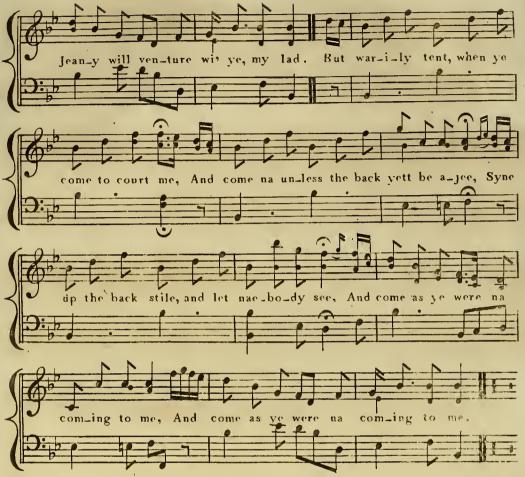
D. Rvie.



When its balm-breathing dew I delighted to sip, Did I think a farewell would escape from that lip? By honour commanded, tho far I should roam, The loadstone of love will attract me to home.

At noon, when the rose's warm blush thou shalt see, Oh, think of the wreaths thou hast woven for me! At night, when the moon in mild splendour shall move, Oh, view that fair planet, and think how I love!

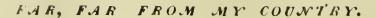


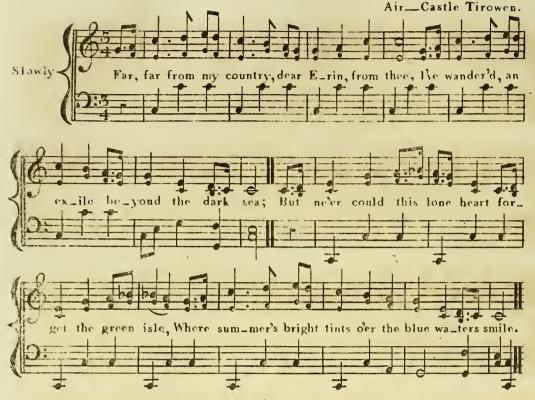


O whistle and I'll come to you, my lad,
O whistle and I'll come to you, my lad,
Tho' father and mother and a' should gae mad,
Thy Jeany will venture wi' ye, my lad.
At kirk or at market, whene'er ye meet me,
Gang by me as tho' that ye car'd na a flee,
But steal me a blink o' your bonnie black e'e,
Yet look as ye were na looking at me,
Yet look as ye were na looking at me.

O whistle and I'll come to you, my lad,
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Tho' father and mother and a' should gae mad,
Thy Jeany will venture wi' ye, my lad.
Ay vow and protest that ye carena for me,
And whiles ye may lightly my beauty a wee,
But court na anither, tho' joking ye be,
For fear that she wile your fancy frae me,
For fear that she wile your fancy frae me.

Burns.



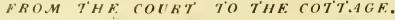


How oft in the twilight I've stood on the shore, And gaz'd on thy path where the wild billows roar, 'Till the home of my Fathers rose brightly to view, And I thought that the vision before me was true!

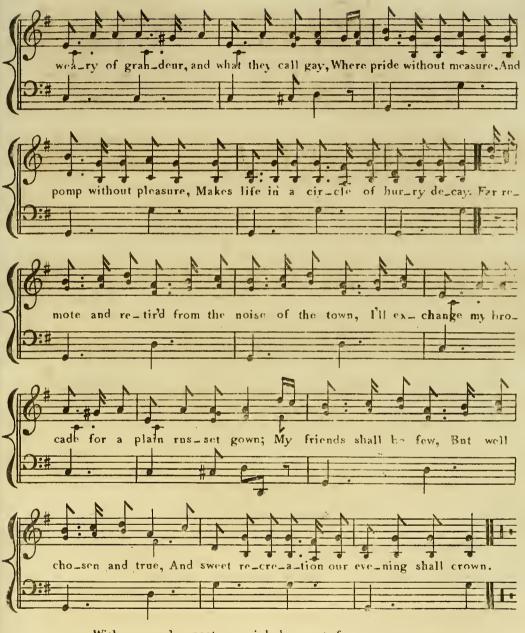
But, ah! as I gaz'd, it soon vanish'd away, And the night-cloud arose where the dark waters lay; But still to my fancy it whisper'd a while, Thy steps shall revisit thine own native Isle!

And dear shall each spot of thy childhood appear, When seen in the morning through memory's tear; That hour shall repay all the years that are past, When thy sire and thy friends shall receive thee at last.

