

THE BONNIE GREY-EYD MORN.

THE bonnie grey-ey'd morn begins to peep,
And darkness flies before the rising ray,
The hearty hynd starts from his lazy sleep,
To follow healthful labours of the day:
Without a guilty sting to wrinkle his brow,
The lark and the linnet tend his levee,
And he joins their concert driving his plow,
From toil of grimace and pageantry free.

While, fluster'd with wine, or madden'd with loss
Of half an estate, the prey of a main,
The drunkard and gamester tumble and toss,
Wishing for calmness and slumber in vain.
Be my portion health and quietness of mind,
Plac'd at due distance from parties and state;
Where neither ambition nor avarice blind
Reach him who has happiness link'd to his fate.

THE BONNIE WEE THING.

BONNIE wee thing, cannie wee thing,
Lovely wee thing, was thou mine,
I wad wear thee in my bosom,
Lest my jewel I should tyne.
Wishfully I look and languish
In that bonnie face of thine;
And my heart it stounds wi' anguish,
Lest my wee thing be na' mine.

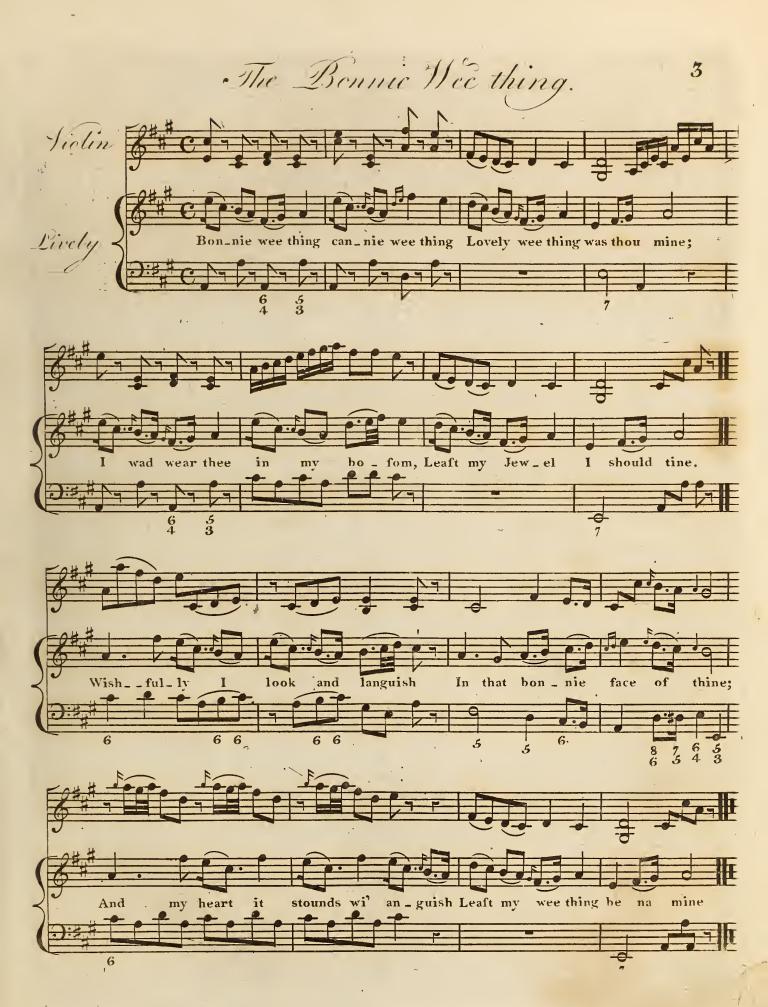
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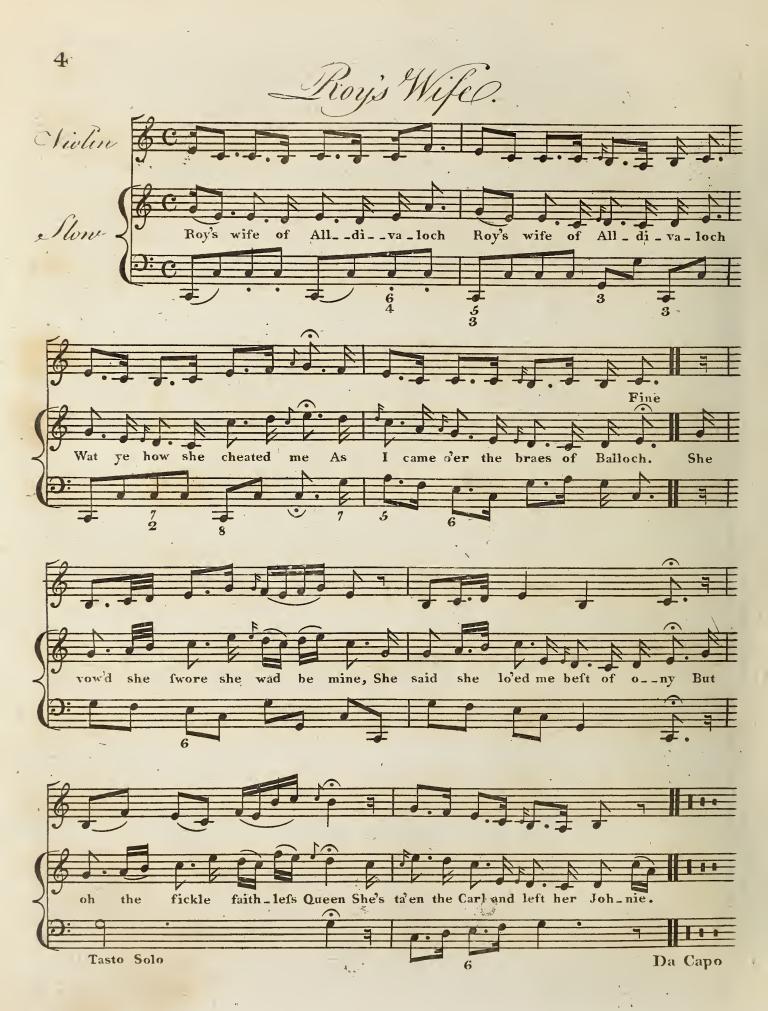
Lovely wee thing, was thou mine,

I wad wear thee in my bosom,

Lest my jewel I should tyne.

Wit, and grace, and love, and beauty,
In ae conftellation fhine!
To adore thee is my duty,
Goddess o' this soul o' mine!





ROY'S WIFE OF ALLDIVALLOCH.

ROY's wife of Alldivaloch,

Roy's wife of Alldivaloch,

Wat ye how she cheated me,

As I came o'er the braes of Balloch?

She vow'd, fhe fwore she wad be mine;

She said she lo'ed me best of ony;

But, oh! the sickle, faithless quean,

She's ta'en the carl and lest her Johnie.

Roy's wife, &c.

O she was a canty quean!

Well could she dance the Highland walloch;

How happy I, had she been mine,

Or I'd been Roy of Alldivalloch.

Roy's wife, &c.

To the

Her hair fae fair, her een fae clear,

Her wee bit mou' fo fweet and bonnie;

To me she ever will be dear,

Tho' she's for ever left her Johnie.

Roy's wife, &c.

WHILE HOPELESS.

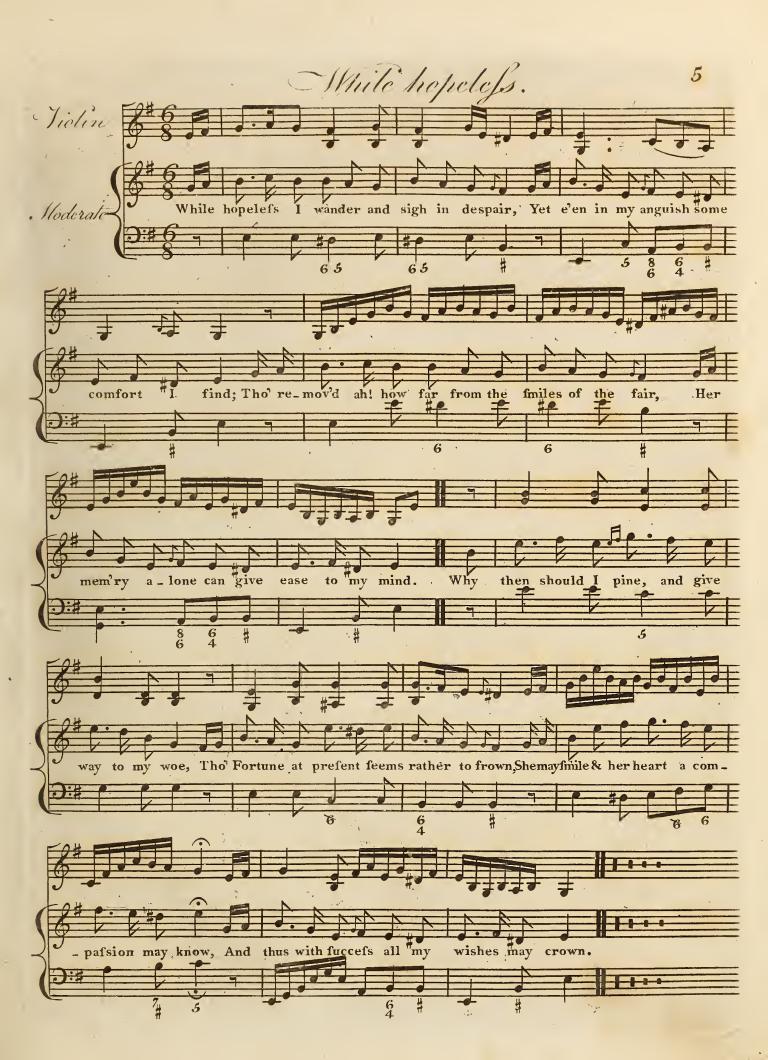
WHILE hopeless I wander and figh in despair,
Yet, lo! in my anguish some comfort I find;
Tho' remov'd, ah how far, from the smiles of the fair!
Her mem'ry alone can give ease to my mind.

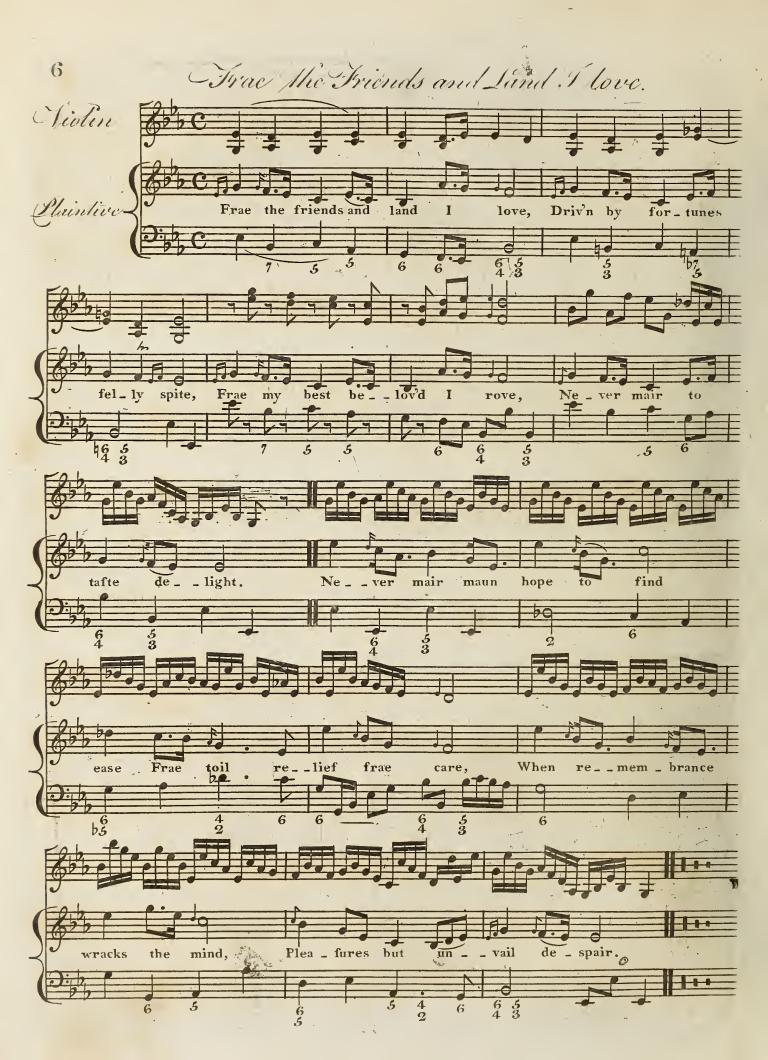
Why then should I pine and give way to my woe?

Tho' Fortune at present seems rather to frown;

She may smile, and her heart a compassion may know,

And thus with success all my wishes may crown.





FRAE THE FRIENDS AND LAND I LOVE.

FRAE the friends and land I love
Driv'n by Fortune's felly spite;
Frae my best belov'd I rove,
Never mair to taste delight.
Never mair maun hope to find,
Ease frae toil, relief frae care;
When remembrance racks the mind,
Pleasures but unveil despair.

Brightest climes shall mirk appear;

Desart ilka blooming shore;

Till the Fates, nae mair severe,

Friendship, love, and peace, restore.

Till Revenge, wi' laurel'd head,

Bring our banish'd hame again;

And ilka loyal, bonnie lad

Cross the seas, and win his ain.

THE SHEPHERD'S SON.

THERE was a shepherd's son,

Kept sheep upon a hill,

He laid his pipe and crook aside,

And there he slept his sill.

Sing sal de ral, &c.

He looked east, he looked west,

Then gave an under look,

And there he spied a lady fair

Swimming in a brook.

Sing fal de ral, &c.

He rais'd his head frae his green bed,

And then approach'd the maid;

Put on your claiths, my dear, he fays,

And be ye not afraid.

Sing fal de ral, &c.

'Tis fitter for a lady fair

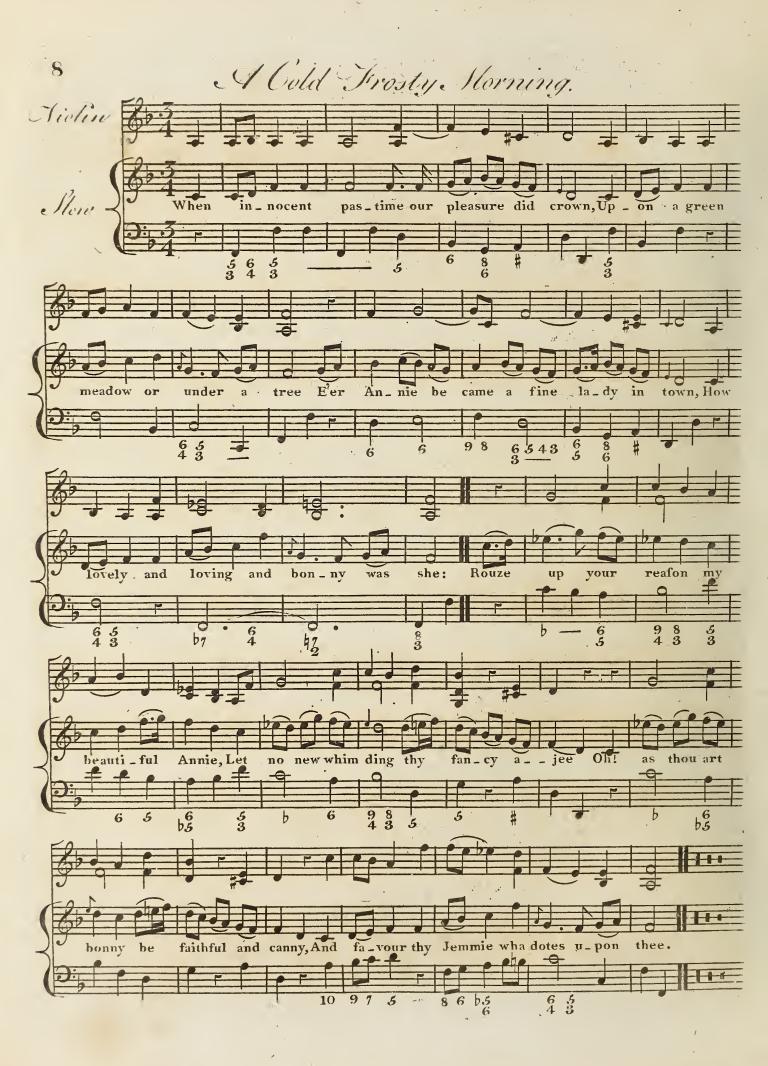
To few a filken feam,

Than get up in a May morning,

And strive against the stream.

Sing fal de ral, &c.





COLD FROSTY MORNING.

WHEN innocent pastime our pleasures did crown,
Upon a green meadow or under a tree,
E'er Annie became a fine lady in town,
How lovely, and loving, and bonnie was she!
Rouse up your reason, my beautiful Annie,
Let no new whim ding thy fancy ajee,
O! as thou art bonnie, be faithfu' and canny,
And savour thy Jamie wha dotes upon thee.

Does the death of a lintwhite give Annie the spleen?

Can tyning of trisles be uneasy to thee?

Can lap-dogs or monkies draw tears from those een

That look with indisf'rence on poor dying me?

Rouse up thy reason, my beautiful Annie,

And dinna prefer a paroquet to me;

O! as thou art bonny, be prudent and canny.

And think upon Jamie wha doats upon thee.

Ah! should a new mantua, or Flanders-lace head,
Or yet a wee coatie, though never so fine,
Gar thee grow forgetful, or let his heart bleed,
That anes had some hope of purchasing thine.
Rouse up thy reason, my beautiful Annie,
And dinna preser ye'r sleegaries to me;
O! as thou art bonnie, be solid and canny,
And tent a true lover that doats upon thee.

Shall a Paris edition of new-fangled Sany,

Tho' gilt o'er wi' laces and fringes he be,

By adoring himfelf be admir'd by fair Annie,

And aim at those bennisons promis'd to me?

Rouse up thy reason, my beautiful Annie,

And never preser a light dancer to me;

O! as thou art bonnie, be constant and canny,

Love only thy Jamie wha doats upon thee.

O think, my dear charmer! on ilka fweet hour

That flade away faftly between thee and me,

E'er fquirrels, or beaus, or fopp'ry, had pow'r

To rival my love, or impose upon thee.

Rouse up thy reason, my beautiful Annie,

And let thy desires be a' center'd in me;

O! as thou art bonnie, be faithfu' and canny,

And love him wha's langing to center in thee.

O FOR ANE AND TWENTY, TAM.

AN O for ane and twenty, Tam!

An hey fweet ane and twenty, Tam!

I'll learn my kin a rattlin' fang,

An I faw ane and twenty, Tam.

They fnool me fair, and haud me down,

An gar me look like bluntie, Tam;

But three fhort years will foon wheel roun',

An then comes ane and twenty, Tam.

CHO. An O for ane and twenty, Tam!

An hey fweet ane and twenty, Tam!

I'll learn my kin a ratlin' fang,

An I faw ane and twenty, Tam.

A gleib o' lan', a claut o' gear,

Was left me by my auntie, Tam;

At kith or kin I need na speir,

An I saw ane and twenty, Tam.

