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TO THE PUBLIC.

THE Editor of this Work, in presenting to the Public the Sixth, and probably the last, Volume of it, begs leave respectfully to offer a few parting words. And, first, he feels himself entitled to say, that he has faithfully performed the duty which, at the outset of his labours, he imposed on himself, not to admit into his Work any Song inimical to the purity and delicacy of the female mind.

Although it might perhaps be in the Editor's power, by much research, and the assistance of his poetical friends, to add another good Volume to his work, yet he is very little inclined to extend it beyond its present limits; and would much rather hear the Public say that it is too short, than that it is too long. He knows how difficult a task it would be to glean many more Scottish Melodies of a class equal to those contained in his Six Volumes;—and were he to swell his work by the trashy tunes, and wretched doggerel rhymes, with which some Scottish Collections overflow, he would utterly debase it in his own eyes, and in the opinion of every person whom he is ambitious to please.

In these six Volumes are comprised the choicest Music and Poetry of his Folio Scottish, Welsh, and Irish Collections; and above fifty additional Melodies and Songs, acquired by him since the publication of his folio works; the greater part of which are from original MSS. Ten of the Melodies in this Volume, which have been harmonized, all but two of them, by Beethoven, for three voices, are noveltics equally original and beautiful, which cannot fail to afford peculiar delight to the lovers of vocal harmony.

The Engravings which embellish this Work, from the Designs of D. Allan and T. Stothard, will be found peculiarly meritorious. Those of Mr Allan, a warm and much valued friend of the Editor, were executed for this work con amore: they have been many years reserved for it, owing to the unavoidable delay which has occurred in its publication. Burns saw them, and felt them to be so finely characteristic of the Scottish Peasantry, that he thus expressed his admiration of the Artist: "Pride in Poets is nae sin, and I will say it, that I look on Mr Allan and Mr Burns to be the only genuine painters of Scottish costume in the Allan's groupes display much of the truth and nature which we find in Teniers, and in humour he sometimes approaches Hogarth.

To the Poets who have enriched this Work by their Songs, more particularly Burns, Sir Walter Scott, Joanna Baillie, and William Smyth, the Editor feels himself under the deepest obligations; for, without their kind and liberal aid, and the indescribable trouble which they took with the Songs, it would not have been in his power to complete the Work with satisfaction either to himself or the Public.

The following brief account of the Work is extracted from the Edinburgh Review:

"It was on the suggestion of the Editor of the Work before us, that Burns engaged in the composition of those exquisite lyrics which now constitute the noblest monument to his memory. They are often full of ardent and overwhelming passion, but they never tend

" to unsettle the principles of the young, by "throwing down the barriers between vice and "virtue. They may be sung by the purest " without a hlush, and listened to by the most "innocent without danger ... Besides the best " specimens of the older Scottish Poetry, and " almost the whole of the Songs of Burns, this "Work contains a great number of original " compositions by the most celehrated Poets of "the present day, many of which are exceed-"ingly beautiful; and the Work has thus ac-"quired a high degree of value in a literary " point of view, independently of its value as a " musical publication By obtaining the assist-" ance of the great Masters (Haydn, Beethoven, " &e.) Mr Thomson has produced a hody of Ac-" companiments for his Melodies, which, in re-" spect to originality and beauty, we conceive to "be wholly unrivalled."-Edinburgh Review, October 1823.

Mr Thomson is re-engraving most of the Music Plates of his Folio Works, and will very soon publish New Editions of

The FOLIO Scottish Songs, in Five Vols. 21s. each;

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These Works put the Public in possession of all that appeared to the Editor most valuable and worthy of preservation in the Native ME-LODIES of SCOTLAND, and of WALES, with a considerable portion of those of IRELAND; united to the most interesting Songs that could be obtained from the first Lyric Poets of the age; including also the best Songs of the older Scottish Foets, Ramsay, Hamilton, Thomson, Mallet, Smollet, Skinner, Macneill, &c.; aud united also to Symphonies and Accompaniments composed by the greatest Musicians in Europe. And the Editor flatters himself that these Works will thus prove equally delightful to Singers, to Instrumental Performers, and to the lovers of Poetry; and he found no less worthy of a place on the Music-desk, than in the Li. brary of the man of taste.

Edinburgh, No. 3, Royal Exchange, May 2. 1825.



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TENTIFICIE BANKS.

Said Lyny Laste will ye go yo Die Kighland bills & be my bride

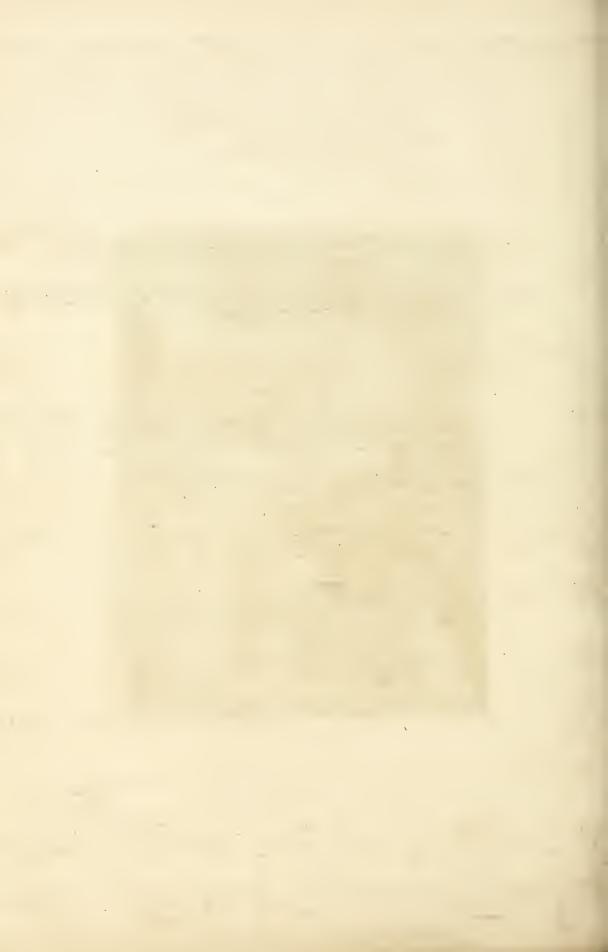
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Tappy happy was the show. That led me to his birken bow'r



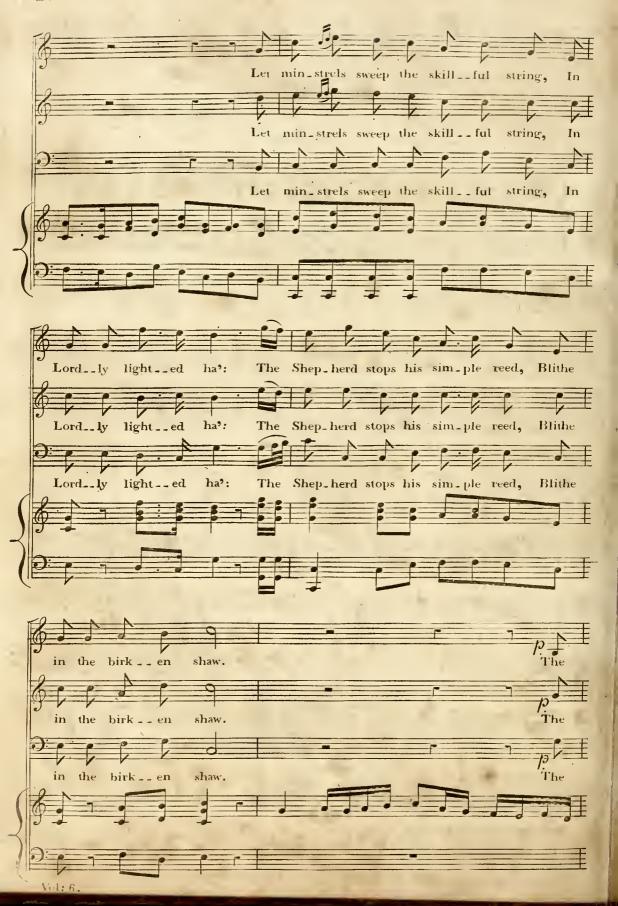
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* In this & the other Scottish Trios, each Verse should first be sung by the Canto voice singly, and then repeated by the three voices together.







The Shepherd in the flow'ry glen,
In Shepherd's phrase will woo;
The Courtier tells a finer tale,

sung with the 8 lines below.

But is his heart as true.

These wildwood flow'rs I've pu'd to deck,

That spotless breast o' thine;

The Courtier's gems may witness love,

The Couruer's gems may witness tove,

But 'tis na love like mine.

SWEET ANNIE FOR THREE VOICES BY BEETHOVEN.—1822.





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Last Stanza.

Years have roll'd on, Loch-na-Garr, since I left you,
Years must elapse ere I tread you again;
Nature of verdure and flow'rs has bereft you,
Yet still are you dearer than Albion's plain.
England! thy beauties are tame and domestic,
To one who has rov'd on the mountains afar;
Oh! for the crags that are wild and majestic,
The steep frowning glories of dark Loch-na-Garr.