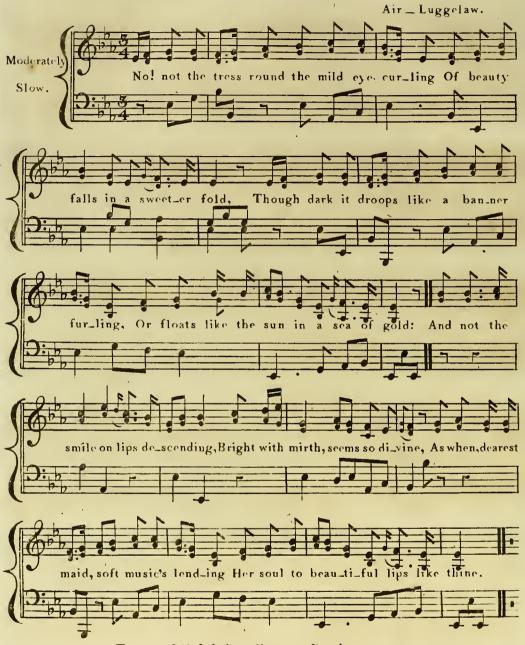
D. Weir.







With a rural repast, a rich banquet for me,
On a mossy green turf, near some shady old tree;
The river's clear brink,
Shall afford me my drink,
And temp'rance my friendly physician shall be;
Ever calm and screne, with contentment still blest,
Not too giddy with joy, or with sorrow deprest,
I'll neither invoke
Nor repine at death's stroke,
But retire from the world as 1 would to my rest.



Tresses fall faded, smiles are fleeting,
Blue eyes oft shoot us an icy glance;
But, O! what spirit can still the beating
Of pulses that tremble and hearts that dance!
The kindest gift — the sweetest token,
Tress or smile, I would resign,
Once more but to hear one dear word spoken
By those so beautiful lips of thine.

Wiffen.

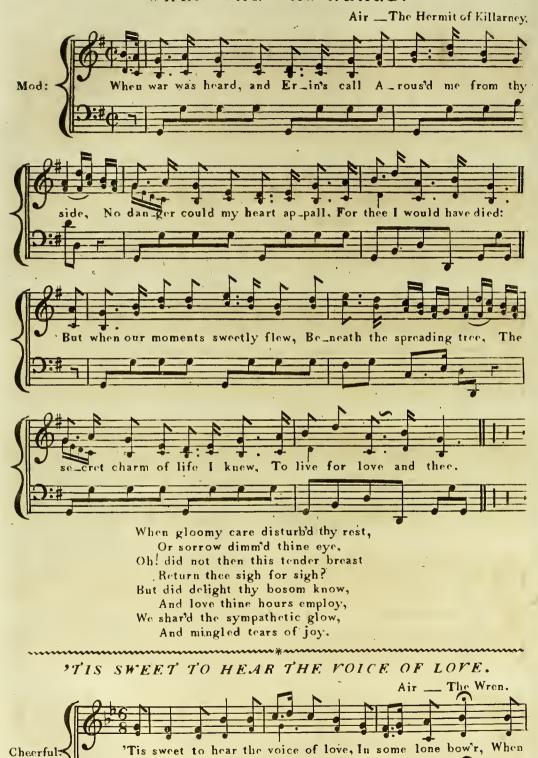
STRANGER, WHENCESOE'ER YOU COME.



Bury in you wooded glen
All the strife of busy men;
Let the streams that round it roll,
Softly murmuring, soothe thy soul:
See, the glorious orb of day
Gilds us with his parting ray,
Whilst above the woods afar
Sweetly shines the evening star!

Stranger, rest thee here a while,
Till the morning sun shall smile;
Then explore the fairy scene,
Lovely like a waking dream.
Worn and wasted by disease,
Pale and languid, ill at ease,
Say, does health your care employ—
Health the fostering nurse of joy?

Come and chase her on our hills, Seek her by our purling rills, Meet her midst our shadowy trees, Woo her in the balmy breeze: Health and peace and joy are here; Child of sorrow, banish care, Cease thy wanderings, leave thy woes, Yield to pleasure and repose!





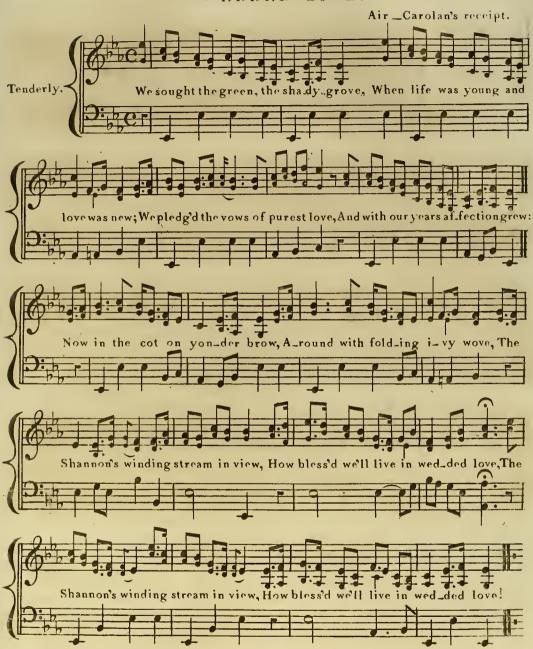
68 MY MARY, WHEN THE TWILIGHT STILL.