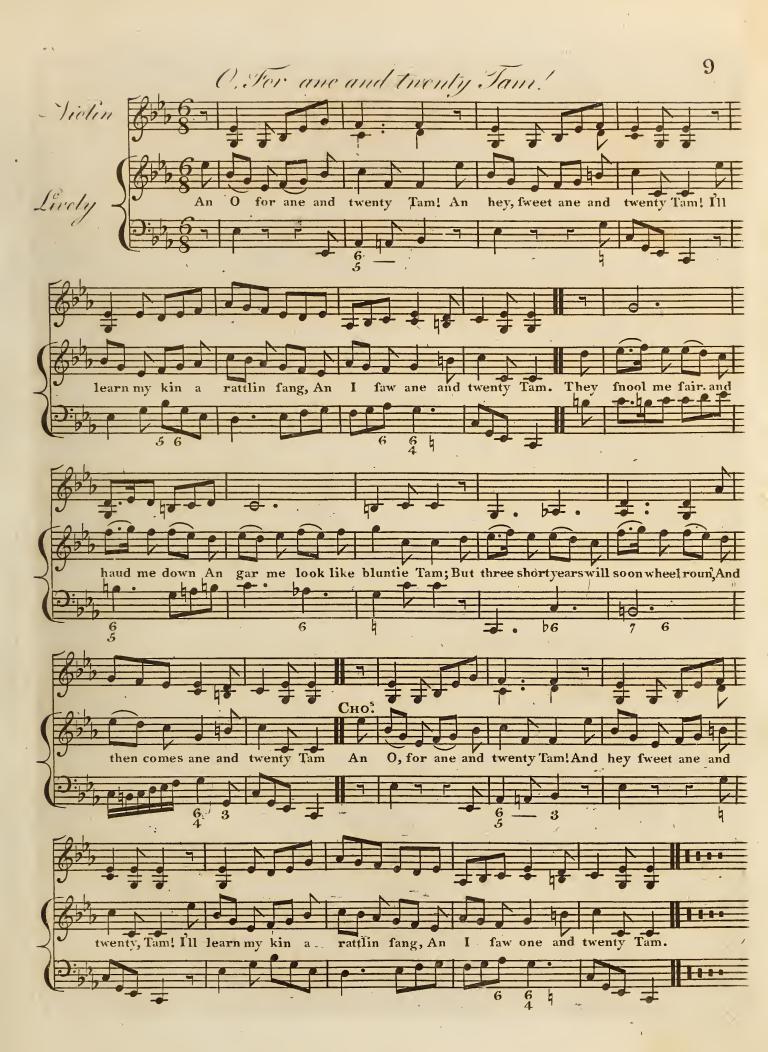
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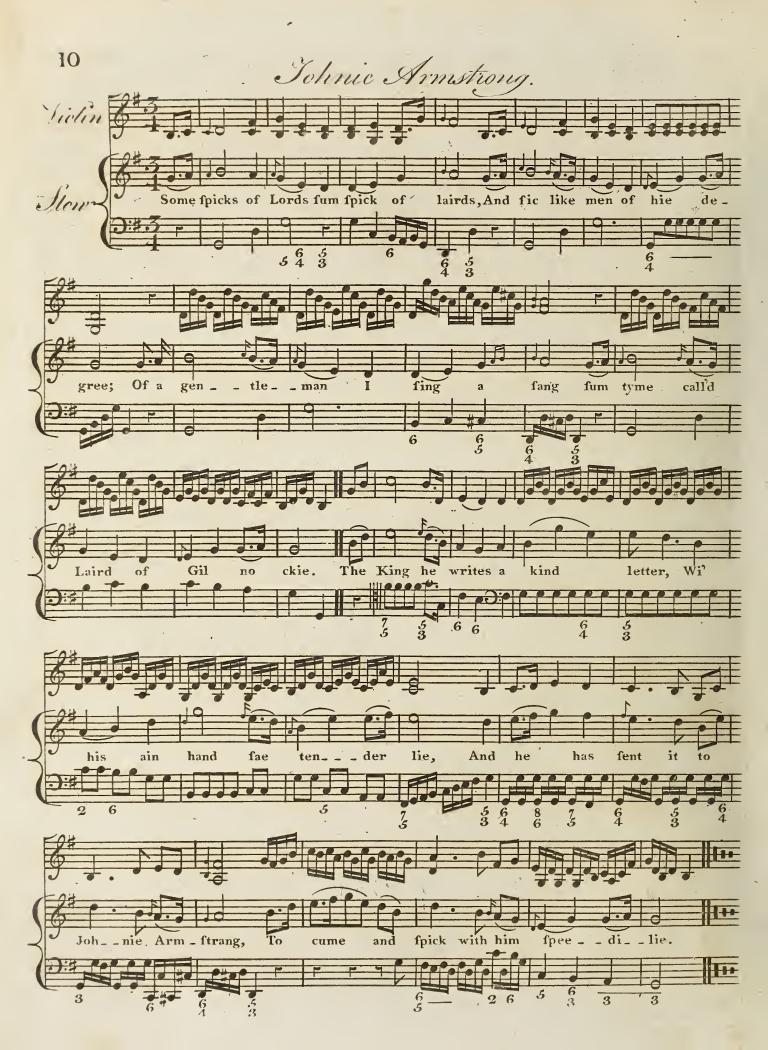
They'll hae me wed a wealthy coof,

'Tho' I mysel hae plenty, Tam;

But, hear'st thou, laddie, there's my loof
I'm thine at ane and twenty, Tam.

An O for, &c.





JOHNIE ARMSTRANG.

Sum spiek o' lords, sum spiek o' lairds,
And sic like men of hie degree;
Of a gentleman I sing a sang,
Sumtyme call'd laird of Gilnockic.
The King he writes a kind letter,
Wi'his ain hand sae tenderlie,
And he has sent it to Johnie Armstrang,
To cum and spiek wi'him speedilie.

The Elliots and Armstrangs did convene;
They were a gallant companie:
We'll ryde and meit our lawful King,
And bring him safe to Gilnockie.
Make kinnen and capon ready then,
And venison in great plentie;
We'll welcum hame our royal King,
I hope he'll dine at Gilnockie.

They ran their horse on the Langum Hawn,

And brak their speirs wi' meikle main;

The ladys lukit frae their lost windows,

God bring our men weel back again.

Quhen Johnie came before the King,

Wi' a' his men sae brave to see,

The King he mov't his bonnet to him,

He wein'd he was King as well as he.

May I find grace, my fovereign Liege,
Grace for my loyal men and me,
For my name is Johnie Armstrang,
And subject of zour's, my Liege, said he,
Awa', awa', thou traytor strang,
Out of my sicht thou may'st sune be,
I grantit ne'ir a traytor's lyfe,
And now I'll not begin wi' thee.

Grant me my lyfe, my Liege, my King,
And a bonnie gift I'll gi' to thee,
Full four and twenty milk-whyt steids,
Were a' foal'd in a zeir to me:
I'll gi'e thee all these milk-whyt steids,
That prance and nicher at a speir,
With as meikle gude Inglis gilt,
As four of their braid backs dow beir.

Farweil my bonnie Gilnock-hall,

Quhair on Esk side thou standest stout:

Gif I had liev'd but seven zeirs mair,

I wou'd haif gilt thee round about;

John murd'red was at Carlingrigg,

And all his gallant companie;

But Scotland's heart was ne'er so wae,

To see sae mony brave men die.

I DO CONFESS THOU ART SAE FAIR.

I DO confess thou art sae fair,

I wa'd been o'er the lugs in luve;

Had I na found the slightest pray'r

That lips could speak thy heart could muve.

I do confess thee sweet, but find,

Thou art sae thristless o' thy sweets,

Thy favours are the filly wind,

That kisses ilka thing it meets.

See yonder rose-bud, rich in dew,

Amang its native briers sae coy;

How sune it tynes its scent and hue,

When pu'd and worn a common toy!

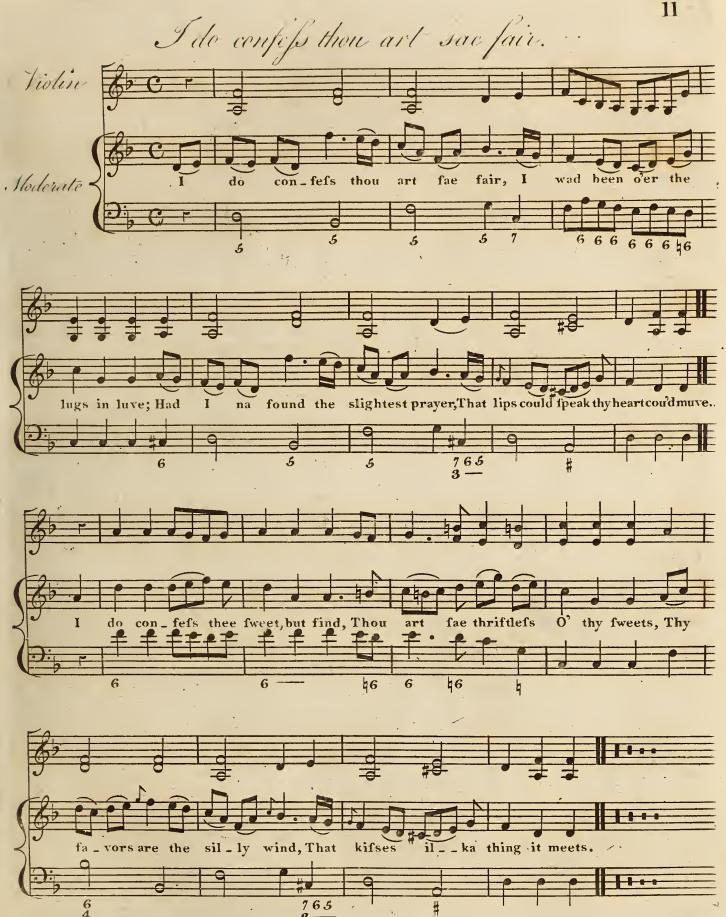
Sic sate, ere lang, shall thee betide;

Tho' thou may gaily bloom a while,

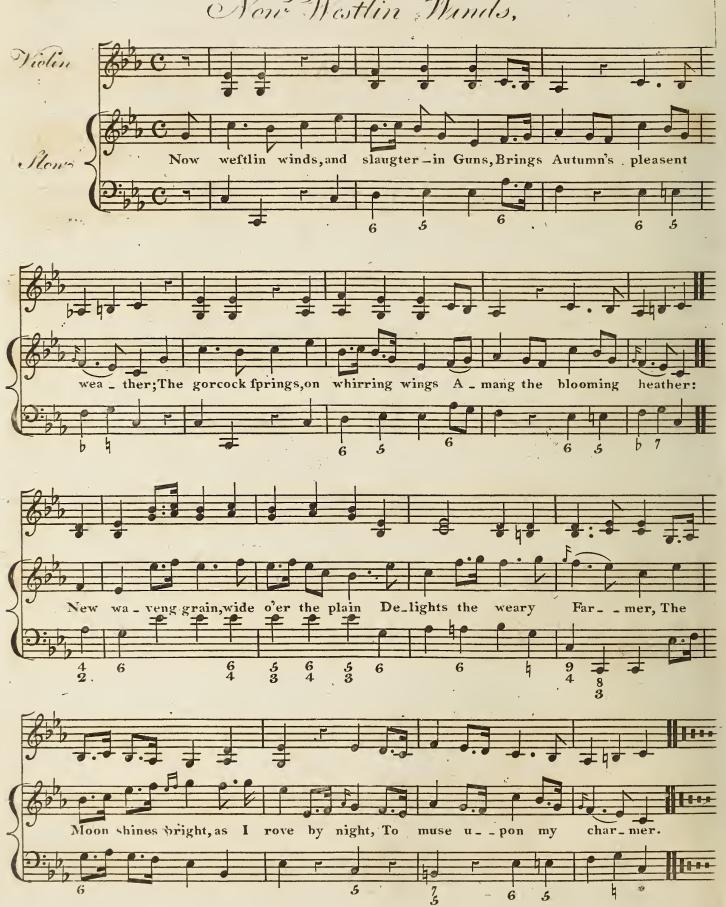
Yet sune thou shalt be thrown aside,

Like ony common weed and vile.









WESTLIN WINDS.

NOW westlin winds and slaught'rin' guns,
Brings Autumn's pleasant weather;
The gorcock springs, on whirring wings
Amang the blooming heather.
Now waving grain, wide o'er the plain,
Delights the weary farmer,
The moon shines bright as I rove by night,
To muse upon my charmer.

The pairtrick lo'es the fruitfu' fells,

The plover lo'es the mountains;

The woodcock haunts the lanely dells,

The foaring hern the fountains;

Thro' lofty groves the cushat roves,

The path o' man to shun it;

The hazel bush o'erhangs the thrush,

The spreading thorn the linnet.

Thus ev'ry kind their pleasure find,

The savage and the tender;

Some social join and leagues combine,

Some solitary wander;

Avaunt, away! the cruel sway,

Tyrannic man's dominion;

The sportsman's joy, the murd'ring cry,

The sluttering gory pinion.

But, Peggy dear, the evening's clear,

Thick flies the skimming swallow;

The sky is blue, the fields in view

All fading green and yellow.

Come let us stray our gladsome way,

And view the charms o' nature,

The rustling corn, the fruited thorn,

And ilka happy creature.

We'll gently walk and fweetly talk,

While the filent moon fhines clearly;

I'll clasp thy waist, and, fondly prest,

Swear how I lo'e thee dearly;

Not vernal showers to budding slowers,

Not autumn to the farmer,

So dear can be as thou to me,

My fair, my lovely charmer.

GREEN SLEEVES.

YE watchful guardians of the fair,
Who skiff on wings of ambient air,
Of my dear Delia take a care,

And represent her luver,
With all the gaiety of youth,
With honour, justice, luve, and truth;
Till I return her passions sooth,

For me in whispers move her.

Be careful no base fordid knave,
With soul sunk in a golden grave,
Who knows no virtue but to save,

With glaring gold bewitch her:
Tell her, for me she was design'd,
For me, who know how to be kind,
And have mair plenty in my mind

Than ane who's ten times richer.

Let all the world turn upfide down,
And fools run an eternal round,
In quest of what can ne'er be found,

To please their vain ambition:

Let little minds great charms espy,

In shadows which at distance lie,

Whose hop'd-for pleasure, when come nigh,

Proves nothing in fruition.

But, cast into a mould divine,
Fair Delia does with lustre shine;
Her virtuous soul's an ample mine,

Which yields a conftant treasure.

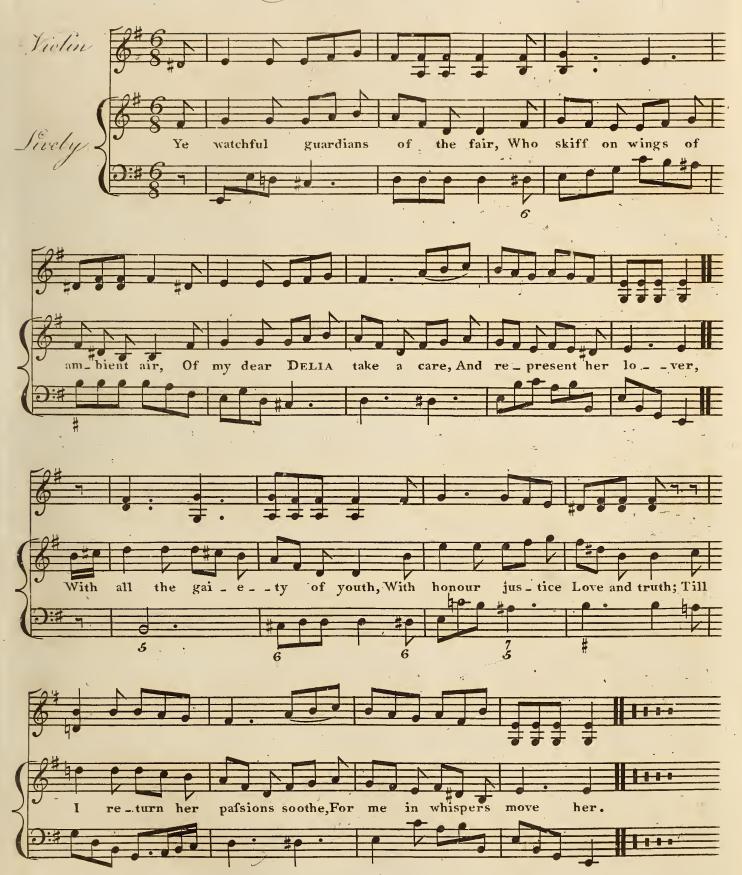
Let poets in sublimest lays

Employ their skill her fame to raise;

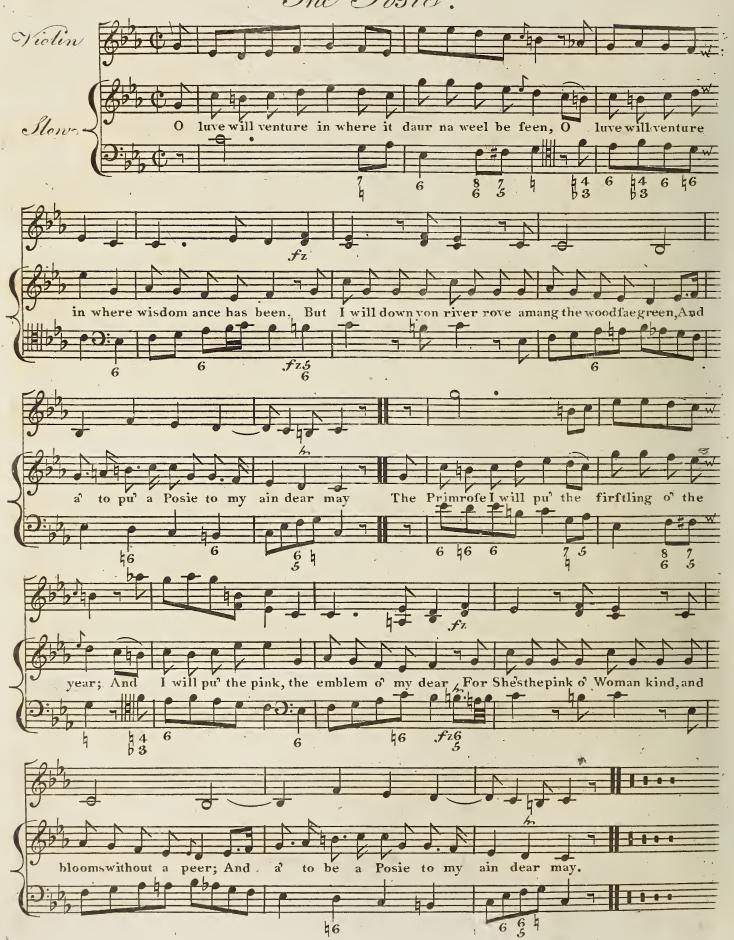
Let sons of music pass whole days,

With well-tun'd reeds to please her.