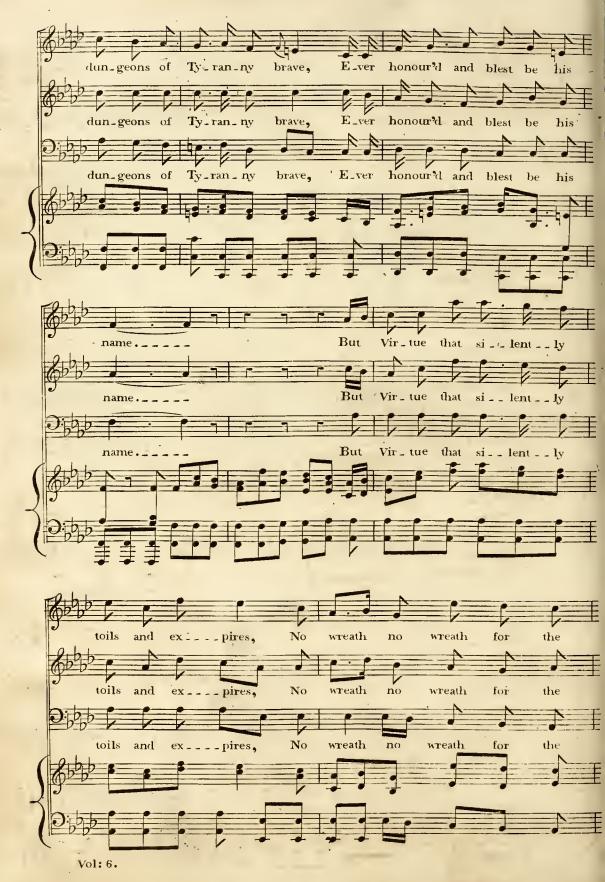
^{***} The Editor regrets that he has not room for the intermediate stanzas of the noble Author.

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SHE'S FAIR & FAUSE FOR THREE VOICES BY BEETHOVEN.-1822.

Set to the Verses of W.Smyth Esq! * See the Note prefixd to the first Trio.

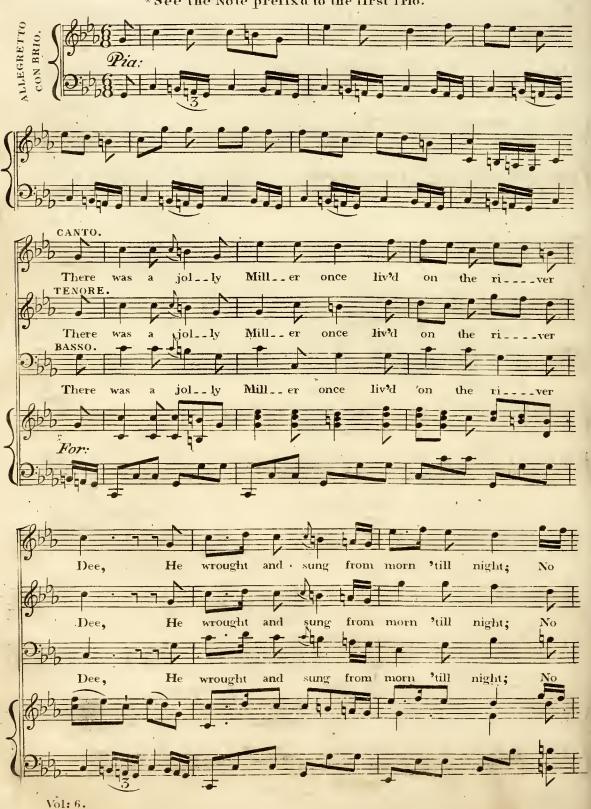




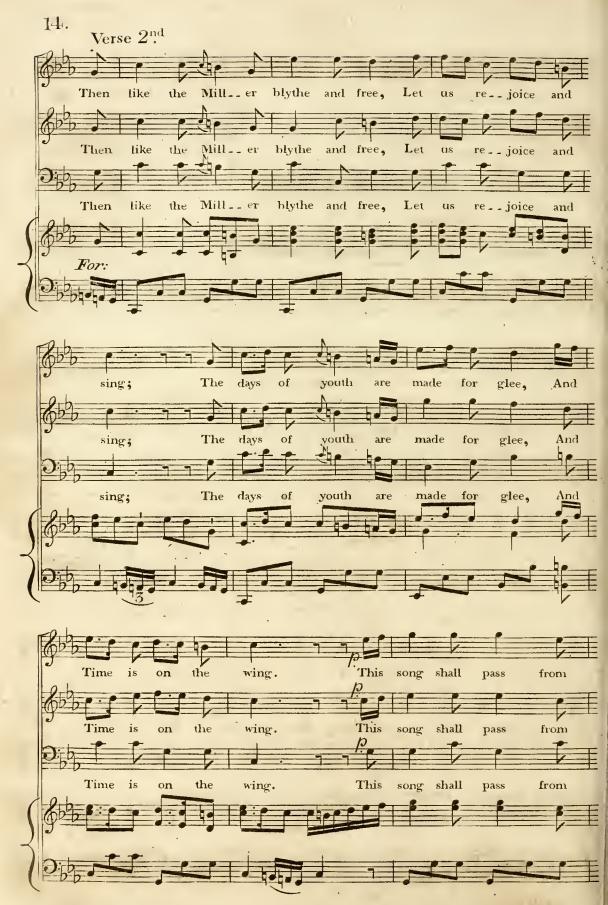


THE MILLER OF DEE FOR THREE VOICES: BY BEETHOVEN.—1824.

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DUNCAN GRAY

FOR THREE VOICES

BY BEETHOVEN-1822.

The Verses by Burns.
*See the Note prefixd to the first Trio.





Duncan was a lad o' grace,

Maggie's was a piteous case,

Duncan cou'llna be her death,

Swelling pity smoor'd his wrath;

Now they're crouse and canty baith,

Ha, ha, the wooing o't;

Ha, ha, the wooing oot.

Ha, ha, the wooing o't.

Ha, ha, the wooing o't. Vol: 6.

Time and chance are but a tide,

Ha, ha, the wooing o't;

Ha, ha, the wooing o't.

For a haughty hizzie die;

Slighted love is sair to bide,

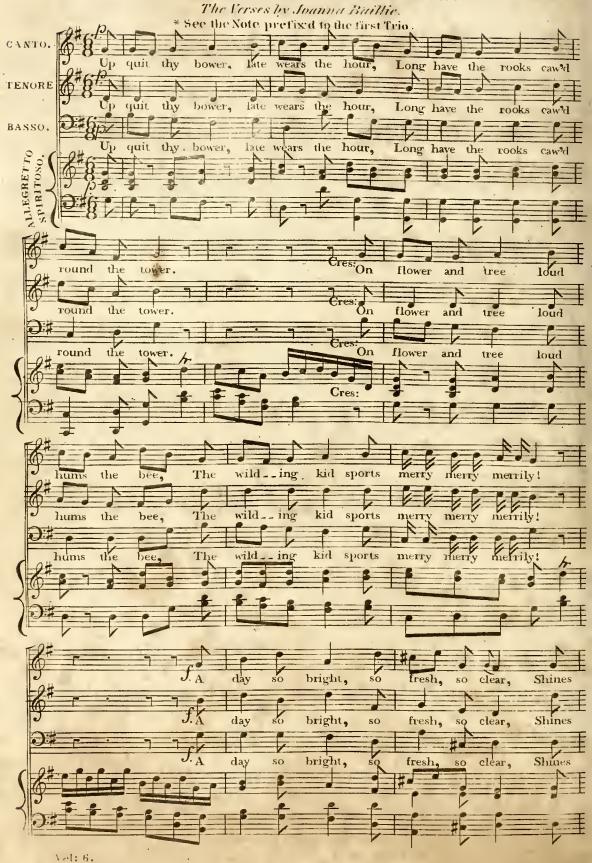
Shall I like a fool quoth he,

She may gae to France for me,

UP QUIT THY BOWER

FOR THREE VOICES

BY BEETHOVEN.-Pub! in 1824.





Up Lady fair, and braid thy hair,
And rouze thee in the breezy air;
The lulling stream, that sooth'd thy dream,
Is dancing in the sunny beam;
And hours so sweet, so bright, so gay,
Will waft good fortune on its way.
And hours &c.

3rd

Up! time will tell; the friar's bell,
Its service—sound hath chimed well;
The aged crone keeps house alone,
And reapers to the fields are gone;
The active day so boon and bright,
May bring good fortune ere the night.
The active day &c.

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THE QUAKERS WIFE

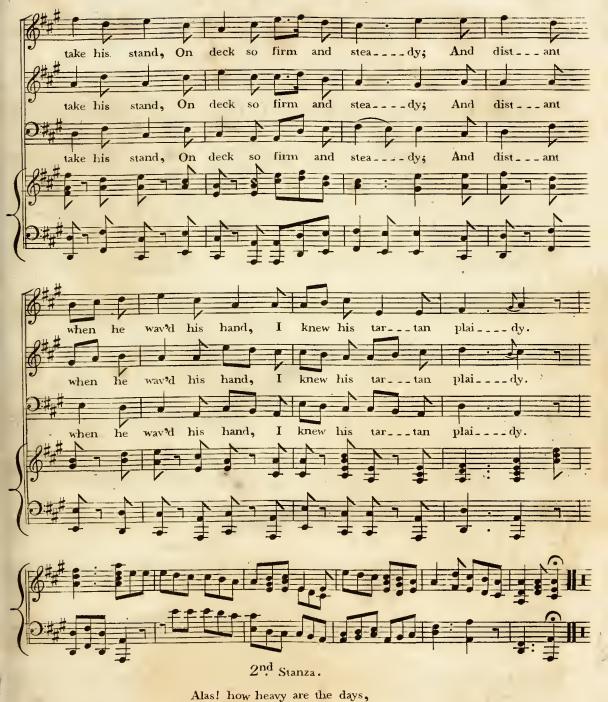
FOR THREE VOICES

BY BEETHOVEN.-1824.

The Verses from a MS, of MES Hunter.

* See the Note prefixed to the first Trio.





In absence and in sorrow;

While war and death a thousand ways,
Still make me dread tomorrow.

O that ambition were at rest,
While I, the Captain's Lady;
Should with my Soldier be so blest,
All gay in tartan plaidy.