Not kinder is the beam that glows
At noon-day on the opening rose,
Not purer to the raptur'd view
Appear the cool clear drops of dew
That on its lovely bosom rest,
Than are the thoughts within thy breast =
Yes, Mary_modest, guileless, fair =
Love too must have a dwelling there.

Nought else can mortal being know So sweet on all this earth below, As is the holy joy to share The blessing of a maiden's prayer.— The hope of farther bliss might cease, And all the wishes rest in peace, Were it allowed to claim a part, My Mary, in thy young kind heart!

R. Hogg.



And the our fortune is but low,

The we have yet but little store,
I'll wield the spade, and ply the hoe,

And strive to make that little more;
And when my daily toil is o'er,

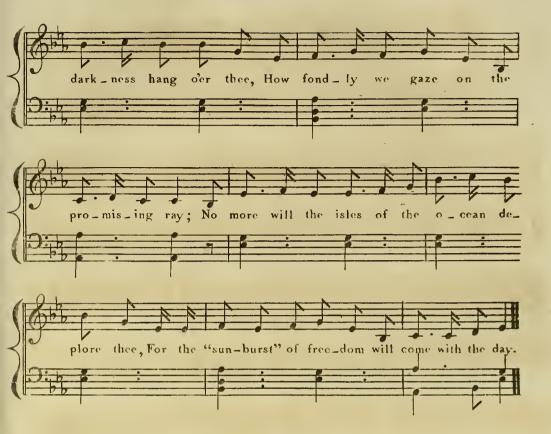
With cheerful heart I'll homeward move —

And smiling peace, and plenty, sure,

Will bless the home of wedded love.

Alex! Laing.





Then, children of Erin, remember no more

The hearts that have wrong'd you-forgive and forget; For the dove with the branch is in search of your shore,

Then bless the hour when your isle it has met.

On the wings of love,

That peaceful dove

Hath wearied its pinions far far o'er the wave;

Ere morning smile,

'Twill reach your isle;

And, then, my dear country, no more will you hear

The sighs of your children, the groams of the brave; Your hopes will grow bright, and the bow will appear,

As the olive waves green o'er the patriot's grave.

D. Weir



Yet those who seek mirth's varied round,
Fools who in folly's creed agree,
May deem my soul the joy has found,
The bliss it lost in losing thee.
But when gay pleasure's votaries rest,
And midnight wraps the world in shade,
The sigh that rends this tortured breast
Tells me thy image cannot fade.

Thy mute resemblance oft I trace,
Lest dull-eyed sorrow should forget
To mark some charm, some nameless grace,
Which memory has not treasured yet.
Unmoved now meets my ardent gaze
That eye whose glance has rapture given;
We met not thus in youthful days;
We meet no more unless in heaven.

Then, O forgive me when I wear

The mark of mirth or pleasure's tone!
I would not have the vulgar share

The woe which should be mine alone.
Think not I do thy memory wrong

That thus I seem from sorrow free,
The unmeaning smile I give the throng,

The silent tear is kept for thee!



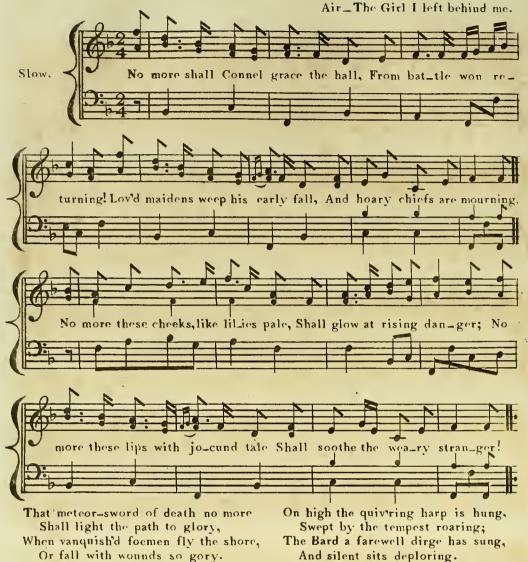
In every flowering shrub then life is new,

That sweetly opes on heaven the gladsome eye;

So is life's morn __ but, ah! what can renew

The eve of life? we droop, hope, yearn, and die.

James Hogg.



That meteor-sword of death no more
Shall light the path to glory,
When vanquish'd foemen fly the shore,
Or fall with wounds so gory.
Beneath you mountain's craggy steep,
Where waves the lonely willow,
Laid low in earth, brave Connel sleeps
On death's dark, dreamless pillow.

On high the quiviring harp is hung.

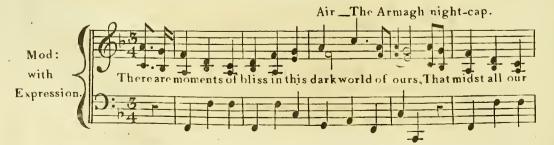
Swept by the tempest roaring;

The Bard a farewell dirge has sung,
And silent sits deploring.