Green Sheeves.



The Posiel.



THE POSIE.

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

The primrose I will pu', the firstling o' the year:

And I will pu' the pink, the emblem o' my dear,

For she's the pink o'womankind and blooms without a peer,

And a' to be a posse to my ain dear May.

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

The lily it is pure, and the lily it is fair,

And in her lovely bosom I'll place the lily there;

The daify's for simplicity and unaffected air,

And a' to be a posse to my ain dear May.

The woodbine I will pu', when the e'ening star is near,
And the di'mond draps o' dew shall be her een sae clear;
The violet's for modesty, which weel she sa's to wear;
And a' to be a posse to my ain dear May.

I'll tie the posie round wi' the silken band o' luve,

And I'll place it in her breast, and I'll swear by a' abuve,

That to my latest breath o' life the band shall ne'er remuve:

And this will be a posse to my ain dear May.

AS I CAM DOWN BY YON CASTLE WA'.

As I cam down by you castle wa',

And in by you garden green,

O, there I spied a bonnie lass,

But the flow'r borders were us between.

A bonnie, bonnie lassie she was,

As ever mine eyes did see!

She hundred pounds would I give,

For to have a pretty bride like thee.

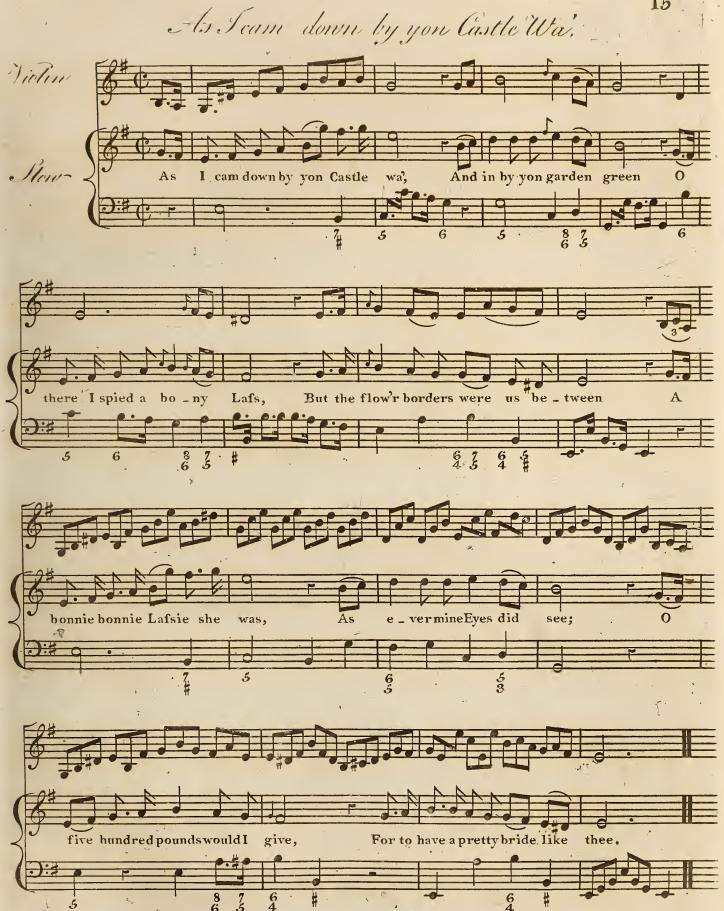
To have a pretty bride like me,
Young man ye are fairly mista'en;
Tho' ye were king o' fair Scotland,
I then wad despise being your queen.

Talk not so high my bonnie, bonnie lass,

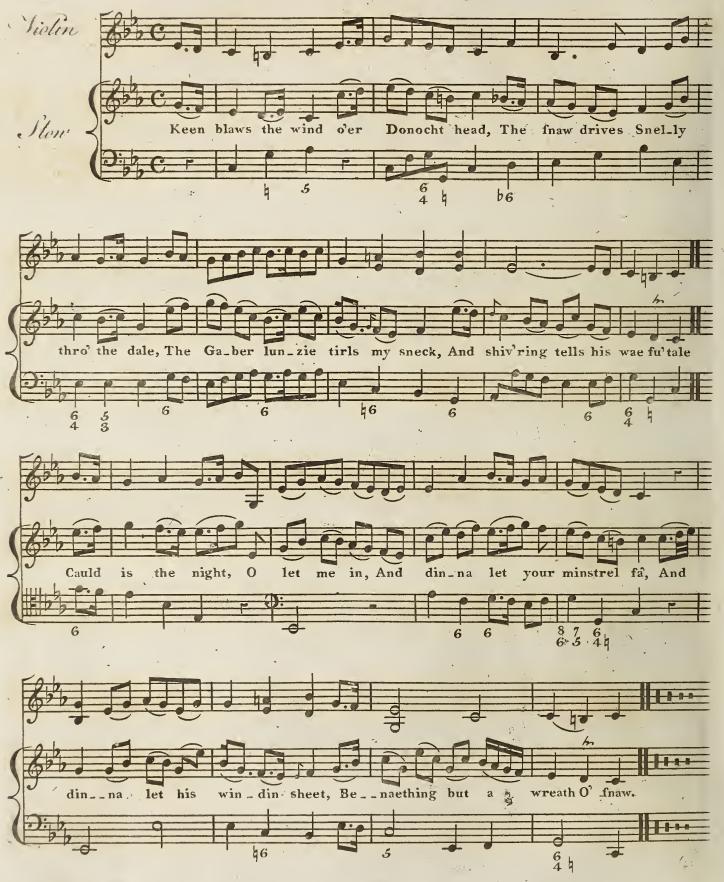
O, talk not so very, very high;

The man at the fair that wad fell,

Maun learn at the man that wad buy.



Towocht Head.



DONOCHT HEAD.

KEEN blaws the wind o'er Donocht Head,

The fnaw drives fnelly thro' the dale,

The gaberlunzie tirls my fneck,

And fhivering tells his waefu' tale.

Cauld is the night, O, let me in,

And dinna let your minstrel fa';

And dinna let his windin-sheet,

Be naething but a wreath o' fnaw.

Full ninety winters hae I feen,

And pip'd where gorcocks whirring flew,

And mony a day ye've danc'd, I ween,

To lilts which frae my drone I blew.

My Eppie wak'd, and foon fhe cry'd,

Get up, guidman, and let him in;

For weel ye ken the winter night

Was fhort when he began his din.

My Eppie's voice, O wow its fweet!

E'en tho' she bans and scaulds a wee;

But when its tun'd to forrow's tale,

O haith its doubly dear to me.

Come in, auld carl! I'll steer my fire,

I'll mak it bleeze a bonnie slame;

Your blude is thin, ye've tint the gate,

Ye should na stray sae far frae hame.

THE EWY WI' THE CROOKED HORN.

O WERE I able to rehearfe,
My ewy's praife in proper verse,
I'd sound it out as loud and fierce
As ever piper's drone could blaw;
My ewy wi' the crooked horn,
A' that ken'd her could hae sworn
Sic a ew was never born,
Hereabouts nor far awa'.

She neither needed tar nor keel,
To mark her upo' hip or heel,
Her crooked horny did as weel,
To ken her by among them a'.
My ewy, &c.

A better or a thriftier beast
Nae honest man need e'er hae wish'd,
For filly thing she never miss'd
To hae ilk year a lamb or twa.

My ewy, &c.

The first she had I ga'e to Jock,
To be to him a kind of stock;
And now the laddie has a slock,
Of mair than thirty head and twa.
My ewy, &c.

The niest I ga'e to Jean; and now, The bairn's sae bra', her fauld sae fu', The lads sae thick come her to woo, They're fain to sleep on hay or straw.

My ewy, &c.

Cauld or hunger never dang her,
Wind or rain could never wrang her;
Anes she lay an owk and langer
Forth aneath a wreath o' maw.
My evey, &c.

When ither ewies lap the dyke, And ate the kail for a' my tyke, My ewy never play'd the like, But tees'd about the barn wa'.

My ewy, &c.

I looked ay at even for her, Left mishanter should come o'er her, Or the fumart might devour her, Gin the beastie bade awa'. My ewy, &c. Yet last owk for a' my keeping,
Wha can tell it without greeting,
A villain came when I was sleeping,
Staw my ewy, horn and a'.
My ewy, &c.

I fought her fair upo' the morn, And down aneath a bush o' thorn There I fand her crooked horn; But my ewy was awa.

My ewy, &c.

But gin I find the loon that did it, I hae fworn as well as faid it, Altho' the laird himfelf forbid it, I shall gi'e his neck a thraw.

My ewy, &c.

I never met wi' fic a turn;
At e'en I had baith ew and horn
Safe steikit up; but 'gain the morn,
Baith ew and horn was stown awa.

My ewy, &c.

A' the claife that we hae worn,
Frae her and her's fae aft was fhorn;
The lofs o' her he could hae borne,
Had fair strae death ta'en her awa.

My ewy, &c.

O had she died o' croup or cauld, As ewies die when they grow auld, It had na been by mony fauld Sae sair a heart to ane o' us a'.

My ewy, &c.

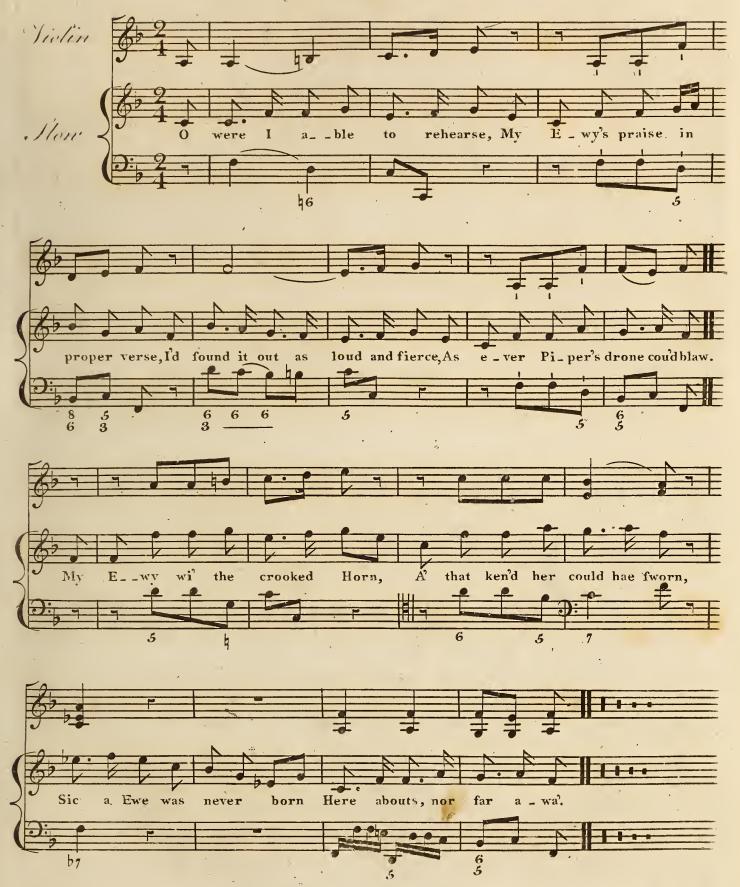
But thus, poor thing, to lose her life, Beneath a bloody villain's knife; In troth I fear that our goodwife Will never get aboon't ava'.

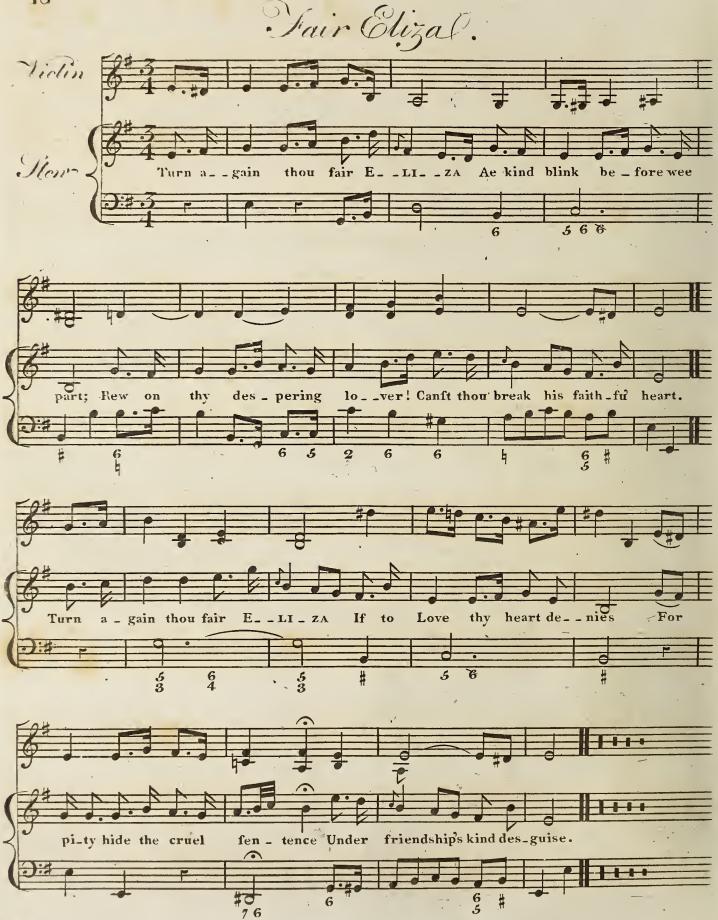
My ewy, &c.

O all ye bards ayond Kinghorn, Call up your muses, let them mourn Our ewy wi' the crooked horn, Frae us stown, and fell'd and a'.

My ewy, &c.

The Cuy wi' the crooked Hoin.





FAIR ELIZA.

TURN again, thou fair Eliza,

Ae kind blink before we part,

Rew on thy despairing luver!

Canst thou break his faithfu' heart.

Turn again, thou fair Eliza,

If to luve thy heart denies;

For pity hide the cruel sentence,

Under friendship's kind disguise.

Thee, dear maid, ha'e I offended,

The offence is luving thee:

Can thou wreck his peace for ever,

Wha for thine wad gladly die!

While the life beats in my bosom,

Thou shalt mix in ilka throe;

Turn again, thou lovely maiden,

Ae sweet smile on me bestow.

Not the bee upon the bloffom,

In the pride o' finny noon;

Not the little sporting fairy,

All beneath the simmer moon;

Not the poet, in the moment

Fancy lightens in his ee,

Kens the pleasure, feels the rapture,

That thy presence gi'es to me.

THE WIDOW.

THE widow can bake, the widow can brew,

The widow can shape, and the widow can sew,

And mony braw things the widow can do;

Then hey for the widow, my laddie.

What could you wish better your pleasure to crown,
Than a widow, the bonniest toast in the town,
Wi' naething but draw in you stool and sit down,
And sport wi' the widow, my laddie?

Then till 'er, and kill 'er wi' courtesie dead,

Tho' stark love and kindness be a' ye can plead;

Be heartsome and airy, and hope to succeed

Wi' a bonny gay widow, my laddie.

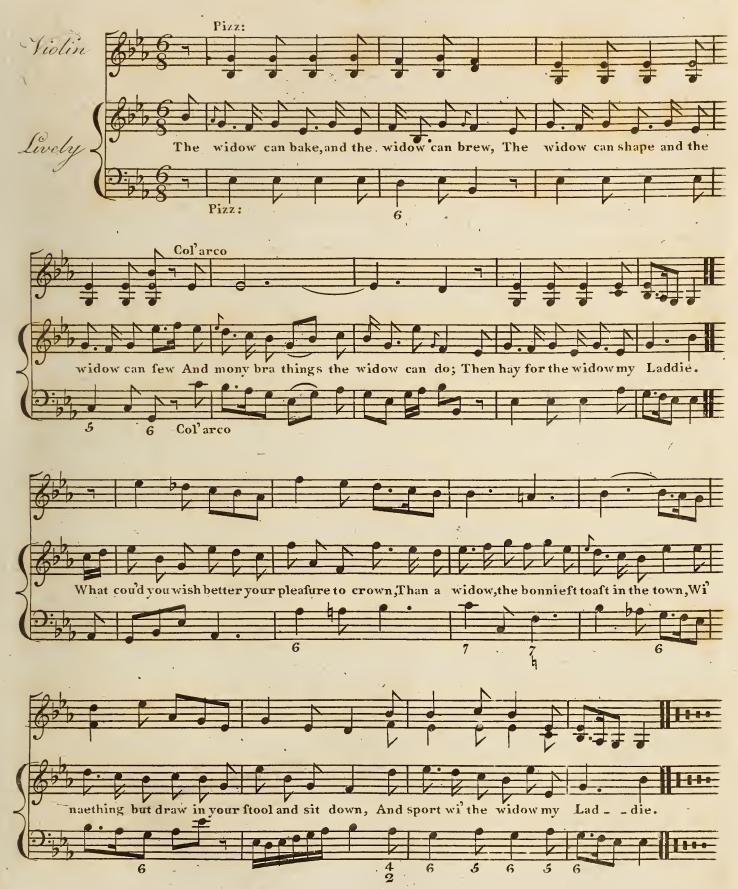
Strike iron while 'tis hot, if ye'd have it to wald,

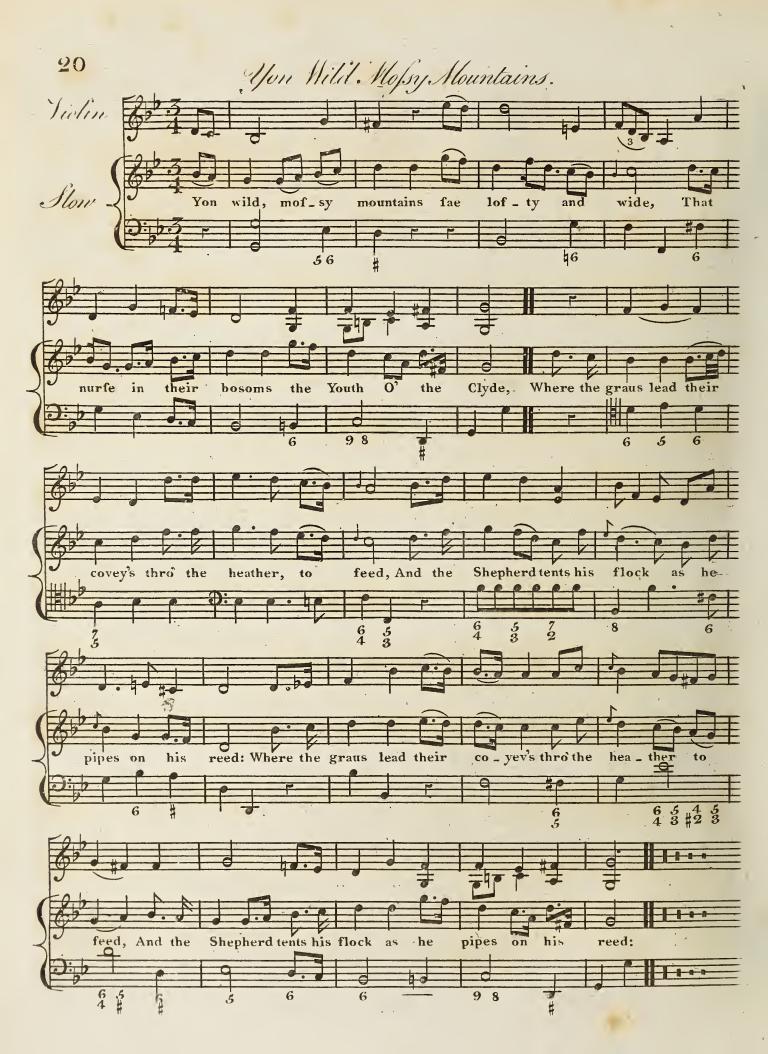
For Fortune ay favours the active and bauld,

But ruins the wooer that's thowless and cauld,

Unfit for the widow, my laddie.