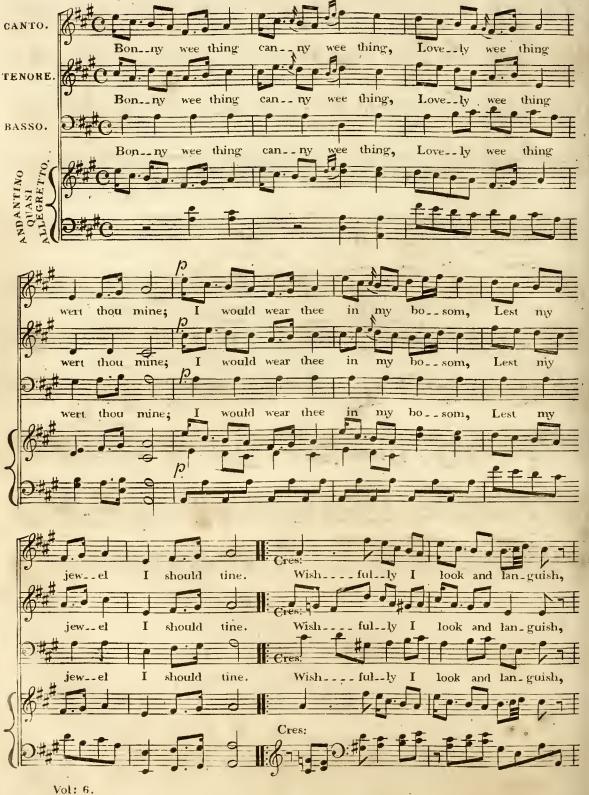
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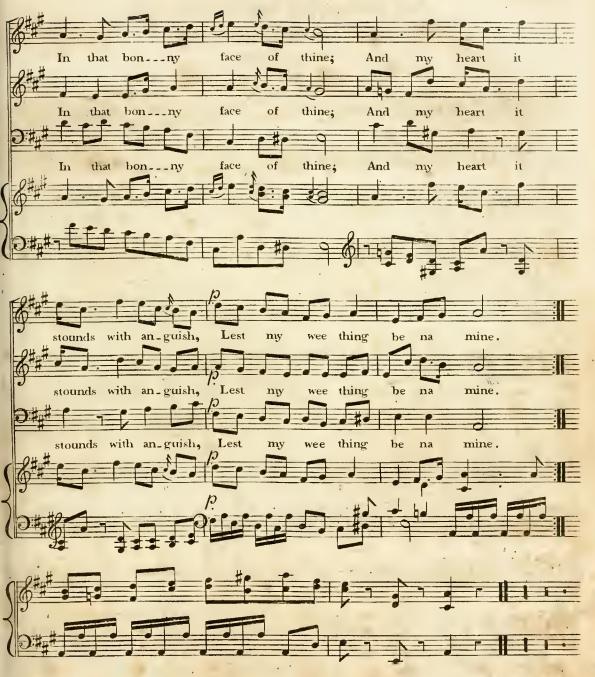
FOR THREE VOICES

BY HAYDN-1824.

The Verses by Burns.

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2nd Stanza.

Bonny wee thing, canny wee thing, &c.

Wit, and grace, and love, and beauty,

In one constellation shine!

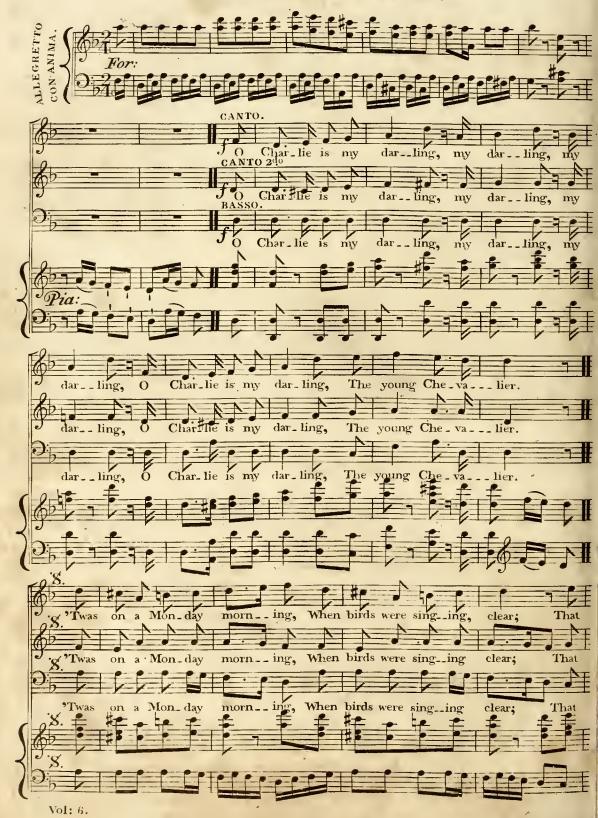
To adore thee is my duty,

Goddess of this soul of mine.

CHARLIE IS MY DARLING

FOR THREE VOICES

BY BEETHOVEN.-1822.





* The Editor suggests the following mode of singing this piece. The 3 Voices to sing the music once through, as it stands:— And the Verses engraved below, to be sung by one voice singly with the upper line of the music, from the mark S. to the word Chorus:— The 3 Voices repeating the Chorus, 660 Charlie, at the end of each Verse.

2nd

And many a gallant Scottish Chief, Came round their Prince to cheer; For Charlie was their darling, The young Chevalier.

Сно? O Charlie &c.

They would na bide to chase the roes, Or start the mountain deer;
But aff they march'd wi' Charlie,
The gallant Chevalier.

Vol: 6. Cho? O Charlie &c.

4th

Now up the wild Glenevis,
And down by Lochy side;
Young Malcom leaves his shealing,
And Donald leaves his bride.
CHO? O Charlie &c.

Around our Scottish thistle's head, There's many a pointed spear; And many a sword shall wave around, Our young Chevalier.

Сно: О Charlie &c.

AULD LANG SYNE

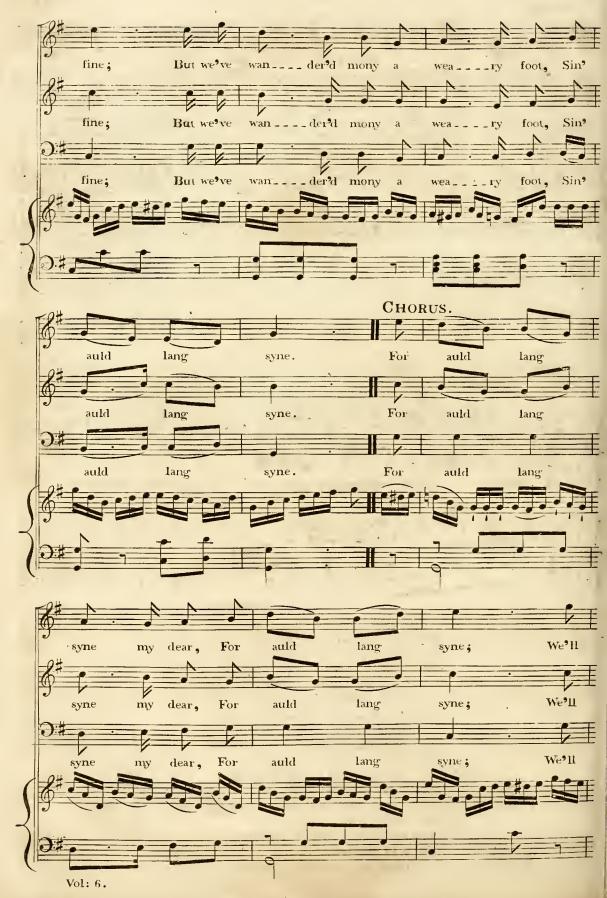
FOR THREE VOICES

The Sym ⁸Accomp, ^t & Vocal harmony new-1824.
THE VERSES BY BURNS.

* See the Note prefix'd to the first Trio.









We twa ha'e paid!'t in the burn, Frae morning sun 'till dine; But seas between us braid ha'e roar'd, Sin' auld lang syne.

CHO! For auld lang syne. &c. 4th

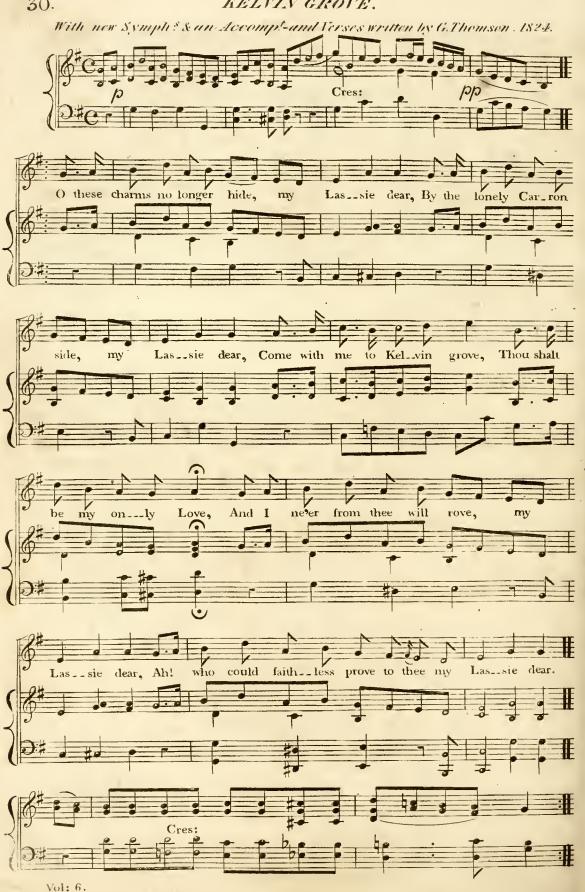
And there's a hand my trusty fiere,
And gie's a hand o' thine;
And we'll take a right gude-willie waught,
For auld lang syne.