Yet oft sad memory heaves a sigh,
The plaintive strain renewing,
And oft the tears in friendship's eye
Descend, his grave bedewing.

Allan Bayne.

THERE ARE MOMENTS OF BLISS.





How oft in that moment when language would fail

To bring to the breast one emotion of joy,

A dream of the past like the sun in the vale,

Would beam on the tear-drop which hung in the eye!

Then_then would the bosom be hush'd as the sea

When the cloud and the sunshine recline on its blue;

And tears like the raindrops in darkness would flee,

And vanish afar like the morn's early dew.

D. Weir.



The courtier joys in bustle and power,
The soldier in war-steeds bounding;
The miser in hoards of treasured ore,
The proud in the pomp around them:
But we have you heaven sae bouny and blue,
And laverocks skimming out o'er us,
The breezes of health and the vallies of dew—
O the world is all before us!

James Hogg.



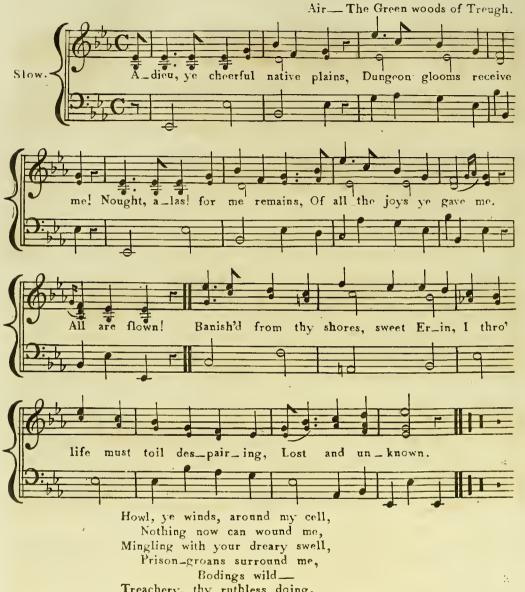
Stranger, that Highland plaid
Low in the dust is laid:
He who the relic wore...
He is, alas! no more.

He and his loyal clan were trodden
Down, by slaves on dark Culloden;
Well o'er a lover's pall...

Well may the tear-drops fall!

Where now the clansmen true?
Where is the bonnet blue?
Where the claymore that broke
Fearless thro? fire and smoke?
Not one gleam by glen or river,
It lies dropt from the hand for ever.
Stranger our fall deplore;
Scotia's name is no more!

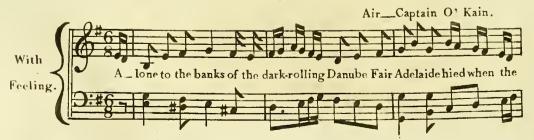
James Hogg.

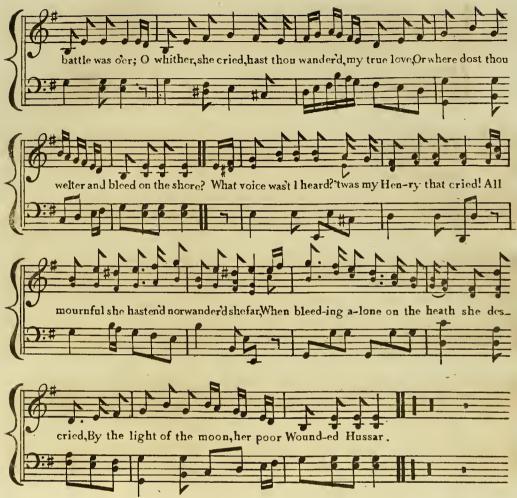


Treachery, thy ruthless doing, Long I'll mourn in hopeless ruin, Lost and exild.

Tannahill.

THEWOUNDED HUSSAR.





From his bosom that heav'd the last torrent was streaming,
And pale was his visage, deep mark'd with a scar,
And dim was the eye once expressively beaming,
That melted in love and that kindled in war.
How smit was poor Adelaide's heart at the sight,
How bitter she wept o'er the victim of war!
"Have you come, my fond love, this last sorrowful night,
To cheer the lone heart of your Wounded Hussar?"

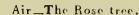
"Thou shalt live," she replied; heaven's mercy, relieving
Each anguishing wound, shall forbid me to mourn."

Ah! no; the last pang in my bosom is heaving,
No light of the morn shall to Henry return!

Thou charmer of life, ever tender and true,
Ye babes of my mourning that wait me afar?

His faltering tongue scarcely murmured adieu,
When he sunk in her arms, the poor Wounded Hussar.

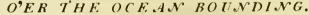
Campbell.





I ranged the woodland border,
Where gay flowers in summer grow,
But all in wild disorder
Was wreath'd in the drifting snow. —
Though not with flowers of May, love,
But winter rose and holly—tree,
With scarlet berries gay, love,
A garland will I twine for thee.

Thomas Lyle.