The Widow?





YON WILD MOSSY MOUNTAINS.

YON wild mostly mountains sae losty and wide,
That nurse in their bosoms the youth o' the Clyde;
Where the grous lead their coveys thro' the heather to feed,
And the shepherd tents his flock as he pipes on his reed;
Where the grous lead their coveys thro' the heather to feed,
And the shepherd tents his flock as he pipes on his reed.

Amang thae wild mountains shall still be my path,

Ilk stream foaming down its ain green narrow strath;

For there, wi' my lassie, the day-lang I rove,

While fill'd with each bliss glide the moments o' love.

For there, &c.

Not Gowrie's rich valley, nor Forth's funny shores,

To me ha'e the charms o' you wild mossy moors;

For there, by a lanely and soft-slowing stream,

Besides a sweet lasse, my thought and my dream.

For there, &c.

She is not the fairest, altho' she is fair;

O' nice education but sma' is her share:

Her parentage humble as humble can be;

But I lo'e the dear lassie because she lo'es me.

Her parentage, &c.

To beauty what man but maun yield her the prize,
In her armour of glances, and blushes, and sighs;
And when Wit and Refinement ha'e polish'd her darts'
They dazzle our een, as they slie to our hearts.

And when wit, &c.

MY GODDESS WOMAN.

O' Mighty Nature's handywarks,

The common or uncommon,

There's nocht thro' a' her limits wide

Can be compar'd to woman.

The farmer toils, the merchant trokes,

Frae dawin to the gloamin;

The farmer's pains, the merchant's cares,

Are baith to please a woman.

The failor spreads the daring fail,

Thro' angry seas a foaming;

The jewels, gems o' foreign shores,

He gi'es to please a woman.

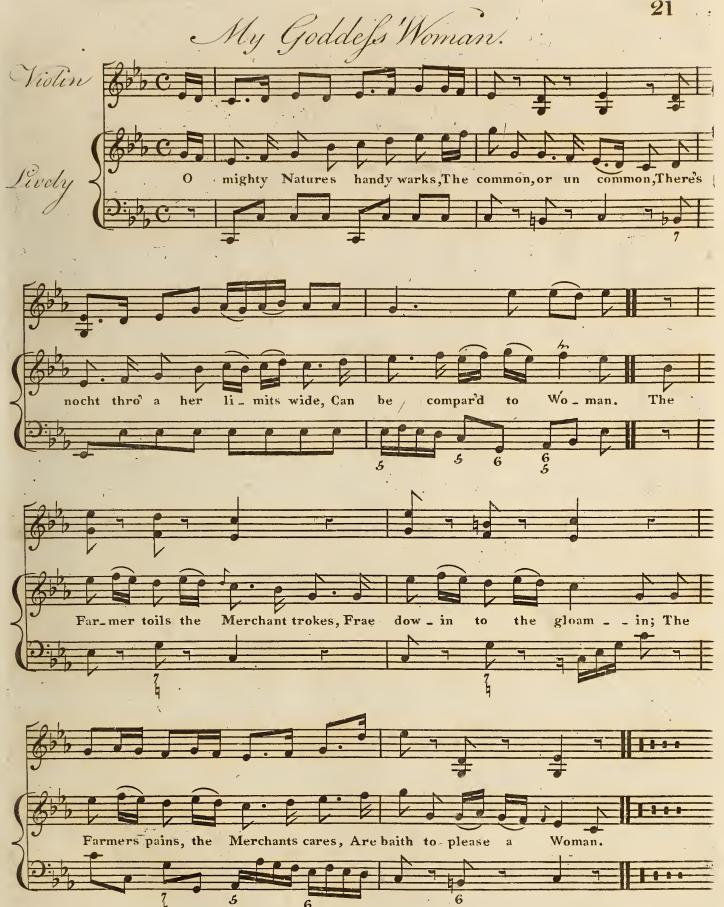
The sodger fights o'er crimson fields,

In distant climates roaming;

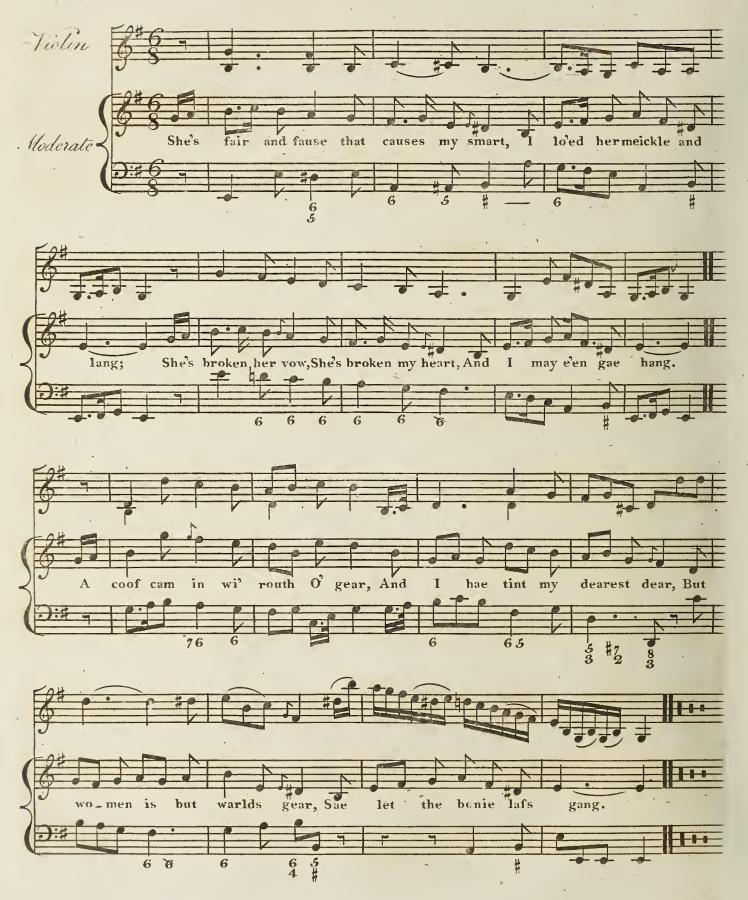
Yet lays, wi' pride, his laurels down,

Before all-conquering woman.

A monarch leaves his lofty throne,
Wi' other men in common;
He flings afide his crown, and kneels
A fubject to a woman.
Tho' I had a' e'er man poffefs'd,
Barbarian, Greek, or Roman;
It wad nae a' be worth a ftrae,
Without my goddefs woman.



She's fair and fause.



SHE'S FAIR AND FAUSE, &c.

SHE's fair and fause that causes my smart,

I lo'ed her meikle and lang;

She's broken her vow, she's broken my heart,

And I may e'en gae hang.

A coof cam in wi' routh o' gear,

And I ha'e tint my dearest dear;

But women is but warld's gear,

Sae let the bonny lass gang.

Whae'er ye be that woman love,

To this be never blind,

Nae ferlie 'tis tho' fickle she prove;

A woman has't by kind:

O woman, lovely woman fair!

An angel's form's fa'n to thy share;

'Twad been o'er meikle to gi'en thee mair,

I mean, an angel's mind.

O'ER THE MOOR AMANG THE HEATHER.

COMIN thro' the craigs o' Kyle,

Amang the bonnie blooming heather,

There I met a bonnie lassie,

Keeping a' her yowes the gether.

Cho. O'er the moor amang the heather,

O'er the moor amang the heather,

There I met a bonnie lassie,

Keeping a' her yowes the gether.

We laid us down upon a bank,

Sae warm and funny was the weather;

She left her flocks at large to rove

Amang the bonnie blooming heather.

O'er the moor, &c.

She left her flocks at large to rove

Amang the bonny blooming heather.

Says I, my dear, where is thy hame,
In moor, or dale? pray tell me whether.
She fays, I tent that fleecy flocks,
That feed among the blooming heather.
O'er the moor, &c.
She fays, I tent that fleecy flocks,
That feed among the blooming heather.

While thus we lay she sang a sang,

Till Echo rang a mile and farther;

And ay the burden o' the sang

Was, o'er the moor amang the heather.

O'er the moor, &c.

And ay the burden o' the sang

Was, o'er the moor amang the heather.

She charm'd my heart, and ay finfyne

I could na think on ony ither;

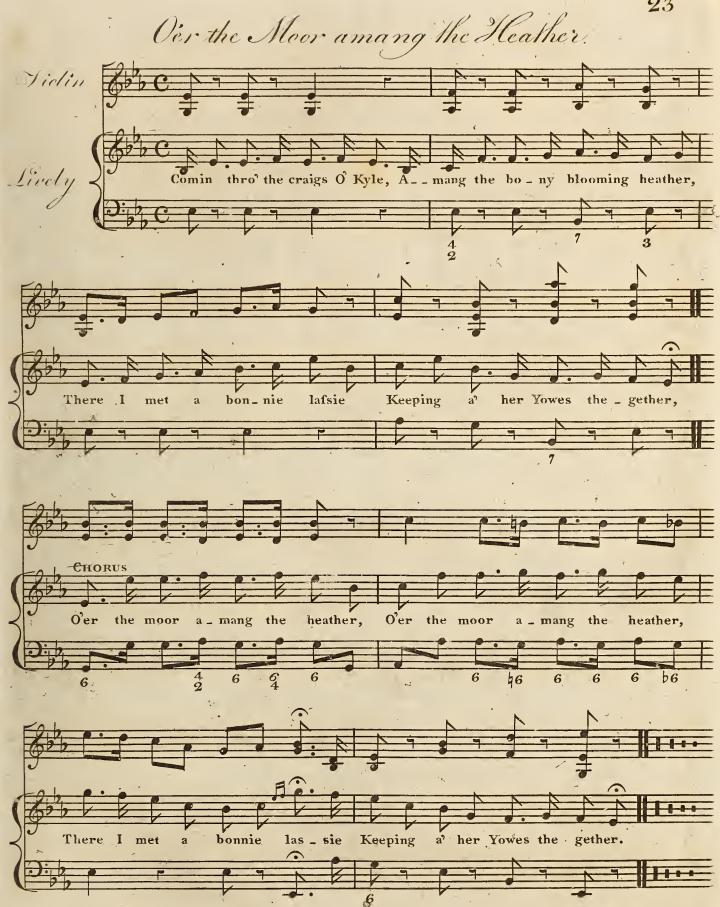
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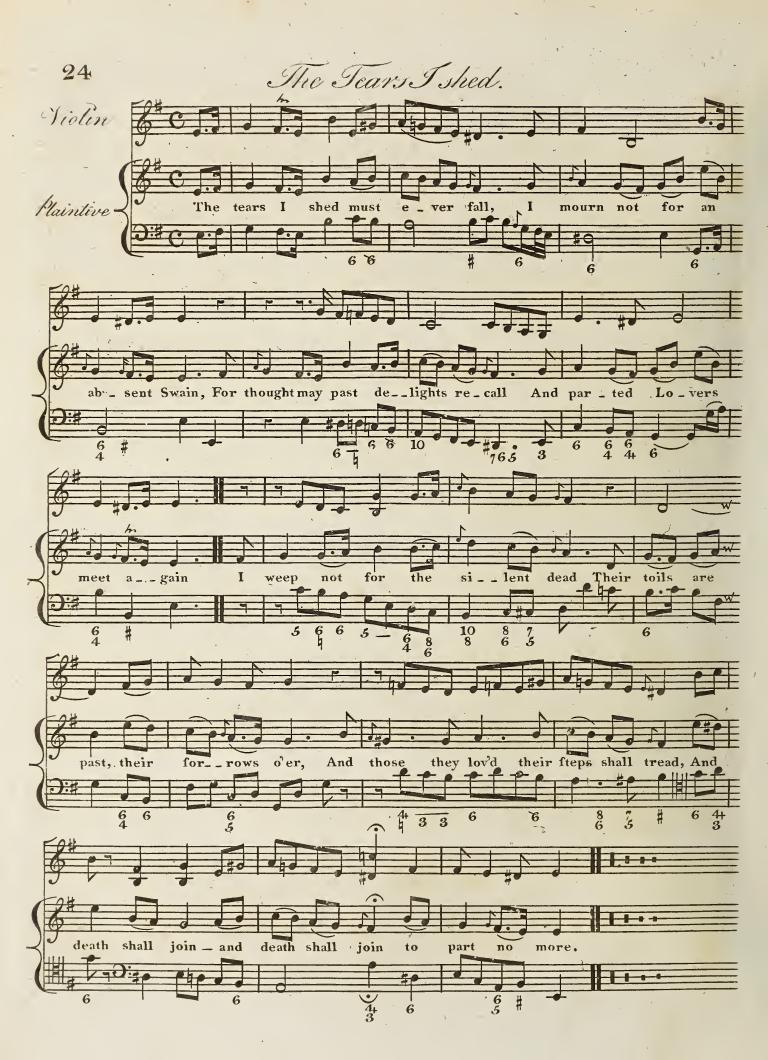
The bonnie lass amang the heather.

O'er the moor, &c.

By fea and sky, she shall be mine!

The bonnie lass amang the heather.





THE TEARS I SHED.

THE tears I shed must ever fall,

I mourn not for an absent swain,

For thought my past delights recal,

And parted lovers meet again.

I weep not for the silent dead,

Their toils are past, their forrows o'er,

And those they lov'd their steps shall tread,

And death shall join to part no more.

Tho' boundless oceans roll between,

If certain that his heart is near,

A conscious transport glads each scene,

Soft is the sigh, and sweet the tear.

E'en when by death's cold hand remov'd,

We mourn the tenant of the tomb;

To think that even in death he lov'd,

Can gild the horrors of the gloom.

Of her who flighted love bewails;

No hope her dreary prospect chears,

No pleasing melancholy hails.

Her's are the pangs of wounded pride,

Of blasted hope, of wither'd joy:

The prop she lean'd on pierc'd her side,

The flame she fed burns to destroy.

Even conscious virtue cannot cure

The pangs to every feeling due:

Ungen'rous youth! thy boast how poor,

To steal a heart, and break it too!

In vain does memory renew

The hours once ting'd in transport's dye;

The sad reverse soon starts to view,

And turns the thought to agony.

No cold approach, no alter'd mien,

Just what would make suspicion start;

No pause the dire extremes between,

He made me blest, and broke my heart!

From hope, the wretched's anchor, torn,

Neglected, and neglecting all,

Friendless, forsaken, and forlorn,

The tears I shed must ever fall.

THE WEE WEE MAN.

As I was awalking all alone,

Between a water and a wa';

And there I fpy'd a wee wee man,

And he was the leaft that e'er I faw.

His legs were fcarce a fhathmont's length,

And thick and thimber were his thighs,

Between his brows there was a fpan,

And between his fhoulders there were three.

He took up a meikle stane,

And he stang't as far as I could see,

Though I had been a Wallace wight
I coudna listen't to my knee;

O wee wee man, but thou be strong,
O tell me where thy dwelling be?

My dwelling's down at yon bonnie bower,
O will you go with me and see?

On we lap and awa we rade,

Till we came to yon bonnie green;

We lighted down for to bait our horfe,

And out there came a lady fine.

Four and twenty at her back,

And they were a' clad out in green:

Tho' the King of Scotland had been there,

The warft o' them might ha' been his queen.

On we lap and awa we rade,

Till we came to yon bonnie ha',

Where the roof was o' the beaten goud,

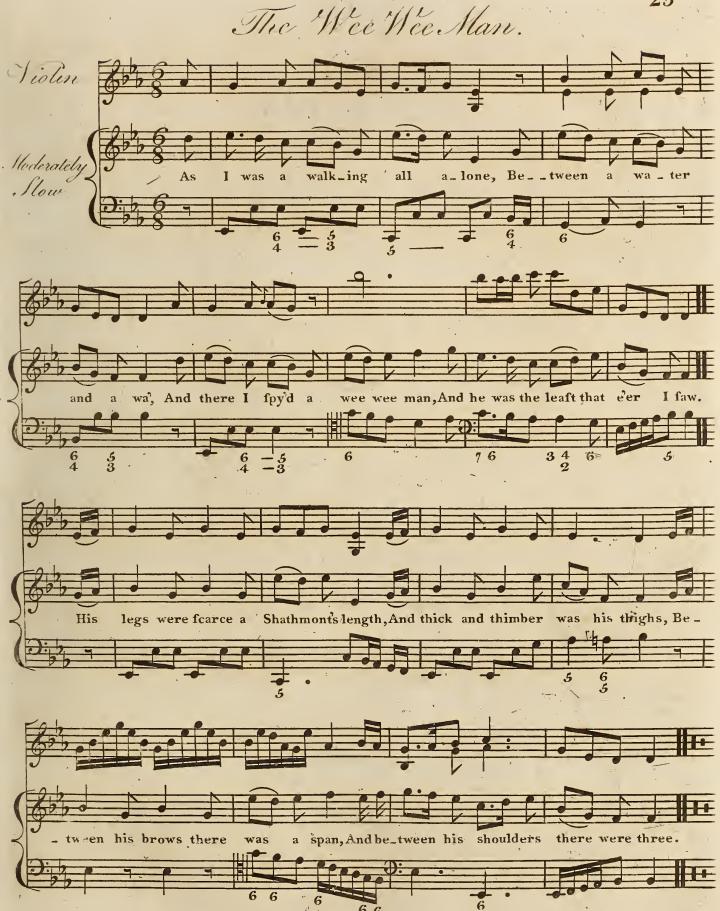
And the floor was o' the cryftal a'.