CHO? For auld lang syne. &c. 5th

And surely you'll be your pint stoup, And surely I'll be mine; And we'll take a cup o' kindness yet, For auld lang syne.

CHOS For auld lang syne. &c.

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KELVIN GROVE.

THE VERSES WRITTEN FOR THE MELODY,

BY GEORGE THOMSON, __1824.

This Melody, which, 'till of late was not much known to the Public, has long been familiat to lovers of Song in the west of Scotland, though very little sung, owing to its union with verses of a vulgar and exceptionable cast, beginning, "O the shearin's no for thee, bonnie lassie, O." And though it has recently been published with other verses, yet the Editor, presuming they are property, has been induced to write the verses which are here offered to the Public; in the hope that they may be found not unsuitable to the simple character of the melody.

O THESE charms no longer hide,
My lassie dear,
By the lonely Carron side,
My lassie dear,
Come with me to Kelvin grove,
Thou shalt be my only Love,
And I ne'er from thee will rove,
My lassie dear;
Ah! who to thee could faithless prove,
My lassie dear.

I have fields of golden grain,

My lassie dear,

My flocks range o'er the plain,

My lassie dear,

I've an orchard, and a mill,

By the softly purling rill,

And my eot's screen'd hy the hill,

My lassie dear,

By the sweetly wooded hill,

My lassie dear.

There the woodlark and the thrush,

My lassie dear,
Chaunt their loves from ev'ry bush,

My lassie dear,
Through the grove and greenwood glade
Rings the artless screnade;
Then how sweet the ev'ning shade,

My lassie dear,
While the sky's bright liveries fade,

My lassie dear.

When thy graceful form I view,
My lassie dear,
And thine eye so mild and blue,
My lassie dear,
I think; if thou wert mine,
I should ne'er again repine,
Let the world storm or shine,
My lassie dear,
With thee I'd ne'er repine,
My lassie dear.

She rais'd her lovely een,

The lassie dear,

Shew'd a face might grace a queen,

The lassie dear:

Her blushes spoke consent

And soon to church they went,

And they're rich in sweet content,

And peace and love;

A happier pair were never kent

In Kelvin grove.

THE CONSTANT MAID.

THE SONG AND THE MELODY BOTH WRITTEN BY GEORGE THOMSON, -1824.

Spring's primrose banks, and wood-notes wild,
And summer bright, and autumn mild,
And winter nights, with jest and glee,
Were all in turn right dear to me.
But warblers now unheeded sing,
And flow'rs and fruits untented spring,
And nights that once seem'd short, are lang,
Nae langer cheer'd by Norman's sang.

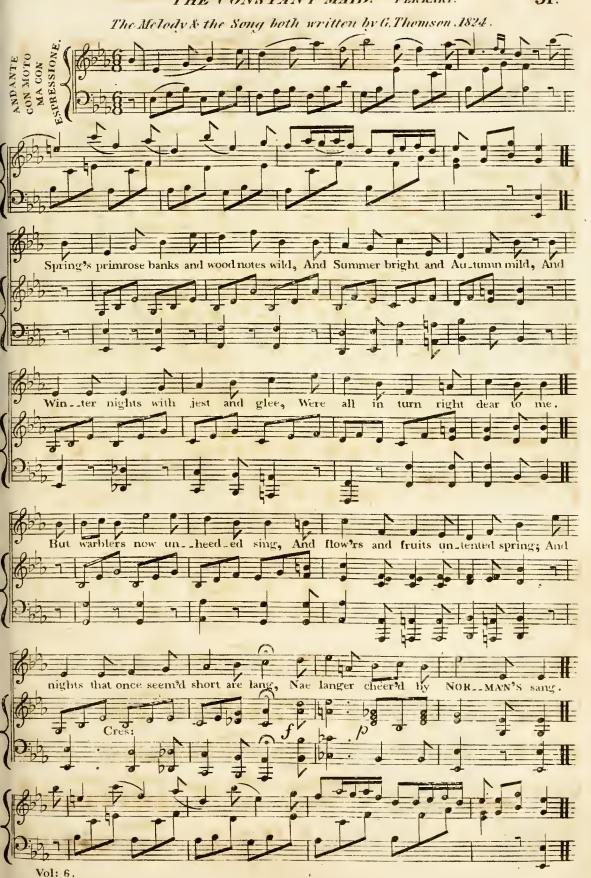
My Norman won the hearts of a',
He was sae gallant, kind, and free;
At kirk, in camp, or Chieftain's ha',
The match of him ye cou'd na see.
But woe to dark Drummossie muir,*
And cruel deeds of that sad day,
When right to might was forc'd to cour,
And captive he' was borne away.

'Till then, a blyther lass than I
Ne'er led the sprightly Highland dance;
And lighter foot or merrier eye,
Than Norman's, ne'er came out of France.
To me how chang'd those laughing hours!
I seek no more the village train,
But fly to lonely birken bowers,
To muse upon my faithful swain.

To those lov'd haunts, at gloaming grey, I ofttimes steal, by all unscen; There sorrow's sweet, ah! well-a-day, When none can mark my downcast mien. There, I look back with many a sigh, On meetings, vows, and partings dear—Ah, me! were my brave soldier nigh, He'd soon "kiss off this falling tear."

Hope! still I fondly cling to thee, Sweet cordial of the aching heart; That bliss is yet in store for me, When we shall meet, no more to part. Time! like an arrow wing thy flight,— O haste to change my wayward lot; Bring Norman back to glad my sight, And then, what palace like our eot!

^{*} The field on which the battle of Culloden was lost by the Highland Clans.



The Symph! & Accompan! new.-1824.



O WERE MY LOVE YON LILAC FAIRA

The first Stanza by Burns, the second by John Richardson, and both written for this Work: The last Stanza is old.—The Air, as comprised in the first eight bars, was communicated by a lady of Kinross-shire to the Editor: the other half of the Air has been added by himself.

O WERE my Love you lilac fair,
With purple blossoms to the spring;
And I a bird to shelter there,
When wearied on my little wing.
How I would mourn when it was torn,
By autumn wild, and winter rude!
But I would sing on wanton wing,
When merry May its bloom renew'd.

O were my Love yon vi'let sweet,
That peeps frae 'neath the hawthorn spray,
And I mysel' the zephyr's breath,
Amang its bonnie leaves to play;
I'd fan it wi' a constant gale,
Beneath the noontide's scorehing ray;
And sprinkle it wi' freshest dews,
At morning dawn and parting day.

O gin my Love were you red rose,
That grows upon the eastle wa'!
And I mysel' a drap of dew,
Into her bonnie breast to fa'!
Oh, there, beyond expression blest,
I'd feast on beauty a' the night;
Seal'd on her silk-saft falds to rest,
Till fley'd awa' by Phœbus' light.

ANOTHER SONG FOR THE SAME AIR.

BY BURNS.

My Peggy's face, my Peggy's form, The frost of hermit age might warm; My Peggy's worth, my Peggy's mind Might charm the first of human kind. I love my Peggy's angel air, Her face so truly heav'nly fair, Her native grace so void of art, But I adore my Peggy's heart.

The lily's hue, the rose's dye,
The kindling lustre of an eye,
Who but owns their magic sway?
Who but knows they all decay?
The tender thrill, the pitying tear,
The gen'rous purpose, nobly dear,
The gentle look that rage disarms,—
These are all immortal charms.

THE SOLDIER LADDIE.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

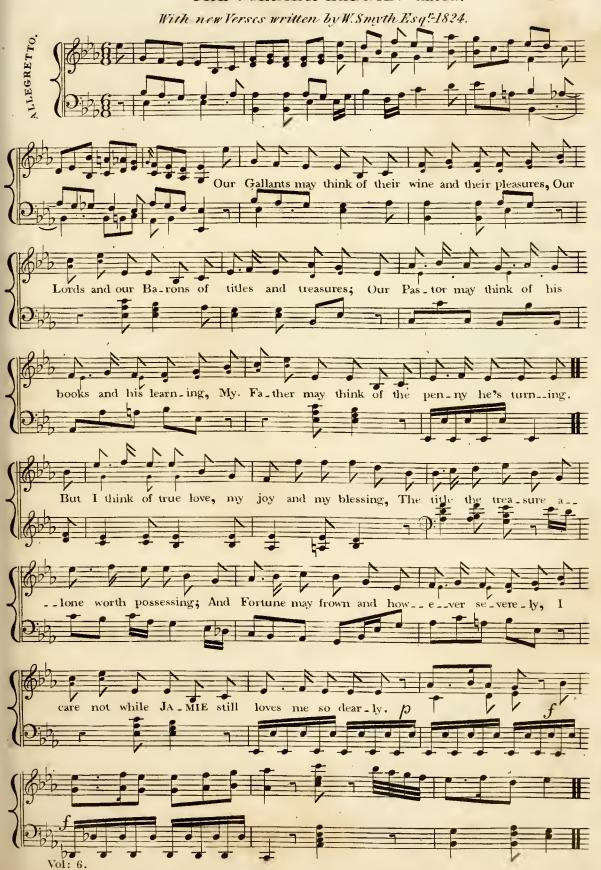
BY WILLIAM SMYTH ESQ.-1824.

Our Gallants may think of their wine and their pleasures,
Our Lords and our Barons of titles and treasures,
Our Pastor may think of his books and his learning,
My Father may think of the penny he's turning.
But I think of true Love, my joy and my blessing,
The title, the treasure, alone worth possessing,
And Fortune may frown, and however severely
1 eare not, while Jamie still loves me so dearly.