Thee my soul's sole pleasure;
Thee its dearest treasure,
Life, health, all to me;
All of land or ocean,
All a world's commotion,
Knits me the more to thee.
When new passions move me,
When I cease to love thee,
May the heavens above me
Chasten my perfidy!
Even in woe and cumber,
Lyen in death's last slumber,
Lyen in death's last slumber,

James Hogg.



When around the kind knees of our parents we run, As gay as the insects that dance in the sun, We think not that death has the power to o'ershade. The light of the eyes in whose radiance we play'd.

When we stole to the greenwood at evening, to meet The maid that was lovely, and kindly, and sweet, We dreamt not misfortune would come, to dispart The heart that in unison beat to our heart.

Tis painful to think of the days that have been,
The days of delight that no longer are seen;
Tis painful to think of the rank grass that waves
O'er the friends that we love, as they rest in their graves.





Now no more, on the surge of ambition high tossed, I'll pillow my head on the wave;

Like the poor shattered shallop whose rudder is lost.

The wreck of my hope I would save.

Now I feel, with the wise, what a fool I have been, Not to know where true happiness lies —

She lives in those hearts which, through life's chequered scene, Can the visions of fortune despise.

Ebenezer Picken.



Sweet harp! on some tale of past sorrow while dwelling,

Still plaintive and sad breathes the murmuring sound;

The bright sparkling tear of fond sympathy swelling,

Shall freshen the shamrock that twines thee around.

Sweet harp! o'er thy tones though with fervent devotion

We mingle a patriot smile with a tear,

Not fainter the smile, not less pure the emotion,

That waits on the cause which assembles us here.

Behold where the child of affliction and sorrow,

Whose eyes never gazed on the splendour of light.

It taught from thy trembling vibration to borrow

One mild ray of joy midst the horrors of night.

No more shall be wander unknown and neglected,

From winter's lond tempests a shelter to find;

No more a sad outcast, forlorn and dejected,

Shall poverty add to the woes of the blind.

Oh, shades of our fathers! now awfully bending,

To witness those blessings we seek to impart —

Behold how the glory of Erin is blending,

With feelings the sweetest that spring from the heart.

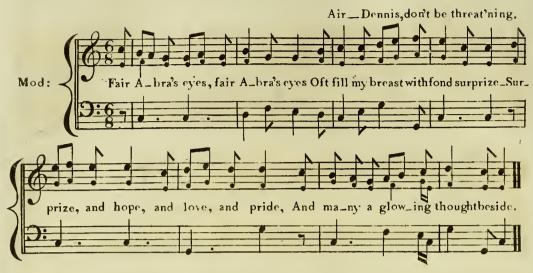
Still, still these emotions, tegether uniting,

Let the harp ever sound over the Emerald Isle,

And in tones the soft tear of compassion exciting,

Shall teach by its magic the sightless to smile.

Written by Miss Balfour, and sent by her to the Irish Harp Society.



The light that lies in Abra's eyes, No trick of vain allurement tries; But sheds a soft and constant beam, Like moonlight on the tranquil stream.

Yet as the seas, from pole to pole, Move at you gentle orb's control, So tumults in my bosom rise Beneath the charm of Abra's eyes.

For Abra's eyes I'd gladly shun
The flaunting glare of Fortune's sun,
And to the humble shade betake,
Which they a brighter heav'n could make.

The wild-fire lights I once pursued Should then no more my steps delude; 1'd fix my faith, and only prize The stedfast light of Abra's eyes.

Fair Abra's eyes, fair Abra's eyes Oft fill my breast with fond surprize, Surprize, and hope, and love, and pride, And many a glowing thought beside.

R. Chambers.





Thy sons they are brave, but, the battle once over,
In brotherly peace with their foes they agree;
And the roseate cheeks of thy daughters discover
The soul-speaking blush, that says, Cushlamachree.
Then flourish for ever, my dear native Erin,
While sadly I wander, an exile from thee!
And firm as thy mountains, no injury fearing,
May Heaven defend its own Cushlamachree!

Curran.





When all the world's awake, young man,
A proffer of love I may take, young man;
But the star of truth,

The guide of my youth,

Never pointed to midnight wake, young man.

Go sleep till rise of the sun, young man,

The sage's eye to shun, young man,

For he's watching the flight,

Of demons to night,

And may happen to take thee for one, young man.

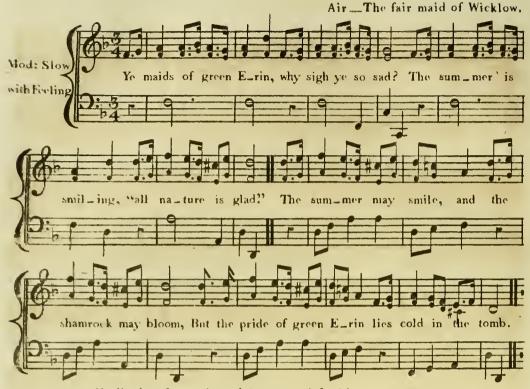
James Hogg.