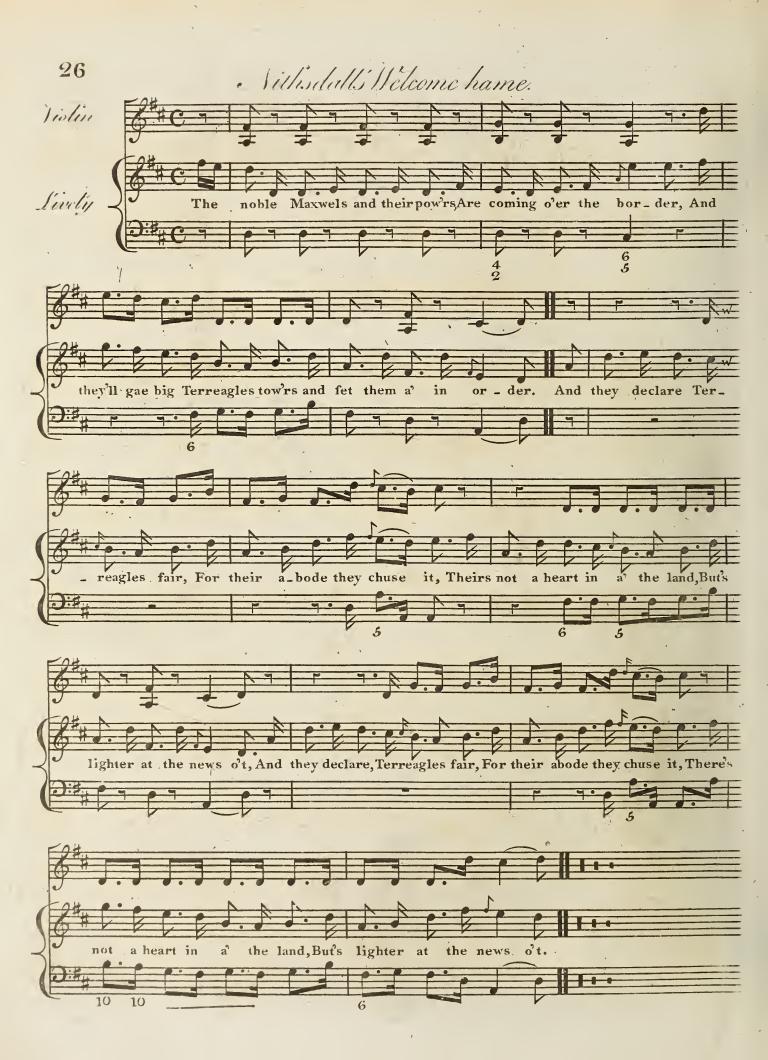
When we came to the ftair foot,

Ladies were dancing jimp and fma';

But in the twinkling of an eye,

My wee wee man was clean awa'.





- NITHSDALL'S WELCOME HAME.

THE noble Maxwels and their pow'rs

Are coming o'er the border;

They'll gae to big Terreagles' tow'rs,

And fet them a' in order.

And they declare Terreagles fair,

For their abode they chuse it;

There's no a heart in a' the land,

But's lighter at the news o't,

And they declare Terreagles fair,

For their abode they chuse it;

There's no a heart in a' the land,

But's lighter at the news o't.

Tho' stars in skies may disappear,

And angry tempests gather;

The happy hour may soon be near,

That brings us pleasant weather:

The weary night o' care and grief

May ha'e a joyfu' morrow;

So dawning day has brought relief,

Fareweel our night o' forrow.

The weary, &c.

BID ME NOT FORGET.

THE WORDS BY P. P. ESQ.

BID me not forget thy fmile,

Nor the radiance of thine eye;

Think, alas! how hard the toil!

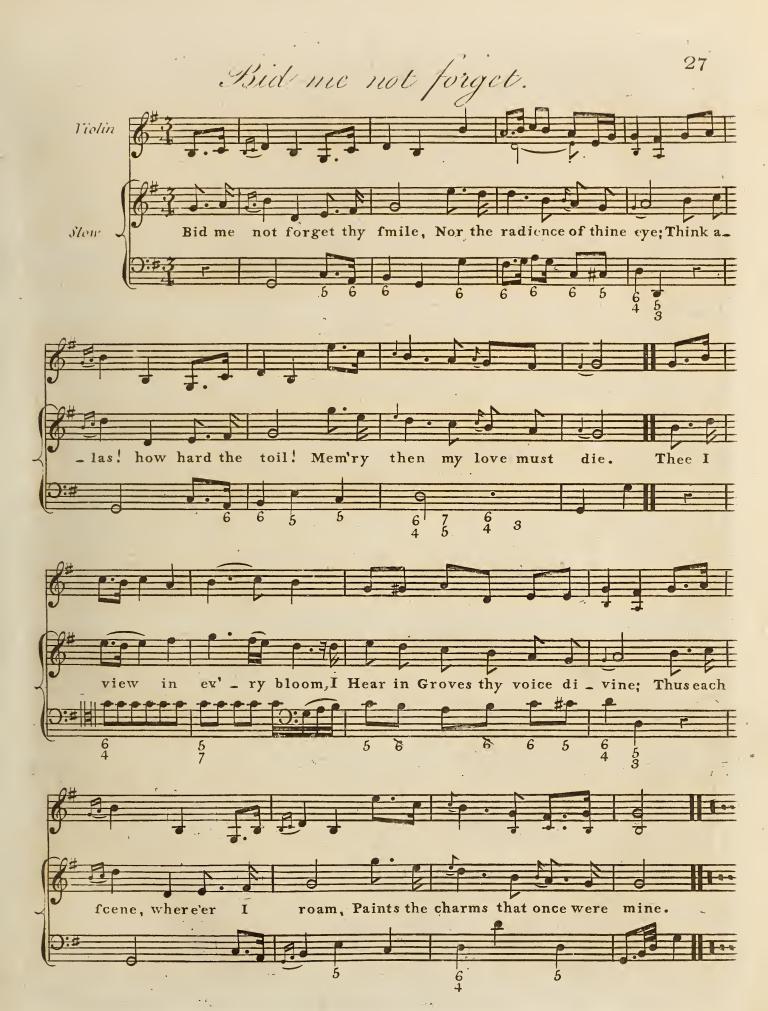
Mem'ry, then, my love must die.

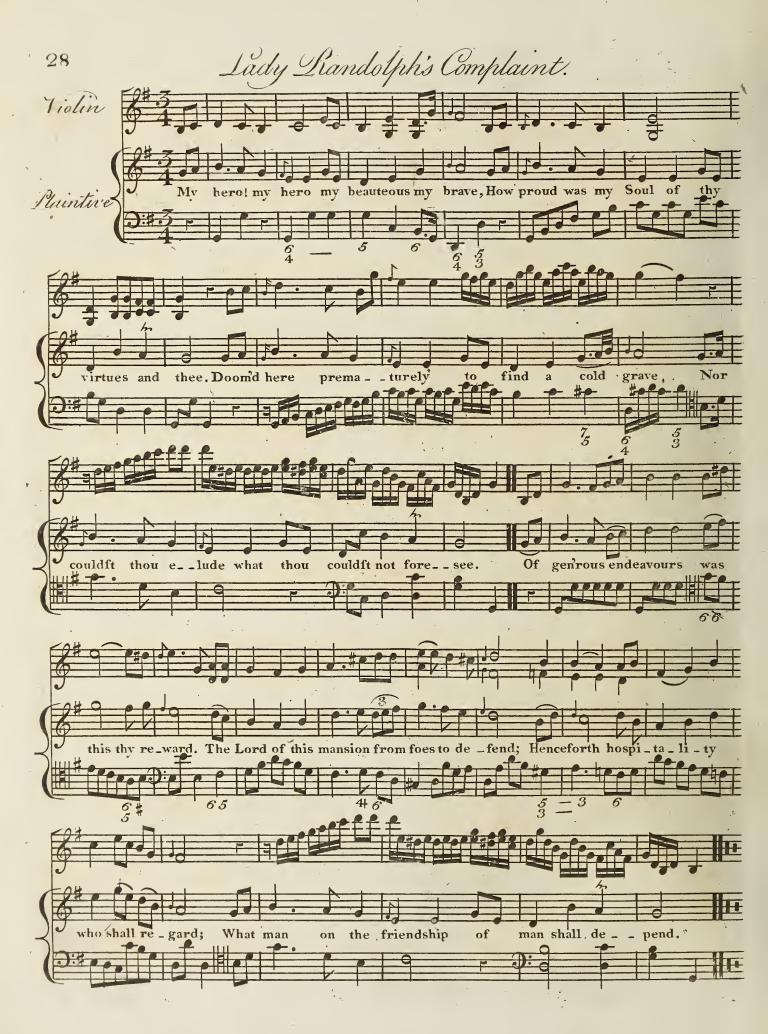
Thee I view in ev'ry bloom;

Hear in groves thy voice divine;

Thus each scene, where'er I roam,

Paints the charms that once were mine.





LADY RANDOLPH'S COMPLAINT.

My hero! my hero! my beauteous, my brave,

How proud was my foul of thy virtues and thee;

Doom'd here prematurely to find a cold grave,

Nor couldst thou elude what thou couldst not foresee.

Of gen'rous endeavours, was this thy reward,

The lord of this mansion from foes to defend?

Henceforth hospitality who shall regard;

What man on the friendship of man shall depend.

With transport this day my fond heart overflow'd,

When keenly indulging the pleasing presage,

How warm with maternal affection it glow'd,

Midst an offspring of thine whilst I hop'd for old age!

Whose prattle endearing, and innocent play,

To me might the loss of thy childhood atone;

Those actions the same of your house might display,

Adorn'd with a husband's dear name, and thy own.

Thy gallant deportment, thy exquisite bloom,

Which merciless foes might with rapture admire;

With them my dear hopes are all quench'd in the tomb,

With thee they were born, and with thee they expire.

In conjugal union how short my delight!

In a mother's high rank how much shorter my boast!

With planets malignant, no more let me fight,

No longer in life's cruel tempest be tost!

Forgive, gracious powers, in compassion my state,

Whilst, by forrow compell'd, with reluctance I seize

The only sweet moment reserv'd me by fate,

The moment which renders me just what I please;

My Douglas, my darling, my glory, my pride!

How happy was I but to name thee my son!

For thee would to heav'n a fond mother had died,

Since living without thee, is living undone.

THE SHEPHERD'S WIFE.

THE shepherd's wife cries o'er the lee,

Will ye come hame, will ye come hame?

The shepherd's wife cries o'er the lee,

Will ye come hame again e'en jo?

Oh! what will ye gi'e me to my fupper,

Gin I come hame, gin I come hame?

Oh! what will ye gi'e me to my fupper,

Gin I come hame again e'en jo?

Ye's get a panfu' o' plumpin parrige,

And butter in them, and butter in them:

Ye's get a panfu' o' plumpin parrige,

Gin ye will come hame again e'en jo.

Na, na, na, na; that's nae for me,

I winna come hame, I canna come hame;

Na, na, na, na; that's nae for me,

I winna come hame again e'en jo.

Ye's get a hen well boil'd i' the pat,

An ye'll come hame, an ye'll come hame;

Ye's get a hen well boil'd i' the pat,

An ye'll come hame again e'en jo.

Na, na, na, na; that's nae for me,

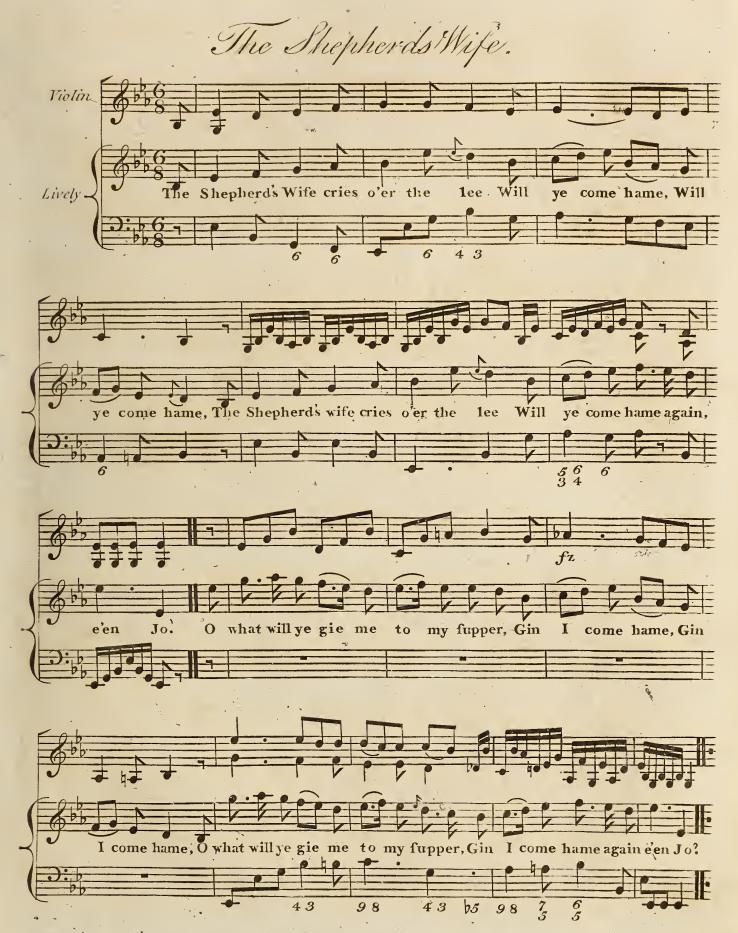
I winna come hame, I canna come hame;

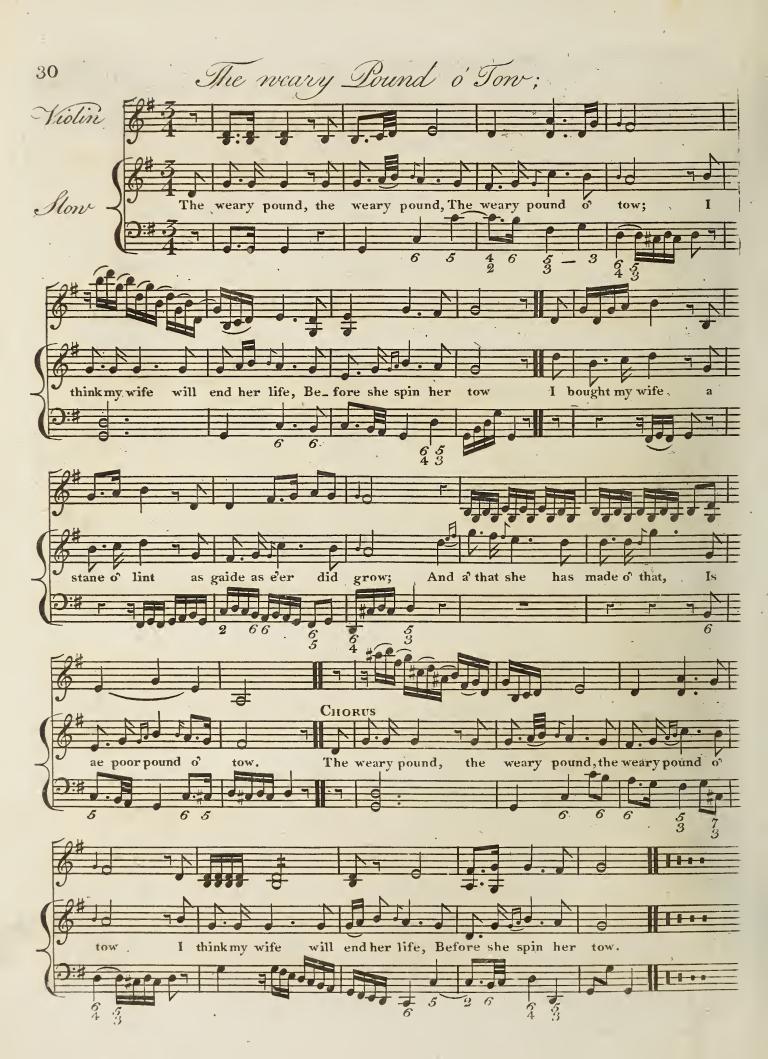
Na, na, na, na; that's nae for me,

I winna come hame again e'en jo.

A weel made bed, and a pair of clean sheets,
An ye'll come hame, an ye'll come hame;
A weel made bed, and a pair of clean sheets,
An ye'll come hame again e'en jo.

I, I, I, I; O that's for me,
I will come hame, I will come hame;
I, I, I, I; O that's for me,
I'll haste me hame again e'en jo.





THE WEARY PUND O' TOW.

THE weary pund, the weary pund,
The weary pund o' tow;
I think my wife will end her life,
Before she spin her tow.
I bought my wife a stane o' lint,
As gude as e'er did grow;
And a' that she has made o' that,
Is ae poor pund of tow.

CHO. The weary pund, the weary pund,

The weary pund o' tow;

I think my wife will end her life,

Before she spin her tow.

There fat a bottle in a bole,

Beyont the ingle low;

And ay fhe took the tither fook,

To drook the ftoorie tow.

The weary, &c. &c.

Quoth I, for shame ye dirty dame,
Gae spin your tap o' tow!
She took the rock, and wi' a knock
She brak it o'er my pow.

The weary, &c. &c.

At last her feet, I sang to see't,

Gaed foremost o'er the knowe;

An or I wad another jad,

'I'll wallop in a tow.

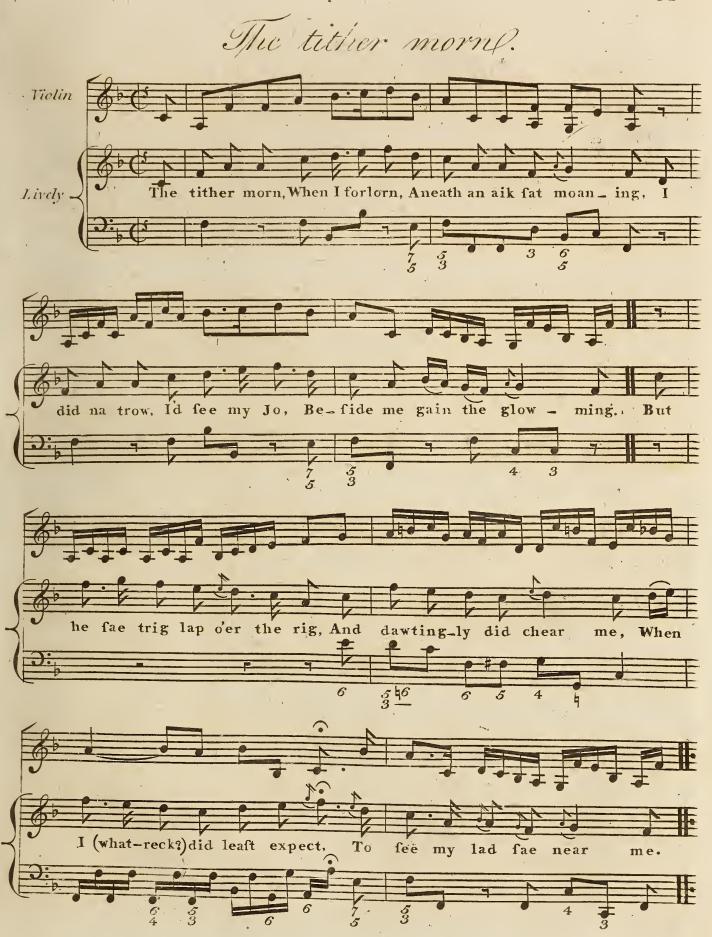
The weary, &c. &c.

