

Robin Ruff

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If I Had But a Thousand a Year

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1. If I had but a thou - sand a year, Gaf - fer Green! If I had but a thou - sand a

year What a man would I be, and what sights could I see, If I had but a thou - sand a

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year, Gaf - fer Green! If I had but a thou - sand a year!

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2. The best wish you could have take my word Rob - in Ruff, Would scarce find you in bread or in

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beer; But be hon - est and true, and say what you would do If you

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had but a thou - sand a year, Rob - in Ruff? If you had but a thou - sand a year?

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3. I'd do I scarce - ly know what, Gaf-fer Green I'd go, faith I hard-ly know

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where, I'd scat - ter the chink and leave oth - ers to think, If I

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had but a thou - sand a year, Gaf-fer Green, If I had but a thou - sand a year!

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4. But when you are a - ged and grey, Rob - in Ruff, And the day of your death it draws

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near, Say — what with your pains would you do with your gains, If you

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then had a thou - sand a year, Rob-in Ruff? If you then had a thou - sand a year?

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5. I scarce - ly can tell what you mean, Gaf - fer Green, For your ques-tions are al - ways so

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queer, But as oth - er folks die, I sup - pose so must I; What, and

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give up your thou - sand a year, Rob-in Ruff? And give up your thou - sand a year?

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6. There's a place that is bet - ter than this, Rob - in Ruff, And I hope in my heart you'll go

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there, Where the poor man's as great though he hath no es - tate, Aye, as

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if he'd a thou - sand a year, Rob - in Ruff, Aye as if he'd a thou - sand a year.