Oh! when was I wretched?—then only believe me,
When Jamie was listed and going to leave me:—
And when was I happy, and gay, and light-hearted?
It was when he told me, we should not be parted.—
What cared I for marching.—when patting my shoulder,
He call'd me "brave Lassie, and worthy a Soldier;"
What eared I for sickness, when still he sat near me,
And tried, the poor fellow, to nurse me and cheer me.

But, Oh! for the battle! O how have I trembled,
Aud sunk in my heart, while my fears I dissembled—
Yet true love supported, and warm'd me, and guarded,
Tho' sometimes half breaking the heart it rewarded:
But how did my life and my spirits recover,
When Jamie was safe and the battle was over!
Oh, blessing! to hang on his neck and to languish,
They never knew transport who never knew anguish.

The wars are now over—and calmer the weather,
And smoother the road that we travel together;
The journey of life—to the point gently bending,
Where true love itself must at last find an ending.
Yet leave us not, true love! for still thou can'st bless us,
Can'st cheer us when siekness and sorrows distress us,
Light up the dark clouds that old age may hang o'er us,
And shew the far world that is bright'ning before us.





UP AND WAR THEM A', WILLIE.

The following simple and beautiful ballad first came into public view about the year 1771, and was probably composed not much anterior to that period.

But are you sure the news is true!
And are you sure he's weel?
Is this a time to think o' wark?
Fy, lass, fling by your wheel!
Is this a time to think o' thrift,
When Colin's at the door?
Rax me my cloak, I'll down the quay,
And see him come ashore.
There's nae luck about the house,
There's nae luck about the house,
When our goodman's awa'.

Rise up, and mak' a clean fire-side,

Put on the muckle pot;

Gie little Kate her cotton gown,

And Jock his Sunday's coat:

Mak' their shoon as black as slos,

Their stockings white as snaw;

It's a' to pleasure our goodman,

He likes to see them braw.—There's nae, δc.

There are twa hens into the crib,

Ha'e fed this month and mair;

Mak' haste, and thraw their neeks about,

That Colin weel may fare.

Bring down to me my bigonet,

My bishop-satin gown;

And then gae tell the bailie's wife,

That Colin's come to town.—There's nac, &c.

My turkey slippers I'll put on,
My stockings pearl blue;
And a' to pleasure our goodman,
For he's baith leal and true.
Sae sweet his voice, sae smooth his tongue,
His breath's like cauler air;
His very tread has music in't,
As he comes up the stair.—There's nae, &c.

And will I see his face again!

And will I hear him speak!

I'm downright dizzy wi' the thought,

In troth I'm like to greet!—There's nae, &c.

JENNY DANG THE WEAVER.

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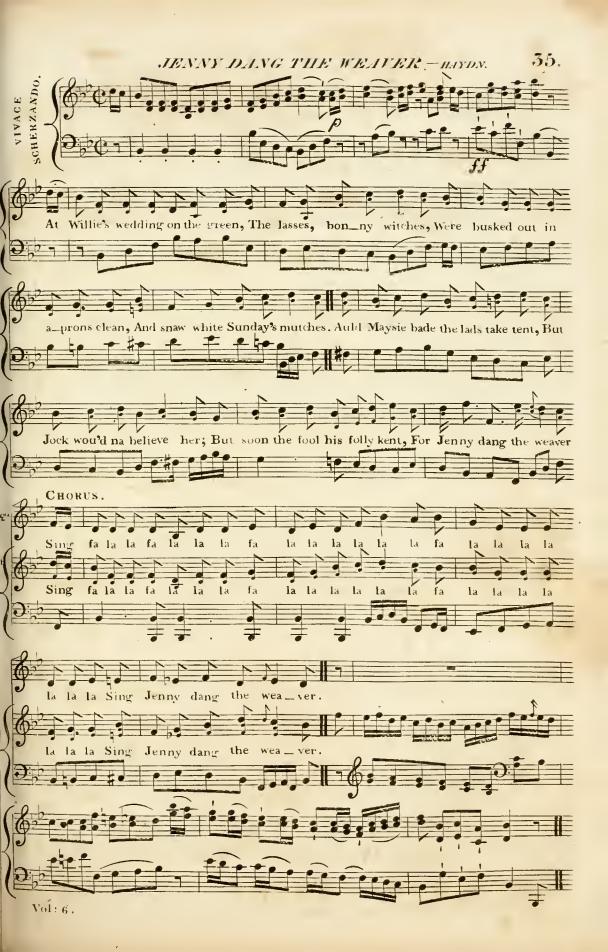
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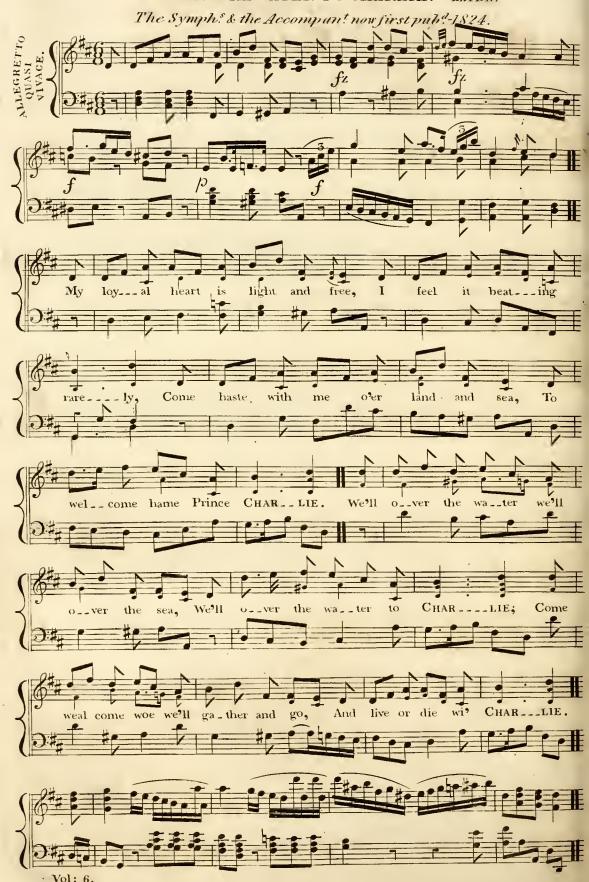
AND PRESENTED BY HIM TO THE EDITOR.

At Willy's wedding on the green,
The lasses, bonny witches,
Were buskit out in aprons clean,
And snaw-white Sunday's mutches.
Auld Mysic bade the lads tak' tent,
But Jock wad nae believe her;
And soon the fool his folly kent,
For—Jenny dang the weaver.
Sing, Jenny dang, &c.

In ilka countra-dance and reel,
Wi' her he wad be babbin;
When she sat down, then he sat down,
And till her wad be gabbin:
Whare'er she gaed, or but or ben,
The coof wad never leave her,
Ay cacklin like a clockin hen,
But—Jenny dang the weaver.
Sing, Jenny dang, &c.

Quoth he, "My lass, to speak my mind,
"Good haith! I need na swither:
"You've bonny een, and, gif you're kind,
"I needna court anither."
He humm'd and ha'd—the lass cried feugh!
And bade the fool no deave her;
Then snapt her thumb, and lap and leugh,
And—dang the silly weaver!
Sing, Jenny dang, δc.





OVER THE WATER TO CHARLIE.

The two first verses from a Manuscript—now first published, 1824.

M_Y loyal heart is light and free,
I feel it beating rarely,
Come haste wi' me o'er land and sea,
To welcome hame Prince Charlie.
We'll over the water, we'll over the sea,
We'll over the water to Charlie,
Come weal, come woe, we'll gather and go,
And live or die wi' Charlie.

The red-coat lads wi' black cockades,

Nae mair shall lord it o'er us;

The snaw-white rose, the dread of foes,

Shall make them skip before us.

Over the water, and over the sea,

We'll over the water to Charlie;

Come weal, come woe, we'll gather and go,

And live or die wi' Charlie.

Oh! I lo'c weel my Charlie's name,

Though some there be that abhor him;

But O to see auld Nick gang hame

Wi' Charlie's foes before him.

We'll over the water, we'll over the sea,

We'll over the water to Charlie;

Come weal, come woe, we'll gather and go,

And live or die wi' Charlie.

I swear by moon and stars so bright,
And sun that glances early,
If I had twenty thousand lives,
I'd gi'e them a' to Charlie.
We'll over the water, we'll over the sea,
We'll over the water to Charlie;
Come weal, come woe, we'll gather and go,
And live or die wi' Charlie.

^{*} The Ferry of Balachulish is the water or sea here alloded to; for, in the common parlance of the Highlands, every little firth or arm of the sea, was called the sea.

THE HAPPY TRIO.

THE SONG BY BURNS.

THE AIR BY ALLAN MASTERTON.

O WILLTE brew'd a peck o' maut,
And Rob and Allan came to see;*
Three blither hearts, that lee lang night,
Ye wad na found in Christendie.
We're are na fou, we're nae that fou,
But just a drappy in our e'e;
The cock may craw, the day may daw,
And ay we'll taste the barley bree.
We are na fou, &c.

Here are we met, three merry boys,

Three merry boys, I trow, are we;

And mony a night we've merry been,

And mony mae we hope to be.