I'm no beauty, sigh'd Captain Megan,
But 'tis manners alone make the man,
And tho' my long nose
Should hang over my toes,
Would you like me the worse for it, Nan?
Sweet Nan!
Would you like me the worse for it, Nan?

Nan leer'd upon Captain Megan;
Her skin was the colour of tan,
But the Captain she saw,
Had a je_ne_sçai_quoi:
So the Captain he conquer'd sweet Nan,
Sweet Nan! ___
Oh! long life to brave Captain Megan!

Colman.



Ye Bards of our isle, join our grief with your songs, For the deepest regret to his mem'ry belongs; In our cahins and fields, on our mountains and plains, How oft have we sung to his sweet melting strains!

Ah! these strains shall survive, long as time they shall last, Yet they now but remind us of joys that are past, And our days, crown'd with pleasure, can never return, For the soul of sweet music now sleeps in his urn.





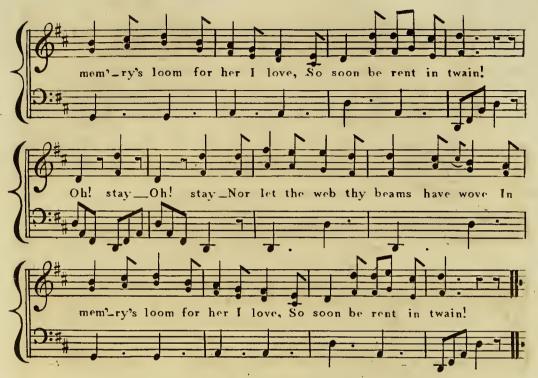
Ah! long we have lov'd in her father's despite,
And oft we have met at the dead hour of night,
When hard-hearted Vigilance, sunk in repose,
Gave love one sweet hour its fond tale to disclose;
These moments of transport, to me, oh! how dear!
And the fate that would part us, alas, how severe!
Altho' the rude storm rise with merciless swell,
This night I shall meet my sweet Kitty Tyrell.

"O turn, hapless youth! see the dark cloud of death Comes rolling in gloom o'er the wild haunted heath; Deep groans the scath'd oak on the glen's cliffy brow, And the sound of the torrent is heavy with woe?" Away, foolish seer, with thy fancies so wild, Go tell thy weak dreams to some credulous child, Love guides my light steps thro' the lone dreary dell, And I fly to the arms of sweet Kitty Tyrell.

Tannahill.



Written among the Islands of the Grecian Archipelago.



Thy silver orb recalls the hour,-When, at her touch, soft music's power Through every sense transported stole, And o'er her song my captive soul

In silent wonder hung:
For such th' enchantment of her strain,
That bliss itself thrilled high with pain;
But, as I fled those maddening pleasures,
Soft she sighed, in Lydian measures,
Oh! stay _ Oh! stay _

The hours that glide on rapid wing Such dear delights too seldom bring;
Then fly not yet so soon!

"Fly not yet" what spell divine Breathes o'er the cadence of that line, When trembling on her angel tongue, In dulcet notes, like those which sung

Creation's dawning day!

E'en here, amid the holier balm

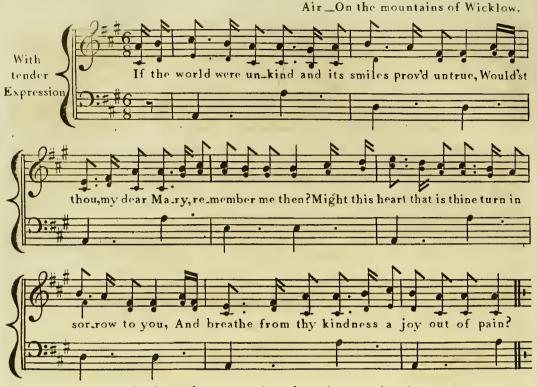
Of Grecian skies, in midnight calm,

While mortal sounds are sunk in slumbers,

Her sigh still breathes those melting numbers,

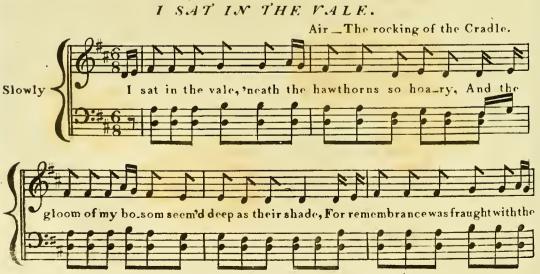
Oh! stay Oh! stay

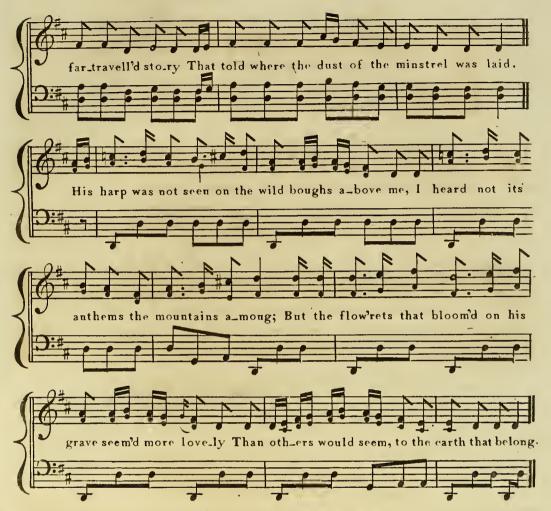
And thus, sweet moon, thy setting light Prolongs the dream that hangs to-night On that remembered lay.