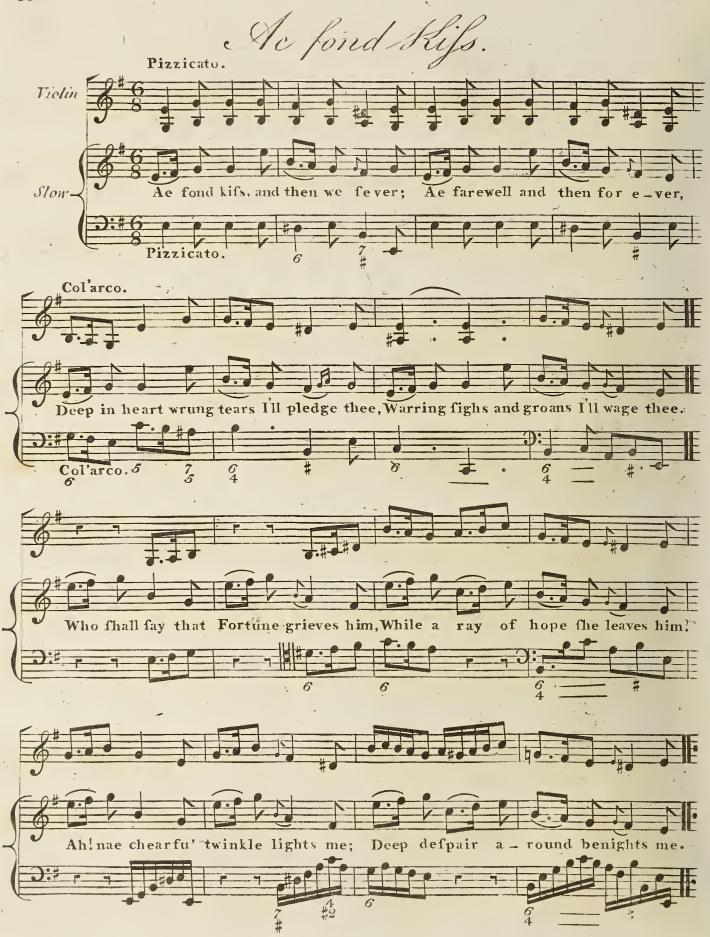
THE TITHER MORN.

THE tither morn,
When I, forlorn,
Aneath an aik fat moaning;
I did na trow;
I'd fee my jo,
Befide me 'gain the glo'ming.
But he fae trig,
Lap o'er the rig,
And dawtingly did chear me;
When I, what reck,
Did leaft expect,
To fee my lad fae near me.

His bonnet he,
A thought ajee,
Cock'd sprush when first he clasp'd me;
And I, I wat,
Wi' fainness grat,
While in his grips he press'd me;
De'il tak the war,
I late and air
Ha'e wish'd since Jock departed;
But now as glad
I'm wi' my lad,
As shortsyne broken-hearted.

Fu' aft at e'en,
Wi' dancing keen,
When a' were blyth and merry,
I car'd na by,
Sae fad was I,
In abfence o' my deary;
But praife be bleft!
My mind's at reft,
I'm happy wi' my Johnny:
At kirk and fair,
I'fe ay be there;
And be as canty's ony.





AE FOND KISS.

AE fond kifs, and then we fever;

Ae fareweel, and then for ever!

Deep in heart-wrung tears I'll pledge thee,

Warring fighs and groans I'll wage thee.

Who shall fay that fortune grieves him,

While a ray of hope she leaves him?

Ah! nae chearfu' twinkle lights me;

Deep despair around benights me.

I'll ne'er blame my partial fancy,
Naething could refift my Nancy:
But to fee her was to love her;
Love but her and love for ever.
Had we never lov'd fae kindly,
Had we never lov'd fae blindly,
Never met or never parted,
We had ne'er been broken hearted.

Fare thee weel, thou first and fairest!

Fare thee weel, thou best and dearest!

Thine be ilka joy and treasure,

Peace, enjoyment, love, and pleasure!

Ae fond kiss, and then we sever;

Ae fareweel, alas! for ever!

Deep in heart-wrung tears I'll pledge thee,

Warring sighs and groans I'll wage thee.

JENNY DRINKS NAE WATER.

THE WORDS BY P. P. ESQ.

COME to my lip thou sparkling glass,

And let me drink to her I love;

Good claret, and a sprightly lass,

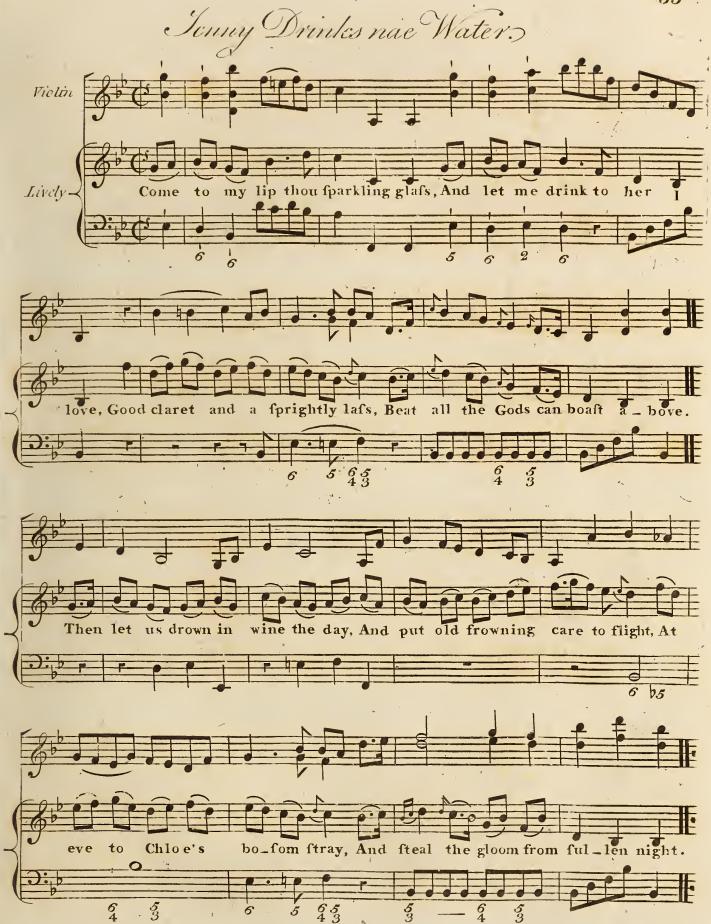
Beat all the gods can boast above.

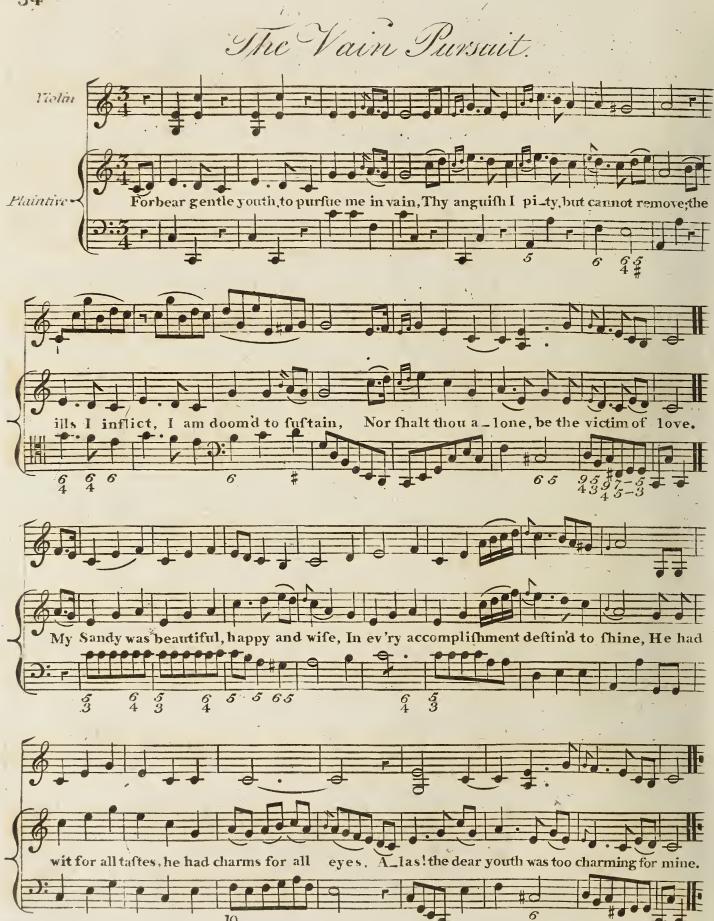
Then let us drown in wine the day,

And put old frowning Care to flight;

At eye to Cloe's bosom stray,

And steal the gloom from sullen night.





THE VAIN PURSUIT.

FORBEAR, gentle youth, to pursue me in vain,

Thy anguish I pity but cannot remove;

The ills I inflict I am doom'd to sustain,

Nor shalt thou alone be the victim of love.

My Sandy was beautiful, happy and wise,

In ev'ry accomplishment destin'd to shine;

He had wit for all tastes, he had charms for all eyes,

Alas! the dear youth was too charming for mine.

He faw me, he lov'd me, his passion confess'd,

The soft declaration still sounds in my ear;

My image, he said, on his soul was impress'd,

And saithful his slame, as his heart was sincere.

His wishes, tho' fond, I as sondly repaid,

For oh! a warm heart it is easy to gain,

Which vows and professions already persuade;

Our pleasure was mutual, and mutual our pain.

Still fortune relentless our union denied,

In quest of more treasure to India he went;

But there, hapless youth, to my forrow he died,

And lest me for ever his sate to lament.

Gay hopes and delightful presages adieu,

Adieu ye soft whispers of tender desire;

From thee, my dear swain, these emotions first grew,

In deep disappointment with thee they expire.

WHAT CAN A YOUNG LASSIE DO WI' AN AULD MAN.

What can a young lassie, what shall a young lassie,
What can a young lassie do wi' an auld man;
Ill luck on the pennie that tempted my minnie,
To fell her poor Jenny for siller an lan'.

Ill luck, &c.

He's always compleenin frae mornin to e'enin,

He horts and he hirples the weary day lang;

He's doylt and he's dozen, his blude it is frozen;

O! dreary's the night wi' a feckless auld man!

He's doylt, &c.

He hums and he hankers, he frets and he cankers,
I never can please him do a' that I can;
He's peevish, and jealous of a' the young fellows;
O! dool on the day I met wi' an auld man!

He's peevish, &c.

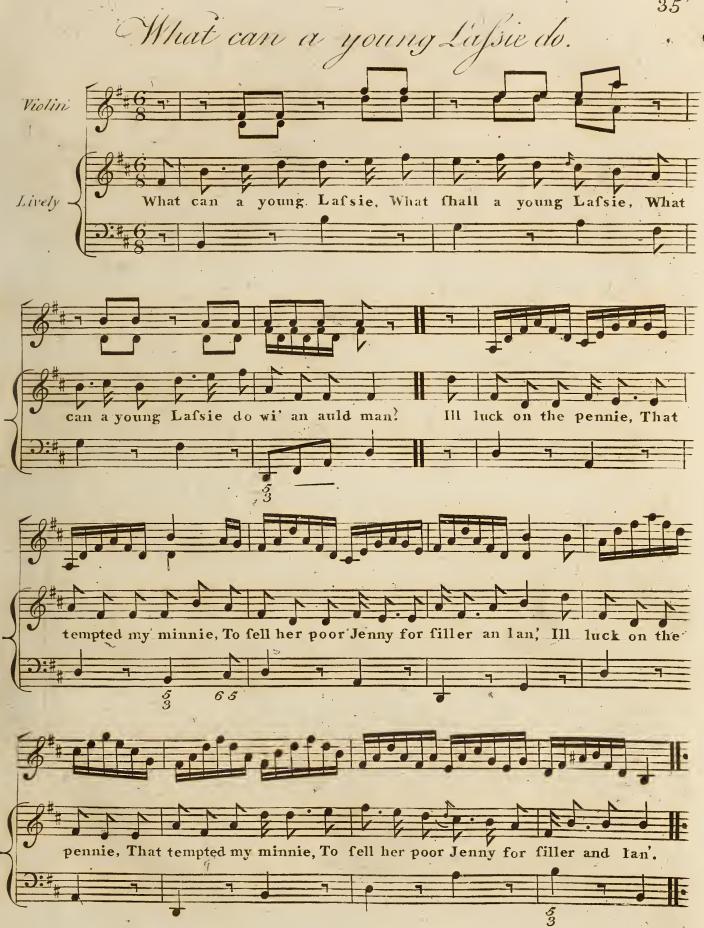
My auld auntie Katie upon me takes pity,

I'll do my endeavour to follow her plan;

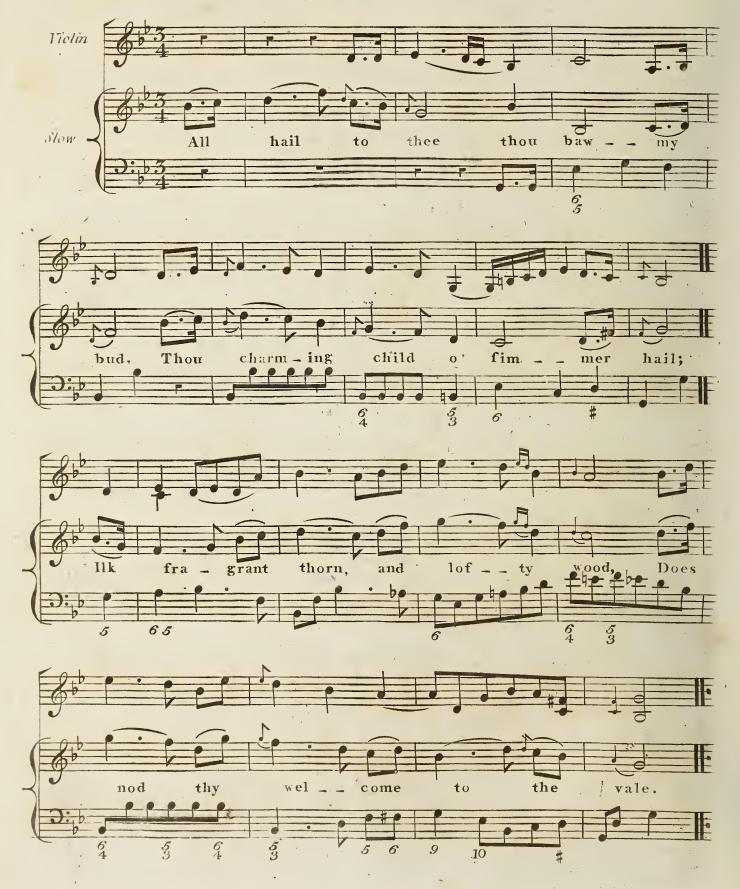
I'll crofs him and wrack him until I heartbreak him,

And then his auld brafs will buy me a new pan.

I'll do, &c.



The Rose But.



THE ROSE-BUD.

ALL hail to thee, thou bawmy bud,

Thou charming child o' fimmer, hail!

Ilk fragrant thorn and lofty wood

Does nod thy welcome to the vale.

See on thy lovely faulded form

Glad Phæbus finiles wi' chearing eye,

While on thy head the dewy morn

Has fhed the tears o' filent joy.

The tunefu' tribes frae yonder bower,

Wi' fangs o' joy thy presence hail;

Then haste thou bawmy fragrant flower,

And gi'e thy bosom to the gale.

Behold the little roving bee,

With airy wheel and foothing hum,

Flies ceaseless round thy parent tree,

While gentle breezes trembling come.

If ruthless Liza pass this way,

She'll poo thee frae thy thorny stem;

A while thou'lt grace her virgin breast,

But soon thou'lt fade, my bonny gem.

Ah! short, too short thy rural reign,
And yield to fate, alas! thou must;
Bright emblem of the virgin train,
Thou bloomst, alas! to mix with dust.

Sae bonny Liza hence may learn,
Wi' every youthfu' maiden gay,
That beauty, like the fimmer rofe,
In time shall wither and decay.

DEAR SILVIA.

THE WORDS BY P. P. ESQ.

DEAR Silvia lay afide those airs,

And let me share thy kisses;

Why, after so much toil and pray'rs,

Refuse the tender blisses?

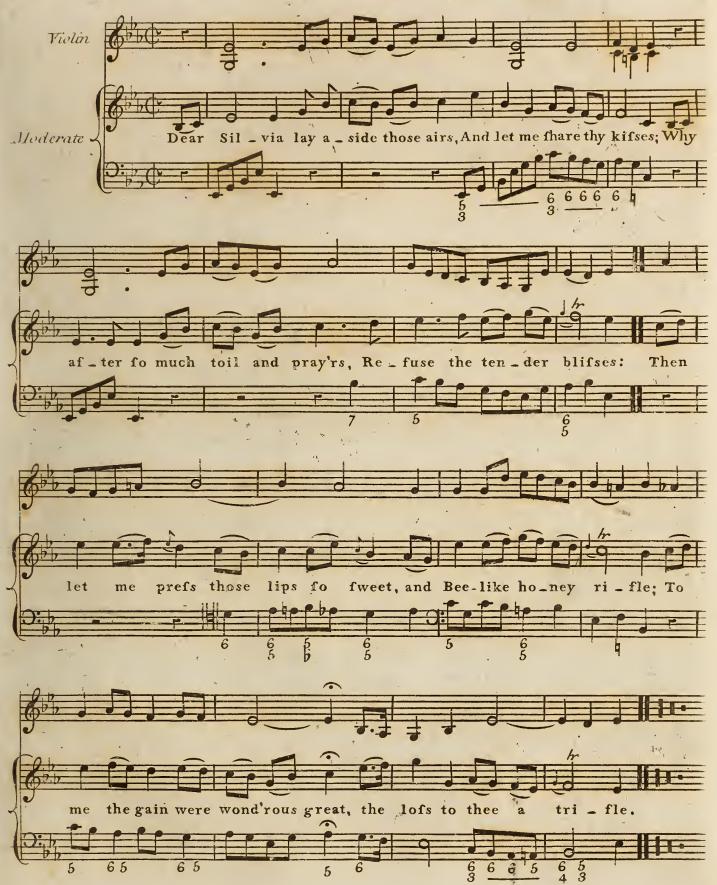
Then let me press those lips so sweet,

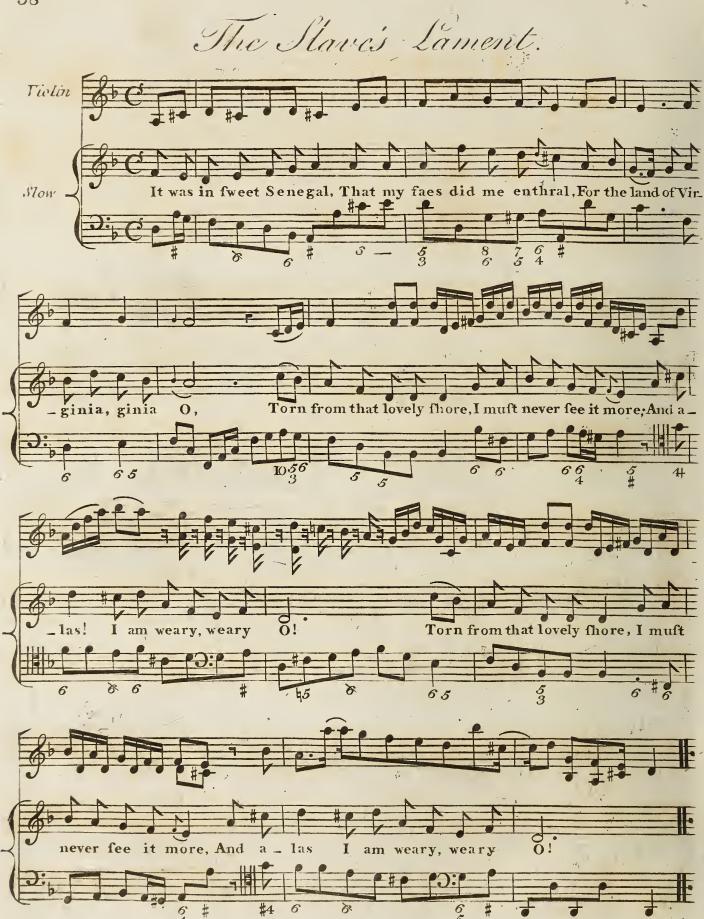
And, bee-like, honey risle!