We are na fou, we're na that fou,

But just a drappy in our e'e;

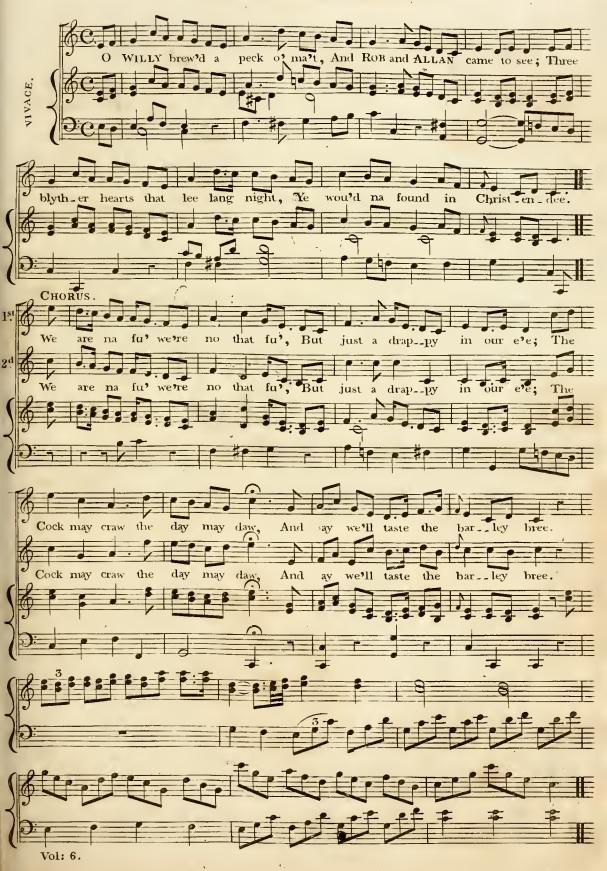
The cock may craw, the day may daw,

And ay we'll taste the barley bree.

It is the moon,—I ken her horn,
That's blinking in the lift sae hie;
She shines sae bright, to wyle us hame,
But by my sooth she'll wait a wee!
We are na fou, we're nae that fou,
But just a drappy in our e'e;
The cock may craw, the day may daw,
And ay we'll taste the barley bree.

Wha first shall rise to gang awa,
A silly coward loun is he!
Wha first beside his chair shall fa',
He is the king amang us three.
We are na fou, we're nae that fou,
But just a drappy in our e'e;
The cock may craw, the day may daw,
And ay we'll taste the barley bree.

^{*} The POET,—the Composer of the Air,—and Mr WILLIAM NICOL, one of the Masters of the High School, Edinburgh.



The Song by Sir Walter Scott Bur!







I may not, dare not, fancy now
The grief that clouds thy lovely brow,
I dare not think upon thy vow,

And all it promised me, MARY.

No fond regret must NORMAN know,

When bursts Clan-Alpine on the foe,

His heart must be like bended bow,

His foot like arrow free, MARY.

A time will come with feeling fraught! For, if I fall in battle fought, Thy hapless lover's dying thought

Shall be a thought on thee, MARY. And if returned from conquered foes, How blithely will the evening close, How sweet the linnet sing repose,

To my young bride and me, MARY.



POLWARTH ON THE GREEN.

SET TO THE REV. MR LOGAN'S ODE TO THE CUCKOO.

The exquisite beauty of these Verses has long made the Editor desirous of uniting them with appropriate Music; and such, he thinks, will be found in that upon the opposite page.

Hall beauteous stranger of the grove!
Thou messenger of Spring!
Now Heav'n repairs thy rural seat,
And woods thy welcome ring.
What time the daisy decks the green,
Thy certain voice we hear:—
Hast thou a star to guide thy path,
Or mark the rolling year?

Delightful stranger, now with thee,*

I hail the time of flowers;

And hear the sound of music sweet

From birds among the bowers.

The school-boy wand ring through the wood

To pull the primrose gay,

Starts, the new voice of Spring to hear,

And imitates thy lay.

What time the pea puts on the bloom,
Thou fliest the vocal vale;
An annual guest in other lands,
Another spring to hail.
Sweet bird! thy bower is ever green,
Thy sky is ever clear;
Thou hast no sorrow in thy song,
No winter in thy year.

Oh! could I fly, I'd fly with thee; We'd make, with joyful wing, Our annual visit o'er the globe, Companions of the Spring.

^{*} The line, as originally written, was " Delightful visitant with thee,"—but the word visitant could not here be sung without putting the accent on its last syllable, which, to a critical hearer, would be insufferable. To render the line fit for singing, therefore, the Editor has taken the liberty slightly to alter it as above.

BESSY BELL AND MARY GRAY.

FROM A MANUSCRIPT PRESENTED BY THE AUTHOR TO THE EDITOR, AND NOW FIRST PUBLISHED, 1824.

THE Song is founded on the following tradition, given in the Statistical Account of the Parish of Methven, Perthshire. "Bessy Bell was the daughter of the Laird of Kinvaid, and Mary Gray daughter of the Laird of Lednock. Being near neighbours, a great intimacy subsisted between the young ladies. When they were together at Lednock, in 1645, the plague broke out, to avoid which they retired to a romantic spot called Burn Braes, where they lived for some time, but afterwards caught the infection from a young gentleman, an admirer of both, who came to visit them in their solitude. Here they died, and were buried at some distance from their bower, near a beautiful bank of the Almond. Major Berry, the late proprietor of Lednock, inclosed, with pious care, the spot of ground, and consecrated it to the memory of these famed and amiable friends."

The romantic spot thus hallowed by the Muse, the Editor had the satisfaction of visiting some years ago. The name, Lednock, was changed to Lyndoch by its present owner, the gallant General who won and wears that now baronial title.

The Author has retained the first four lines only of Allan Ramsay's Bessy Bell, which lines are supposed to have been part of an old Song, now irrecoverable. If it existed in Ramsay's days, it is to be regretted that he did not preserve it, instead of substituting one of the poorest of his own compositions. It is more than probable that the Old Song related to the above-mentioned tradition, and a conjecture may be allowed that it was somewhat in the following strain:

O BESSY BELL, and Mary Gray,
They were twa bonny lasses;
They biggit a bower on yon burn brae,
And theekit it o'er wi' rashes.
"Frae town and plague we're far away,
There's naething now to fear us,
On our ain Almond's broomy brae
Nae ill thing dare come near us."

All night beneath the bower they bade,—
The lee lang day they wander'd
In green Glen-Almond's forest shade,
Or by the burnie daunder'd.
The dew their footseps scareely shook
From off the morning heather;
The moon they gazed on in the brook
Was not more pure than either.

He came—one short sweet hour he staid,
Beneath the bower of rashes,
And mony a gentle word was said

'Twixt him and these fair lasses.

They brought him all their best of ebeer—
Nor malvoisie nor sherris,
But water from the fountain clear,
And wilding mountain-berries.

Three hearts were heavy when he turn'd
From them and their lone shealing;
Alas! within each bosom burn'd
Twa ills that knew no healing:
For love was there, that flower'd in joy,
But must have grown in sorrow,—
And pestilence came with the boy,
And death came on the morrow.

Cold lies he in proud Hunting-tower,

That bore the plague spot thither,
And cold lie they within their bower,
Hand link'd in hand together.

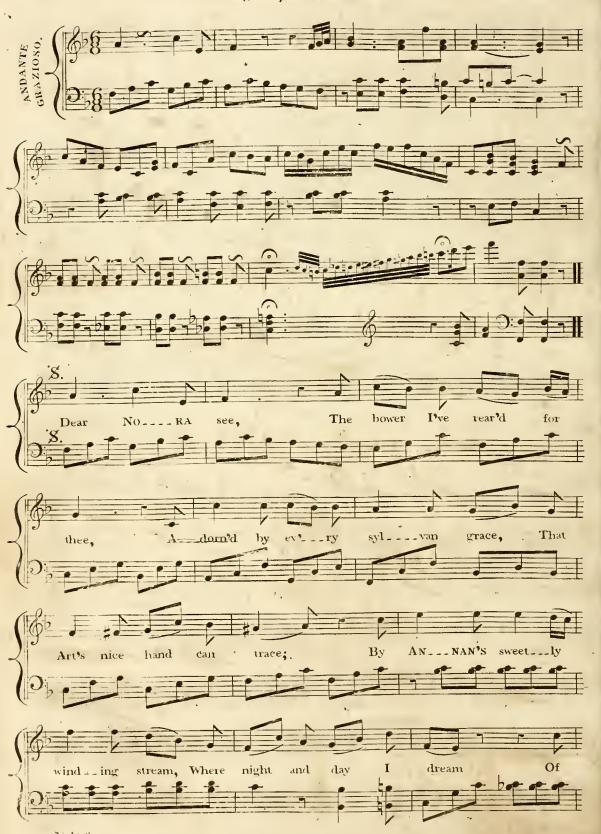
The burn runs clear their pillow near,
And the auld thorn tree is shady—
Dig deep, dig deep, but let them sleep
Still row'd in the same plaidie.

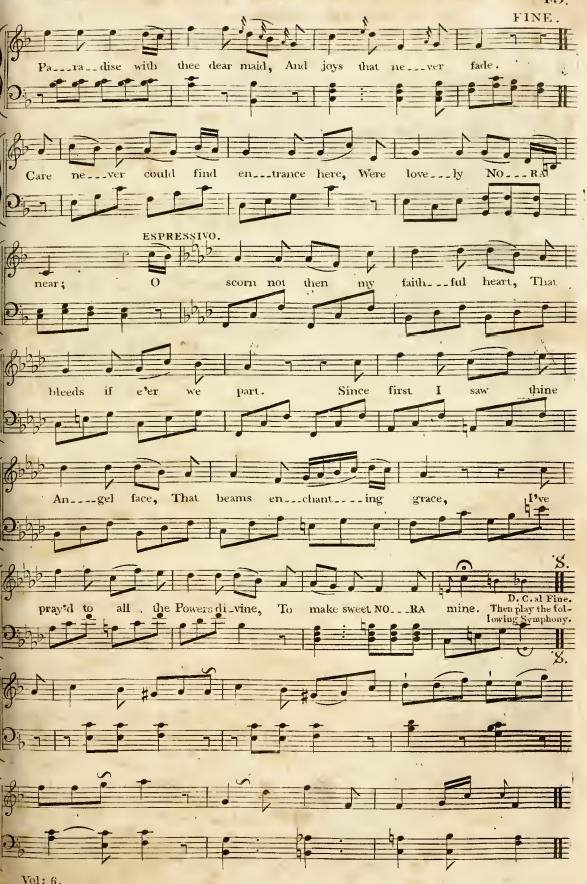
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MY LOVE'S A WINSOME WEE THING.*

THE FIRST STANZA BY BURNS-THE OTHER TWO BY GEORGE THOMSON,

AND FIRST PUBLISHED IN 1824.