For the love that can smile when the morning is clear,
Yet will frown when a cloud o'er its brightness may stray,
Is as false as the hopes which at noon disappear,
When we look'd for their promise to shine on our way.

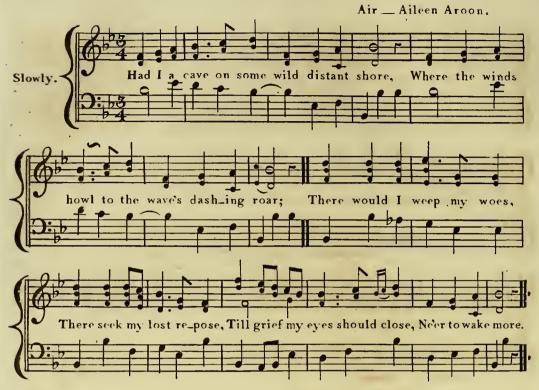
But, oh! I have known thee, dear maid of my heart,
From the first of our loves till this moment the same—
And found thee unchanged, even now as thou art,
Though the cloud of misfortune of ershadows my name.





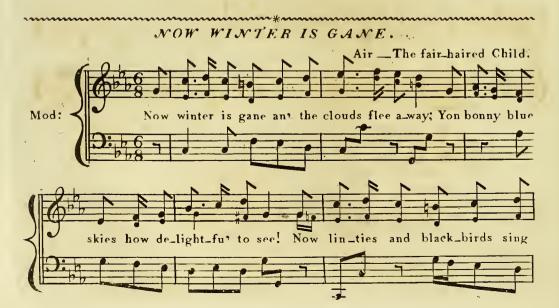
Sleep on, said my soul, in the depth of thy slumber,
Sleep on, gentle bard, till the shades pass away;
For the lips of the living the ages shall number
That steal o'er thy heart in its couch of decay.
Oh, thou wert belov'd, from the dawn of thy childhood;
Belov'd, till the last of thy suffering was seen:
Belov'd, now that o'er thee is waving the wild-wood,
And the worm only living where rapture has been.

Till the footsteps of time are their travel forsaking,
No form shall descend, and no dawning shall come,
To break the repose that thy ashes are taking,
And call them to life from their chamber of gloom.
Yet sleep, gentle bard! for though silent for ever
Thy harp in the hall of the chieftain is hung,
No time from the memory of mankind shall sever
The tales that it told, and the strains that it sung.
H. S. Riddell.



Falsest of womankind, canst thou declare
All thy fond plighted vows fleeting as air?
To thy new lover hie,
Laugh o'er thy perjury,
Then in thy bosom try
What peace is there.

Burns.

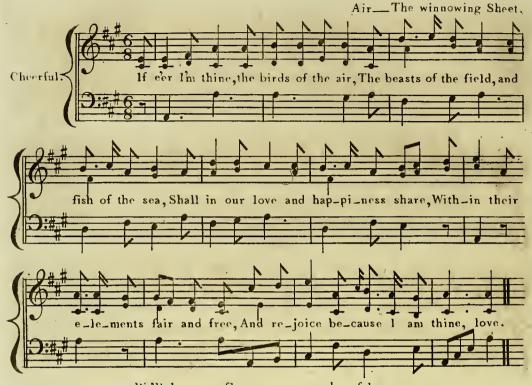




Ye mind when the snaw lay sae deep on the hill,
When cauld icy cranrengh hung white on the tree,
When bushes were leafless, an' mournfully still
Were the wee birds o's weet Woodhouselee.
When snaw-show'rs were fa'ing,
An' wintry winds blawing,
Loud whistling o'er mountain and meadow sae chill,
We mark'd it wi's sorrowing ee:
But now, since the flowers

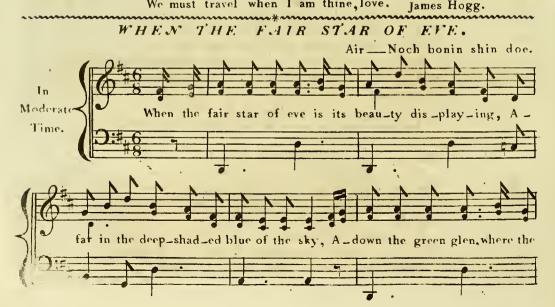
Again busk the bowers,
O come, my dear lassie, wi's smiling guidwill,
An' wander around Woodhouselee!