To me the gain were wond'rous great,

The loss to thee a trisle.

Dear Tilvia.





THE SLAVE'S LAMENT.

IT was in sweet Senegal that my foes did me enthral,

For the lands of Virginia—ginia O;

Torn from that lovely shore, I must never see it more,

And alas! I am weary, weary O!

Torn from, &c.

All on that charming coast is no bitter snow and frost,

Like the lands of Virginia—ginia O;

There streams for ever flow, and there flow'rs for ever blow,

And alas! I am weary, weary O!

There streams, &c.

The burden I must bear, while the cruel scourge I fear,
In the lands of Virginia—ginia O;
And I think on friends most dear, with the bitter bitter tear,
And alas! I am weary, weary O!

And I think, &c.

THE DEATH OF THE LINNEY.

O, ALL ye loves and groves lament!

And you of hearts humane;

Our darling linnet's breath is spent,

And all our tears are vain.

Its sweetly varied voice no more

Shall strike my Delia's ear;

It visits now the Stygian shore,

Whence no returns are here,

As well my Delia knew;

As the her mother, far from hence
You prematurely flew:

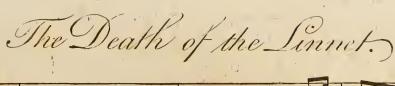
No more thalt thou expecting fland,
From her a boon to wait;

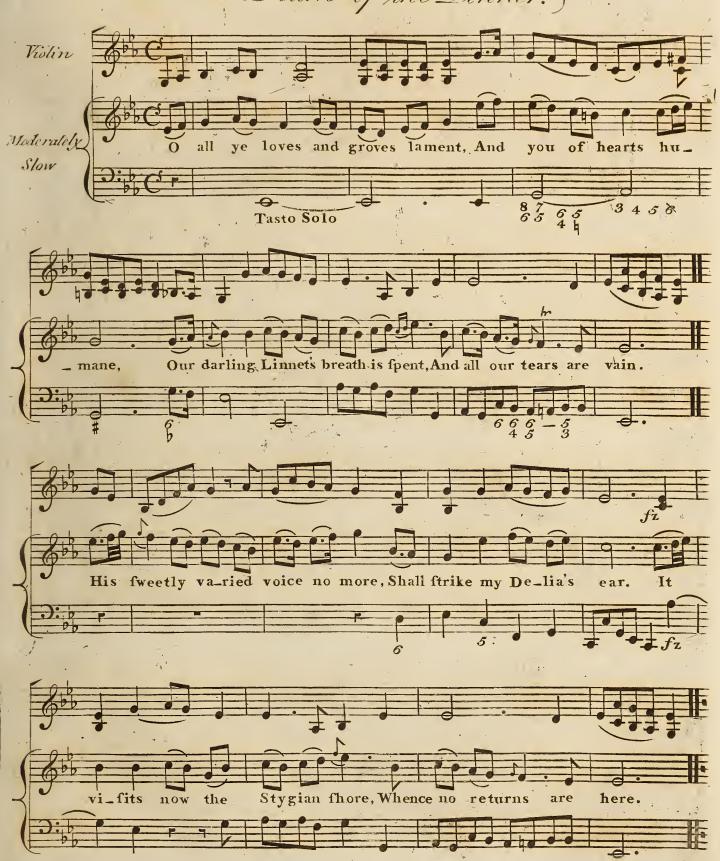
No more pick fugar from her hand,

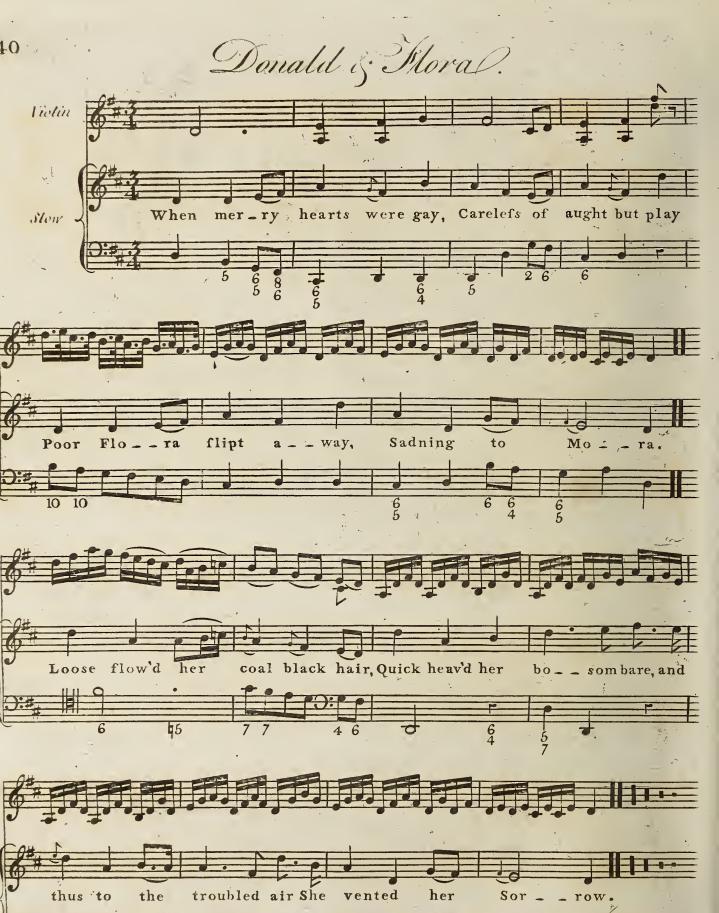
Detain'd by cruel fate.

No more, when danger threatens nigh,
Shalt thou afcend the wind;
To Delia's gentle bosom fly,
There sweet asylum find.
For ever stopt thy busy wing,
Thy tongue in silence lies;
No kind return of grateful Spring
Again shall bid thee rife.

Torpid and cold, thy beauteous frame
Our sight no more shall charm;
Thy loss the deepest woe shall claim,
The brightest eyes disarm.
Long shall my Delia mourn thy doom,
With undissembled woe,
Before her clouded charms resume
Their animating glow.







DONALD AND FLORA.

WHEN merry hearts were gay, Careless of ought but play, Poor Flora slipt away, Sadd'ning, to Mora: Loofe flow'd her coal-black hair, Quick heav'd her bosom bare; Thus to the troubled air She vented her forrow.

" Loud howls the Northern blaft,

" Bleak is the dreary waste;

" Haste thee, O Donald! haste, " Haste to thy Flora:

"Twice twelve long months are o'er;

" Since, on a foreign shore,

"You promis'd to fight no more, "But meet me in Mora.

"Where now is Donald dear?

" (Maids cry with taunting fueer),

"Say, is he still sincere " To his lov'd Flora?

" Parents upbraid my moan,

"Each heart is turn'd to stone;

" Ah! Flora, thou'rt now alone, "Friendless in Mora!

"Come then, oh come away!"

" Donald, no longer stay;

"Where can my rover stray " From his dear Flora?

" Ah! fure he ne'er could be

"False to his vows and me;

"O heaven! is not yonder he, " Bounding in Mora?"

" Never, O wretched fair! (Sigh'd the fad messenger),

" Never shall Donald mair " Meet his lov'd Flora!

"Cold, cold beyond the main,

"Donald, thy love, lies flain; " He fent me to footh thy pain, "Weeping in Mora.

Well fought our gallant men;

" Headed by brave Burgoyne,

"Our heroes were thrice led on " To British glory:

" But ah! tho' our foes did flee,

"Sad was the loss to thee,

"While ev'ry fresh victory "Drown'd us in forrow.

"Here take this trusty blade

" (Donald expiring faid),

"Give it to you dear maid, " Weeping in Mora:

"Tell her, oh Allen! tell,

"Donald most bravely fell,

" And that in his last farewel " He thought on his Flora."

Mute stood the trembling fair, Speechless with wild despair; Then, striking her bosom bare, Sigh'd out, poor Flora! O Donald! oh welladay! Was all the fond heart could fay; At length the found died away Feebly in Mora.

LASS, GIN YE LO'E ME, TELL ME NOW.

I HA'E laid a herring in fa't,

Lafs, gin ye lo'e me, tell me now;

I ha'e brew'd a forpet o' ma't,

An' I canna come ilka day to woo:

I ha'e a calf will foon be a cow,

Lafs, gin ye lo'e me, tell me now;

I ha'e a pig will foon be a fow,

An' I canna come ilka day to woo.

I've a house on yonder muir,

Lass, gin ye lo'e me, tell me now;

Three sparrows may dance on the floor,

An' I canna come ilka day to woo:

I ha'e a butt, and I ha'e a benn,

Lass, gin ye lo'e me, tak me now;

I h'ae three chickens and a fat hen,

An' I canna come ony mair to woo.

I've a hen wi' a happity leg,

Lass, gin ye lo'e me, tak me now,

Which ilka day lays me an egg,

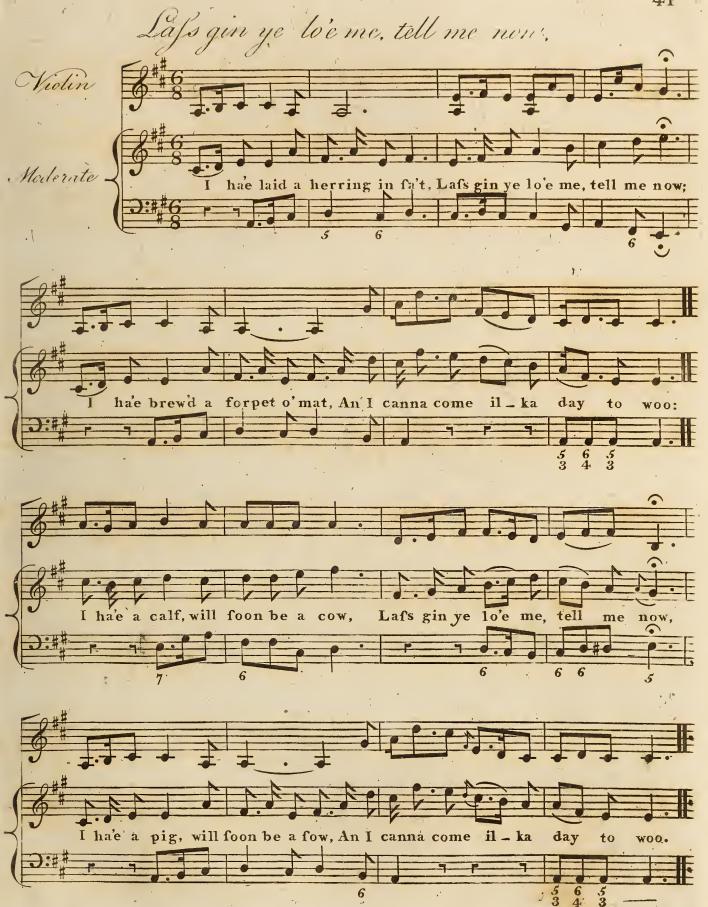
An' I canna come ilka day to woo:

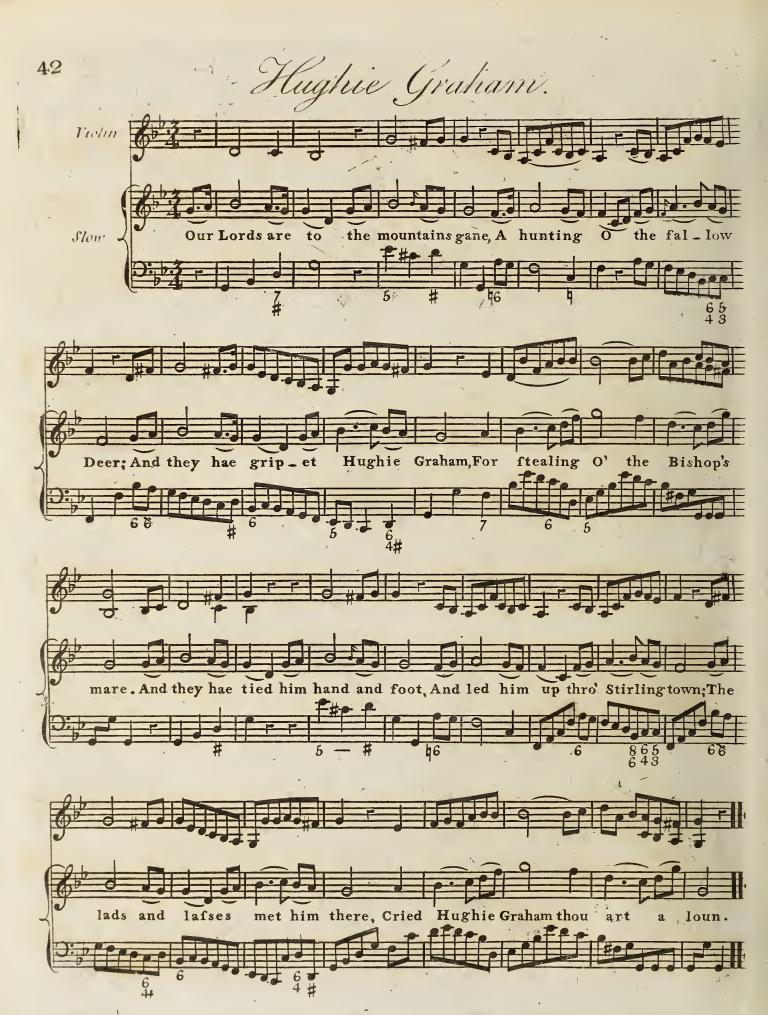
I ha'e a kebbock upon my shelf,

Lass, gin ye lo'e me, tak me now;

I downa eat it a' myself,

An' I winna come ony mair to woo.





HUGHIE GRAHAM.

OUR lords are to the mountains gane,

A hunting o' the fallow deer;

And they ha'e gripet Hughie Graham,

For stealing o' the Bishop's mare.

And they hae tied him hand and foot,

And led him up thro' Stirling town;

The lads and laffes met him there,

Cried, Hughie Graham thou art a loun.

O lowfe my right hand free, he fays,

And put my braid-fword in the fame,

He's no in Stirling town this day

Daur tell the tale to Hughie Graham.

Up then befpake the brave Whitefoord,

As he fat by the Bishop's knee,

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

If ye'll let Hughie Graham gae free.

O haud your tongue, the Bishop says,

And wi' your pleading let me be;

For the ten Grahams were in his coat,

Hughie Graham this day shall die.

Up then befpake the fair Whitefoord,

As fhe fat by the Bishop's knee,

Five hundred white pence I'll gi'e you

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

And wi' your pleading let it be;

Altho' ten Grahams were in his coat,

Its for my honour he maun die.

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

He looked to the gallows tree,

Yet never colour left his cheek,

Nor ever did he blin' his ee.

At length he looked round about

To fee whatever he could fpy,

And there he faw his auld father,

And he was weeping bitterly.

O haud your tongue my father dear,
And wi' your weeping let it be;
Thy weeping's fairer on my heart
Than a' that they can do to me:

And ye may gi'e my brother James

My fword that's bent in the middle brown,

And bid him come at four o'clock

To fee his brother Hugh cut down.

And ye may tell my kith and kin,

I never did difgrace their blood;

And when they meet the Bishop's cloak,

To mak it shorter by the hood.

ON A BANK OF FLOW'RS.

ON a bank of flow'rs in a fummer's day,

For fummer lightly dreft,

The youthful blooming Nelly lay,

With love and fleep oppreft.

When Willie wand'ring thro' the wood,

Who for her favour oft had fu'd,

He gaz'd, he wifh'd, he fear'd, he blufh'd,

And trembled where he ftood.

Her closed eyes, like weapons sheath'd,

Were seal'd in soft repose,

Her lips, still as she fragrant breath'd,

It richer dy'd the rose.

The springing lilies sweetly prest,

Wild, wanton, kiss'd her rival breast;

He gaz'd, he wish'd, he fear'd, he blush'd,

His bosom ill at rest.

Her robes light waving in the breeze,

Her tender limbs embrace,

Her lovely form, her native eafe,

All harmony and grace:

Tumultuous tides his pulfes roll,

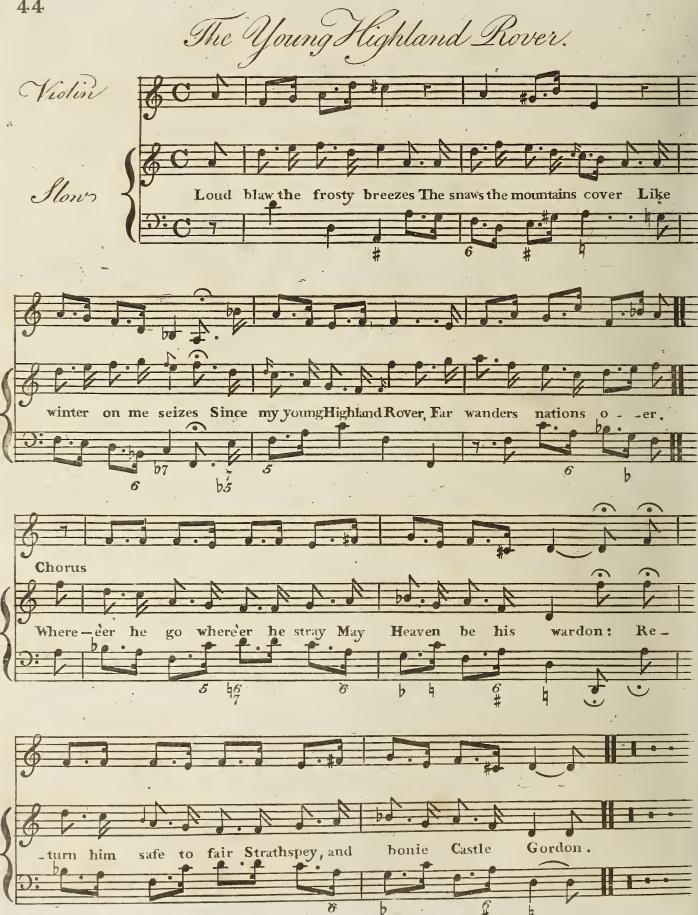
A faltering, ardent kifs he stole;

He gaz'd, he wish'd, he fear'd, he blush'd,

And sigh'd his very soul.