My Love's a winsome wee thing,
She is a handsome wee thing,
She is a bonnie wee thing,
She has promis'd right soon to be mine.
I never saw a fairer,
I never lo'ed a dearer,
And neist my heart I'll wear her,
For fear my jewel tine.

O blessings on my wee thing,
My kindly blythesome wee thing,
With the hand and heart o' my wee thing,
My lot will be almost divine.
In Roslin's fairest bower,
I'll shelter this sweet flower,
Nae blast nor sleety shower
Shall blight this rose of mine.

I doat on ilka feature
Of this dear artless creature,
This darling child of Nature,
More precious than light to my eye
In vain I've roam'd for pleasure,
Through follies without measure;
But now I've found a treasure
Too rich for a king to buy.

* Changed from the old name of the air, " My wife's a wanton wee thing."

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MY MOTHER'S AY GLOWRING O'ER ME.

THE SONG WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK IN 1824,

BY PATRICK FRASER TYTLER, ESQ.

Though Summer's a glorious season,
With his flow'rs and his fruits the trees on,
Yet Winter so grey
Is good in his way,
With pleasures as german to reason.

With pleasures as german to reason.
The ingle burning bright then,
Transforms to day the night then;
When shutters are fast,
We can laugh at the blast,
For his fury but doubles delight then.

Hark,—hark,—how the storm is careering,
The day-light is quick disappearing,
The breeze from the hill
Pipes mournful and chill,

Then, Home! thou'rt especially cheering.
When a snug warm roof is o'er us,
And our friends and bairns before us,
We'll enliven our hearth
With innocent mirth,
And strike up a catch or a chorus.

I grant in the genial soft weather,
The small birds sing sweetly together,
But Man's voice divine,
When mellow'd with wine,
Excels birds of every feather.
Come Jeanie set down the bicker,
And draw us a stoup of good liquor,
Then we'll strike up a chime
Of the brave olden time,
Such strains as made blood flow the quicker.

First give us that Pæan of glory,
The landmark in Scotia's story,
When Robert the Bruce
Bade his followers chuse
Between freedom, or sepulchre gory.

Then change to some pastoral ditty,
Or legend of sorrow and pity,
When brave Gilderoy,
The beautiful boy,
Was dragg'd from his hills to the city.

Next sing of that frolicksome billy
The brave wooer; Muirland Willy,
Whose frank winning way,
And scorn of delay,

Is a lesson to lads slow and silly.

Unlike to our modern example,
Of humming and hawing so ample,
He soon preed her mou',
And wed her, I trow,
Of the old time a notable sample.

Then change to that dirge for the dying,
Sweet Ettrick the voice of thy sighing,
When coffin'd in steel,
The brave and the leal,
The flowers on Flodden were lying

Thy flowers on Flodden were lying.
Or tell us the horrible taking
Of Cope in his moment of waking,
Amid shot and shell,
And the pibroch's loud yell,
His cause and his colours forsaking.

'Tis from music like this we borrow A med'cine for trouble and sorrow, Teach old father Care Our revels to share,

And smooth of his brow ev'ry furrow.—
So Jeanie, set down the bicker,
And draw us a stoup of good liquor,
Then we'll strike up a chime
Of the good olden time,

Such strains as make blood flow the quicker:

THE OLD SONG FOR THE SAME AIR, WRITTEN BY ALLAN RAMSAY.

Mr mither's ay glowrin o'er me,
Though she did the same before me,
I canna get leave to look at my Love,
Or else she'll be like to devour me.
Right fain wad I tak your offer,
Sweet Sir, but I'll tine my tocher;
Then, Sandy, you'll fret, and wyte your poor Kate,
Whene'er ye keek in your toom coffer.

For though my father has plenty
Of siller, and plenishing dainty;
Yet he's unco swear to twin wi' his gear,
And sae we hae need to be tenty.
Tutor my parents wi' caution,
Be wylie in ilka motion;
Brag weel o' your land, and there's my leal hand,
Win them, I'll be at your devotion.



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ESK-MOUNT.

A MELODY WRITTEN BY GEORGE THOMSON, FOR THE MANUSCRIPT VERSES OF A FRIEND, 1824.

I know not why that gentle voice
Is ever in my ear;
Why thy soft notes so oft should rise,
And I thy simplest words should prize
More than aught else I hear.
I know not why that peaceful smile
For ever haunts my mind;
Why 'mid the hours of pain or toil,
It still should eheer me all the while—
So constant and so kind.

I know not why, when thou dost sing
The song of other years,
Albeit no master sweeps the string,
Thy tones do such deep musings bring,
As fill mine eyes with tears.
But I do know that I should be
With joy too deeply tried,
If thou wouldst bend that smile on me,
And swear with that sweet voice to be
My own adopted bride.

O SWEET WERE THE HOURS.

THE SONG WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

BY WILLIAM SMYTH ESQ.

THE MELODY WRITTEN FOR THE SONG BY G. THOMSON, 1824.

OH! sweet were the hours when, in mirth's frolic throng, I led up the revels with dance and with song;
When hrisk from the fountain, and hright as the day,
My spirits o'erflow'd, and ran sparkling away.
Wine—wine—come hring me wine to cheer me,

Wine—wine—come hring me wine to cheer me, Friend of my heart, come pledge me high!
Wine! 'till the dreams of youth again are near me;
Why must they leave me, tell me why?

Return ye sweet hours! once again let me see
Your airy light forms of enchantment and glee:
Come give an old friend, while he crowns his gay glass,
A nod as you part, and a smile as you pass.
Wine—wine—wine—come hring me wine to cheer me,
Friend of my heart, come pledge me high!
Wine, 'till the dreams of youth again are near me;
Why must they leave me, tell me why?

I cannot forget you,—I would not resign,—
There is health in my pulse, and a spell in my wine;
And sunshine in Autumn, tho' passing too soon,
Is sweeter and dearer than sunshine in June.

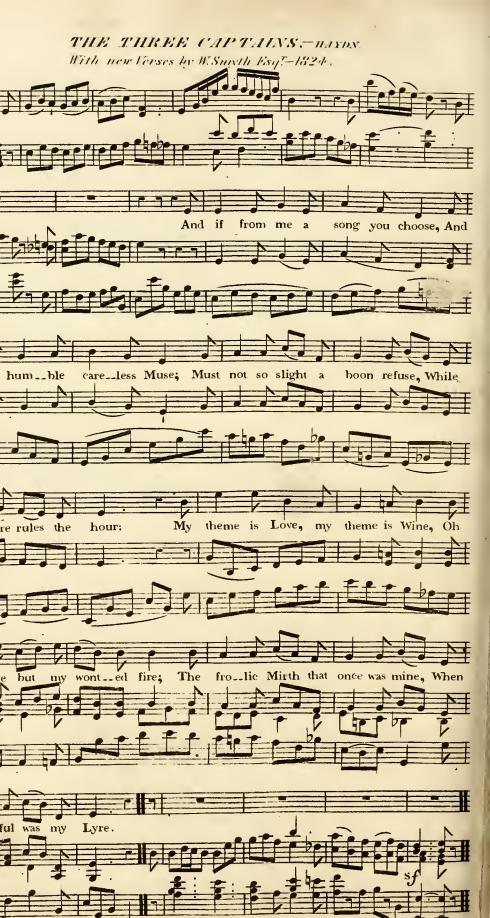
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Friend of my heart, come pledge me high!

Wine! till the dreams of youth again are near me;
Why must they leave me, tell me why?



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THE THREE CAPTAINS.

WITH A NEW SONG WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK,

BY WILLIAM SMYTH, ESQ.-1824.

And if from me a song you choose,
And if my humble careless Muse
Must not so slight a boon refuse,
While pleasure rules the hour,—
My theme is love,—my theme is wine,—
Oh! give me but my wonted fire,
The frolie mirth that once was mine,
When youthful was my lyre.

O happy years! when visions bright,
Dear visions, dane'd before my sight;
Unheeded were the chimes of night,
While sparkling wine went round.
And still at social evening's close,
When cares not rudely intervene,
Life takes the colours of the rose,
As thro' my neetar seen.

And gone too, gone, the happy years,
When love, with all its hopes and fears,
With all its raptures, sighs, and tears,
My ardent soul possest:
Forever gone; and welcome now
The milder hour, the softer ray,
The star that shines on evening's brow,
When set the burning day.

But thou gay Youth, with jocund air,
Tho' I no more the revels share,
O thou that still canst laugh at eare,
Go join the festive throng.
And thou sweet Maid, with blushing cheek,
With beaming eye and smile divine,
With all that to the heart can speak,
Love, happy love, be thine.

THE LAIRD OF COCKPEN.

FROM A MANUSCRIPT COMMUNICATED TO THE EDITOR BY SIR ADAM FERGUSON

THE Laird o' Coekpen he's proud and he's great, His mind is ta'en up wi' the things o' the State; He wanted a wife now his hraw house to keep, But favour wi' wooing was fashious to seek.

Down by the burn side a Lady did dwell, At the head o' his table he thought she'd look well; Maeleish's ae doughter o' Clavers-ha'-lee, A pennyless lass wi' a lang pedigree.