15 Verse by J. Hamilton, 2d by Tannahill.



We'll have no flowers, nor words of love, Nor dreams of bliss that never can be; Our trust shall be in heaven above; Our hope to a far futurity Must arise when 1 am made thine, love.

And this shall raise our thoughts more high
Than visions of vanity here below;
For chequer'd thro' life our path must lie;
'Mid gleams of joy and shades of woe
We must travel when I am thine, love. James





And thus when the feelings thy soul had pervaded
That all the rapt thrill of pure love can convey,
As if by the touch of that being who made it,
Driving earth and its cares from remembrance away,
Oh! would not thy bosom fond longings discover
That we in this green glen might ever remain,
Where thus thou could'st live in the bliss of a lover,
And taste not the woes of the rude world again.

The leaves by the blast from the oak may be shaken,

Ere yet be decayed all their beauty of green,

The gem from its lair in the rock can be taken,

In which it hath lain through the time that hath been;

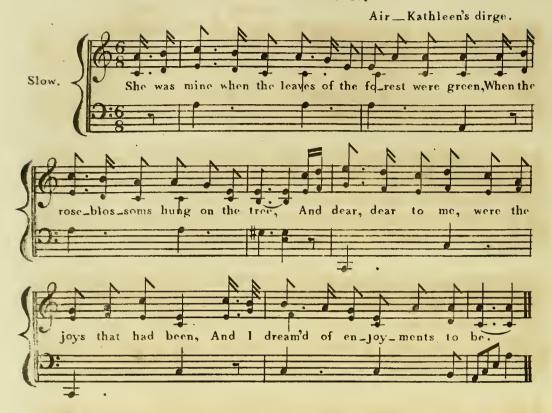
But love, in the soul that the heart's fervent feeling

Has taught in the years of our youth-hood to grow,

Shall live _therein live _ when the spirit is stealing

Away from the relic that ceases to glow.

H. S. Riddell.



But she faded more fast than the blossoms could fade,

No human attention could save,

And when the green leaves of the forest decay'd,

The winds strew'd them over her grave.

Knox.





Is not the wave
Made for the slave,
Tyrants, chains, and stern controul?
Land for the free
Spirit like thee,

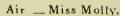
Thing of delight to a minstrel's soul? Come, with thy song of love and of sadness, Beauty of face, and rapture of madness,

O come unto me,
Maid of the sea!
Rise from the wild and surging main;
Wake from thy sleep,
Calm in the deep;

Over thy green wave sport again!

James Hogg.







Young Dermot holds on with his sweet botheration, And swears there is only one flow'r in the nation; "Thou rose of the Shannon, thou pink of creation, Och, go to the north with me, Molly, my dear!"

"The sun courts thy smiles as he sinks in the ocean,
The moon to thy charms veils her face in devotion,
And I, my poor self, och! so rich is my notion,
Would pay down the world for sweet Molly, my dear."

The Thady can match all the lads with his blarney, And sings me love-songs of the Lakes of Killarney, In worth from my Dermot he's twenty miles journey; My heart bids me tell him I'll ne'er be his dear.

Tannahill

YE FRIENDLY STARS THAT RULE THE NIGHT.





Were all the flow'ry pastures mine,
That deck fair Limerick County,
That wealth, dear Cathlien, should be thine,
And all should share our bounty.
But fortune's gifts I value not,
Nor grandeur's highest station,
I would not change my happy lot
For all the Irish nation.
Gamba Ora, &c.
Tannahill.



Olthe flowers of the mountain are fairer by far
Than the nurslings of art in the gaudy parterre;
But though lovely and sweet as the bright twinkling star,
Unmark'd by proud man, they are flourishing there.

O! the flow of the broad sparkling river is gay,
With the ship floating over its bosom of pride,
But the streamlet, far brighter, neglected may stray,
Where the blue-bell and heather bloom fresh on its side.

O! who then would trust to the hopes of this world, Since its honours to virtue, are ne'er, alas! given; Since the true flag of glory is never unfurl'd, Save before the bright portals that open to heaven!



Oh! friendship will smile, and yet doom you to want;
And ignorant pride at humility taunt;
And falsehood in truth's rosy mantle betray,
And love lead your feet through the slippery way;
But wear, dear youth, the brow serene,
And boldly meet each troublous scene,
Pale vice to native glooms will fly,
Nor combat virtue's beaming eye.

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THE MOON CALMLY SLEEPS ON THE OCEAN.



Adieu, my dear land! we must sever,

The breezes will waft me away;
In calm, or in tempest, oh never

Will love to my country decay.

Let me gaze while thy hills o'er the ocean

Lie soft on its watery blue;

Thou art gone, and my bosom's emotion

Has falter'd, "My Erin, adieu!"

D. Weir.