As flies the partridge from the brake,
On fear-infpired wings,
So Nelly, starting, half awake,
Away affrighted springs;
But Willy follow'd, as he shou'd,
He overtook her in the wood,
He vow'd, he pray'd, he found the maid
Forgiving all and good.





THE YOUNG HIGHLAND ROVER.

LOUD blaw the frosty breezes,

The snaws the mountains cover,

Like winter on me seizes,

Since my young Highland rover

Far wanders nations over.

Cho. Where'er he go, where'er he stray,

May Heaven be his warden;

Return him safe to fair Strathspey,

And bonnie castle Gordon.

The trees now naked groaning,

Shall foon wi' leaves be hinging,

The birdies dowie moaning,

Shall a' be blythly finging,

And ev'ry flow'r be fpringing.

Cho. Sae I'll rejoice the lee lang day,

When, by his mighty warden;

My youth's return'd to fair Strathspey,

And bonnie castle Gordon.

A COUNTRIE LASSIE.

In fimmer when the hay was mawn,

And corn wav'd green on ilka field,

While claver blooms white o'er the lea,

And rofes blaw in ilka bield;

Blythe Beffie in the milking fhield,

Says, I'll be wed come o't what will:

Out fpak a dame in wrinkled eild,

O' gude advisement comes nae ill.

Its ye ha'e wooers mony ane,

And, lassie, ye're but young, ye ken,

Then wait a wee, and cannie wale

A routhie butt, a routhie ben.

There's Johnie o' the Buskie-glen,

Fu' is his barn, fu' is his byre;

Tak this frae me, my bonnie hen,

Its plenty heets the luyer's fire.

I dinna care a fingle flee;

He lo'es fae weel his craps and kye,

He has nae loove to fpare for me.

But blythe's the blink o' Robie's ee,

And weel I wat he lo'es me dear;

Ae blink o' him I wad na gi'e

For Buskie-glen and a' his gear.

O, thoughtless lassie, life's a faught,

The canniest gate the strife is fair,

But ay fu' han't is fechtin best,

A hungry care's an unco care.

But some will spend, and some will spare,

An' wilfu' folk maun ha'e their will;

Syne as ye brew, my maiden fair,

Keep mind that ye maun drink the yill.

O! gear will buy me rigs o' land,

And gear will buy me fheep and kye;

But the tender heart o' leefome loove,

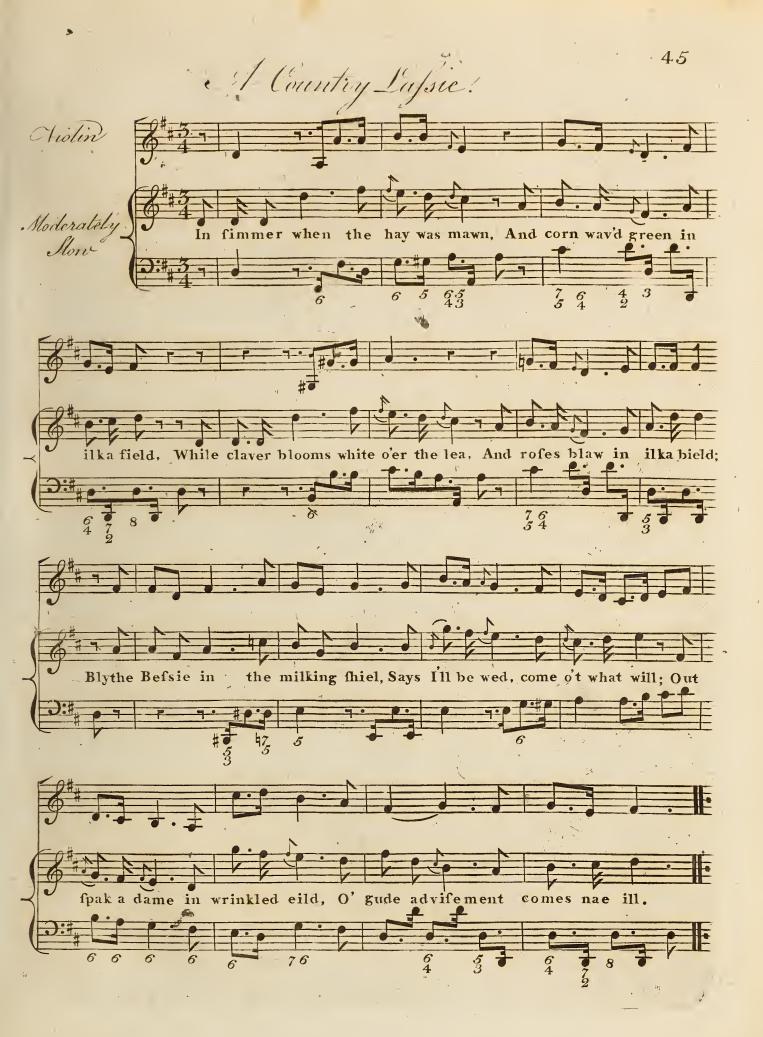
The gowd and filler canna buy.

We may be poor, Robie and I,

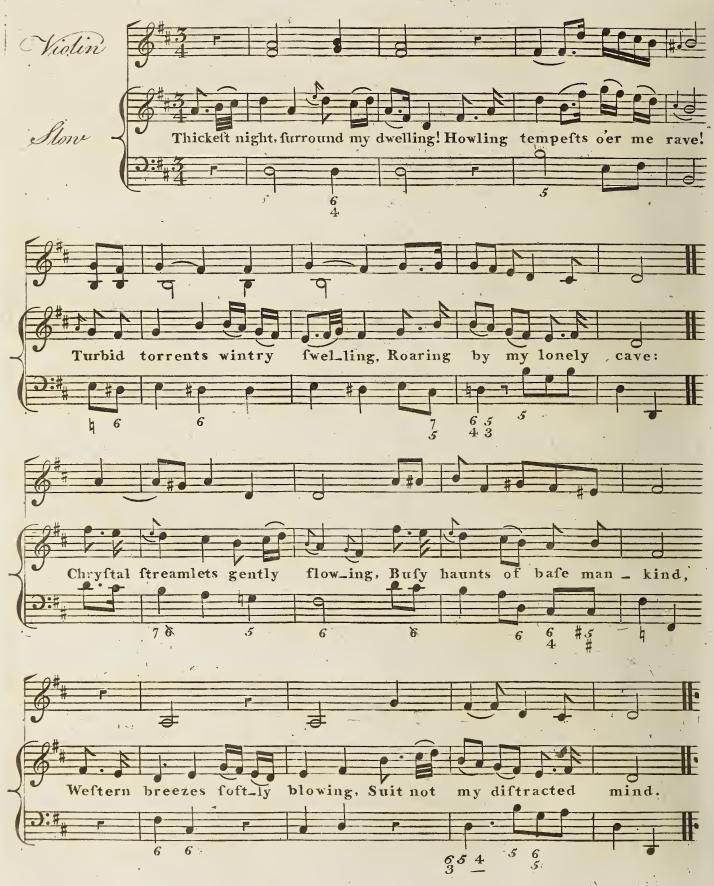
Light is the burden loove lays on;

Content and loove brings peace and joy;

What mair hae queens upon a throne?



Strathallan's Lament.



STRATHALLAN'S LAMENT.

THICKEST night, furround my dwelling!

Howling tempests o'er me rave!

Turbid torrents, wintry swelling,

Roaring by my lonely cave.

Crystal streamlets gently flowing,
Busy haunts of base mankind,
Western breezes softly blowing,
Suit not my distracted mind.

In the cause of right engaged,

Wrongs injurious to redress,

Honour's war we strongly waged,

But the Heavn's deny'd success.

Ruin's wheel has driven o'er us,

Not a hope that dare attend;

The wide world is all before us—

But a world without a friend.

THO' FOR SEVEN YEARS AND MAIR.

Tho' for seven years and mair honour should reave me,
To fields where cannons roar, thou need na grieve thee;
For deep in my spirits thy sweets are indented,
And love shall preserve ay what love has imprinted.
Cho. Leave thee, leave thee, I'll never leave thee,
Gang the world as it will, dearest believe me.

Your virtue and wit make it ay flame the higher.

Cho. Leave thee, leave thee, I'll never leave thee,

Gang the warld as it will, dearest believe me.

Then, Johnny, I frankly this minute allow ye,

To think me your true love for love gars me tree.

My Nelly let never sic fancies oppress ye,

For while my blood's warm I'll kindly cares ye;

Your blooming fast beauties first heated love's fire,

O Johnny I'm jealous whene'er-ye discover

My sentiments yielding ye'll turn a loose rover;

And nought i' the warld wad vex my heart sairer,

If you prove unconstant, and fancy ane fairer.

Cho. Grieve me, grieve me, O! it wad grieve me!

A' the lang night and day, if you deceive me.

Then, Johnny, I frankly this minute allow ye,

To think me your true love, for love gars me trew ye;

And gin ye prove faufe, to ye'rfel be it faid then,

Ye'll win but fma' honour to wrang a kind maiden.

Cho. Reave me, reave me, Heav'ns it wad reave me,

Of my rest night and day if ye deceive me.

Bid iceshogles hammer red gauds on the studdy,

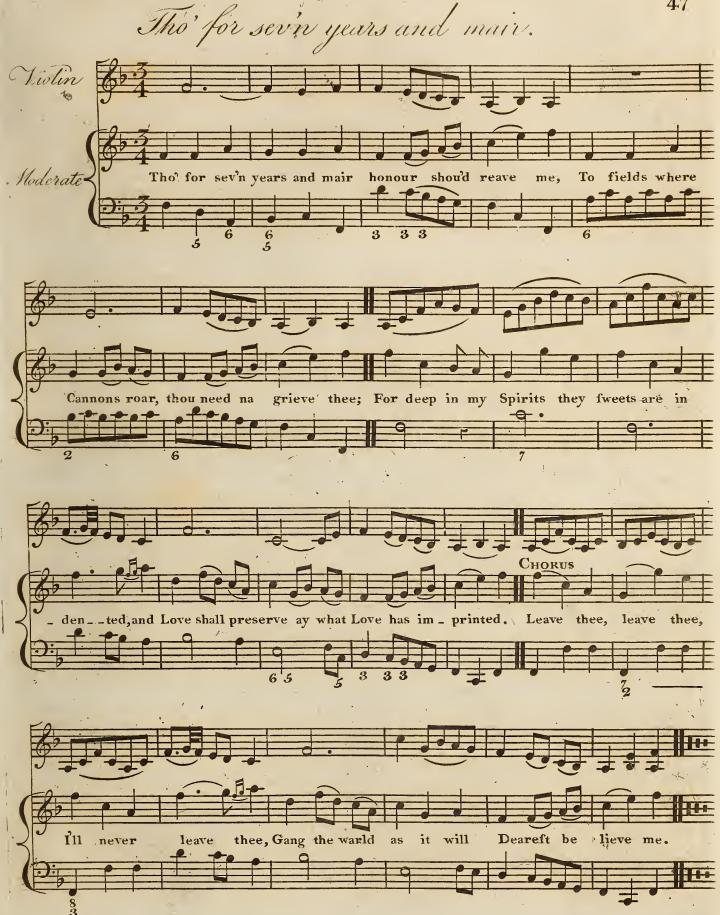
And fair simmer mornings nae mair appear ruddy;

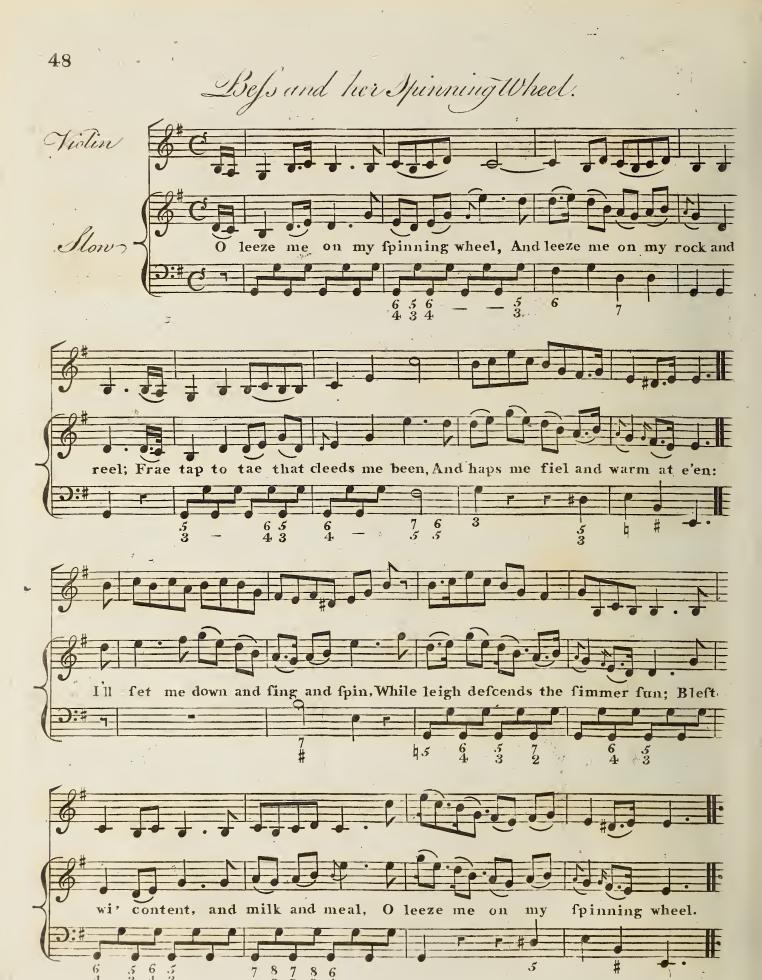
Bid mankind think ae gate, and when they obey ye,

But never till that time believe I'll betray ye.

Cho. Leave thee, leave thee, I'll never leave thee,

The starns shall gang withershins e'er I deceive thee.





BESS AND HER SPINNIN-WHEEL.

O LEEZE me on my fpinnin-wheel,
And leeze me on my rock and reel;
Frae tap to tae that cleeds me been,
And haps me fiel and warm at e'en.
I'll fet me down and fing and fpin,
While laigh descends the summer fin,
Blest wi' content and milk and meal,
O leeze me on my spinnin-wheel.

On ilka hand the burnies trot,

And meet below my thackit cot;

The scented birk and hawthorn white

Across the pool their arms unite;

Alike to screen the birdie's nest,

And little fishes callor rest;

The sun blinks kindly in the biel,

Where blyth I turn my spinnin-wheel.

On lofty aiks the cushats wail,
And Echo cons the doolfu' tale,
The lintwhites in the hazel braes,
Delighted, rival ither's lays;
The craik amang the claver hay,
The pairtrick whirrin o'er the lea,
The swallow jinkin round my shiel,
Amuse me at my spinnin-wheel.

Wi' fina' to fell, and lefs to buy,
Aboon diffrefs, below envy,
O wha wad leave this humble state
For a' the pride of a' the great?
Wi' a' their flairing idle toys,
Wi' a' their glitt'ring dinsome joys,
Can they the peace and pleasure feel
Of Bessy at her spinnin-wheel?

KELLYBUR N-BRAES.

THERE lived a carl in Kellyburn-braes,

Hey, and the rue grows bonnie wi' thyme!

And he had a wife was the plague o' his days,

And the thyme it is wither'd and rue is in prime.

Ae day as the carl gaed up the lang glen,

Hey, and the rue grows bonnie wi' thyme!

He met wi' the d-v-l, fays, how do ye fen?

And the thyme it is wither'd, and rue is in prime.

I've got a bad wife, fir, that's a' my complaint; Hey, &c.

For, faving your presence, to her ye're a saint.

And, &c.

It's neither your ftot nor your staig I shall crave, Hey, &c.

But gi'e me your wife, man, for her I must have.

And, &c.

O, welcome most kindly! the blythe carl said;

Hey, &c.

But if you can match her ye're waur than ye're ca'd.

And, &c.

The d-v-l has got the auld wife on his back, H_{ey} , &c.

And like a poor pedler he's carried his pack.

And, &c.

Then straight he makes fifty, the pick o' his band, Hey, \mathfrak{S}_c .

Turn out on her guard in the clap of a hand.

And, &c.

The carlin gaed thro' them like ony wud bear, Hey, &c.

Whae'er she gat hands on cam near her nae mair.

And, &c.

A reekit wee devil looks over the wa', Hey, &c.

O, help! master, help! or she'll ruin us a'.

And, &c.

The d-v-l he fwore by the edge o' his knife, Hey, &c.

He pitied the man that was ty'd to a wife. And, \mathcal{E}_c .

Then Satan has travell'd again wi' his pack,

Hey, &c.

And to her auld husband he's carried her back;

And, &c.

I ha'e been a d-v-l the feck o' my life,

Hey, &c.

But ne'er was in hell till I met wi' a wife.

And, &c.

Kelly-burn Bracs.



O'ER THE HILLS AND FAR AWAY.

JOCKY met with Jenny fair,

Aft be the dawning of the day;

But Jocky now is fu' of care,

Since Jenny staw his heart away:

Although she promis'd to be true,

She proven has, alake! unkind;

Which gars poor Jocky often rue,

That he e'er loo'd a fickle mind.

And it's o'er the hills and far away,

It's o'er the hills and far away,

It's o'er the hills and far away,

The wind has blown my plaid away.

He fung—When first my Jenny's face
I saw, she seem'd sae su' of grace,
With meikle joy my heart was fill'd,
That's now, aias! with sorrow kill'd,
Oh! was she but as true as fair,
'Twad put an end to my despair;
Instead of that she is unkind,
And wavers like the winter wind.

And it's o'er the bills and far away, &c.

Ah! could she find the dismal wae
That for her sake I undergae,
She cou'd nae chuse but grant relief,
And put an end to a' my grief.
But, oh! she is as fause as fair,
Which causes a' my sighs and care;
But she triumphs in proud disdain,
And takes a pleasure in my pain.

And it's o'er the bills and far away, &c.

Since that she will nae pity take,

I maun gae wander for her sake;

And in ilk wood and gloomy grove,

I'll sighing sing, adieu to love.

Since she is fause whom I adore,

I'll never trust a woman more;

Frae a' their charms I'll slee away,

And on my pipe I'll sweetly play,

O'er bills, and dales, and far away,

O'er bills, and dales, and far away,

The wind has blown my plaid away.

STREPHON AND LYDIA.

ALL lovely on the fultry beach
Expiring Strephon lay;

No hand the cordial draught to reach,
Nor cheer the gloomy way.

Ill-fated youth! no parent nigh,
To catch thy fleeting breath;

No bride, to fix thy fwimming eye,
Or fmooth the face of death.

Thy parents fit at ease;
Thy Lydia rifles all the plain,
And all the spring, to please.

Ill-fated youth! by fault of friend,
Not force of foe, depress'd;
Thou fall'st, alas! thyself, thy kind,
Thy country unredress'd!