His wig was well pouther'd, and as gnde as new, His waisteoat was red, and his coat it was blue, A ring on his finger, his sword, and cock'd hat, And wha could refuse the auld Laird wi' a' that.

He mounted his mare, he rode cannilie, And rap't at the yett o' Clavers-ha'-lee; "Gae tell Mrs Jean to come speedily ben, "She's wanted to speak wi' the Laird o' Coekpen."

Mrs Jean she was making the elder-flower wine, "And what brings the Laird here at sic a like time?" She pat aff her apron, and on her silk gown, Her mutch wi'red ribbons, and gaed awa down.

And when she can in, the Laird boo'd fu' low,
And what was his errand he soon let her know;
-But, oh! how he stared,—when the Lady said Na!
And wi' a laigh curtsey she then turn'd awa.

The Laird was dumfounder'd, nae sigh did he gie, He mounted his mare, he rode cannilic; And often he thought as he gaed through the glen, She is daft to refuse the Laird o' Coekpen.

ANOTHER SONG FOR THE SAME AIR.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK BY PATRICK FRASER TYTLER, ESQ.—1824.

Reflections of a young Lady after a Ball, who, while putting in her papillots, is casting a hurried glance over her prospects in life.

I THINK it is time to marry,
I think it is time to marry;
The bloom of eighteen
Will ne'er more be seen,
And my views are beginning to vary.

'Tis true, that I'm only twenty,
'Tis true that I'm only twenty;
But a lovelier she
May come on the tapis,
And suitors may not be so plenty.

Let's count o'er the list of my gay men, Let's count o'er the list of my gay men; But names give offence, So I'll dub them at once, Philip, Corydon, Thyrsis, and Damon.

For Philip, he's just a Noodle,
For Philip he's just a Noodle,
A thing to he sure
Who has made the grand tour,
With a Tutor, a Cook, and a Poodle.

Then Corry's the richest of any,
An Indian,—but shrivell'd and yawny,
Who talks long and loud
Of the Nabob of Oude,
Aud the way to make Mullakatawny.

Next comes the poetical Thyrsis, Next comes the poetical Thyrsis, With his "lines to the Moon," And his voice out of tune, And his visage as sad as a hearse is.

But Damon, dear Damon—heigho, Sirs! But Damon, dear Damon—heigho, Sirs! Is manly and pleasing, And gallant, though teazing, And none of your pedants or prosers.

I'll have him—the matter is settled,
I'll have him—the matter is settled;
And when I look sweet,
With my friend at my feet,
How that minx, little Sue, will be nettled.



THE SAME AIR WITHA NEW SONG

By P.F. Tytler Esq. 1824. The Syph's & Accompant as above.



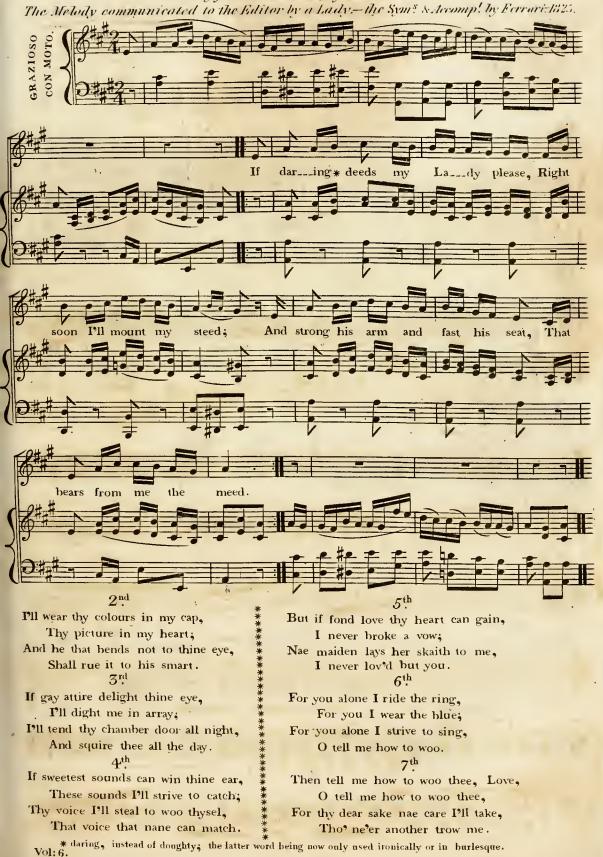
THE WINTER IT IS PAST.



The rose upon the brier by the waters running clear, May have charms for the linnet or the bee; Their little loves are blest, and their little hearts at rest, But my true love is parted from me.

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The Song from the Minstrelsy of the border.

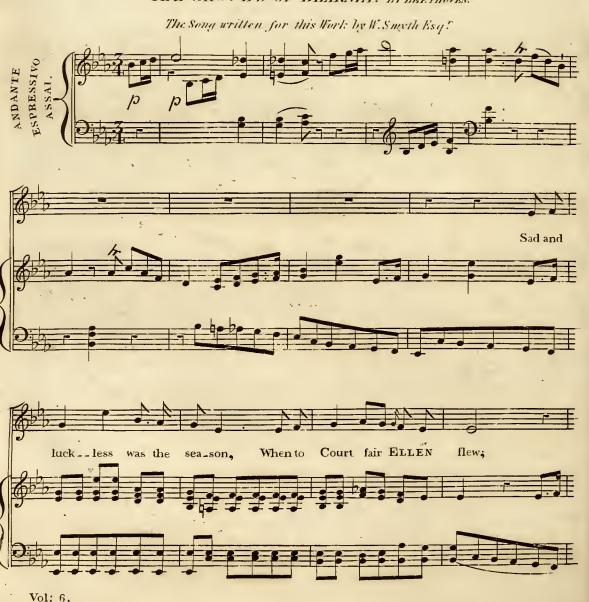


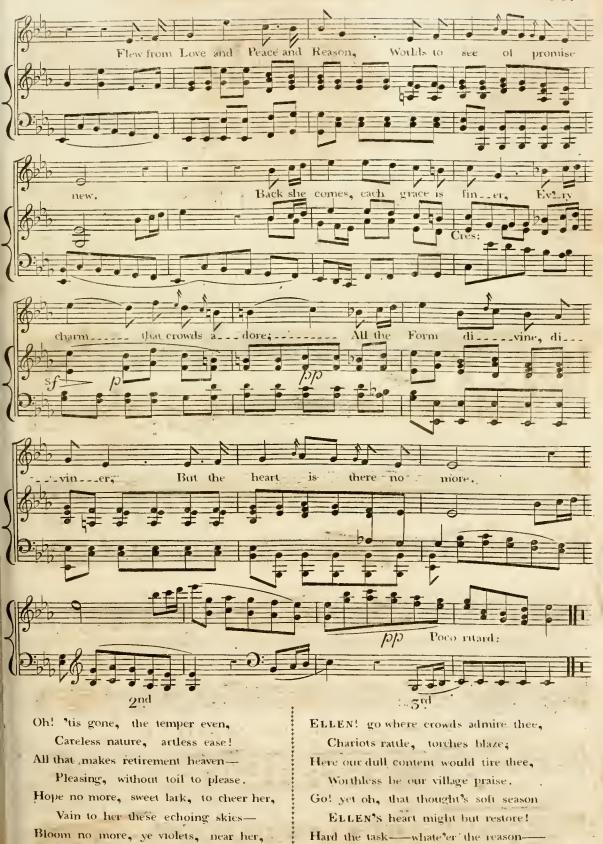
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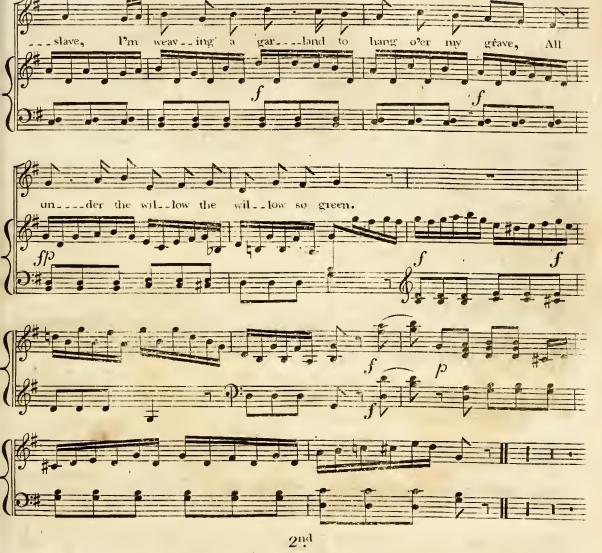


Hard the task to love no more.

Yours are charms she would not prize:

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The fair one you love is, you tell me, untrue,
And here stands poor Shellan, forsaken, like you,

All under the willow, the willow so green:
O take me in sadness to sit by your side,
Your anguish to share, and your sorrows divide;
1911 answer each sigh, and 1911 ccho each groan,
And 9tis dismal, you know, to be dying alone,

All under the willow, the willow so green.

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Then close to each other they sat down to sigh, Resolving in anguish together to die,

All under the willow, the willow so green:
But he was so comely, and she was so fair,
They somehow forgot all their sorrow and care;
And, thinking it better a while to delay,
They put off their dying, to some other day.

All under the willow, "the follow so green.

56. PADDY WILICK-BEETHOVEN. The Song from a Manuscript presented by the Author to the Publisher. Och! there you can't shew your sweet face in the street, But a

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Now, I went to S! Paul's,— 'twas just after my landing,
A great house they've built, that has scarce room to stand in;
And there, gramachree! wont you think it a joke,
The lower I whisper'd, the louder I spoke!
Then I went to the tower, to see the wild beasts,
Thinking out of my wits to be frighten'd at least;
But these wild beasts I found standing tame on a shelf,
Not one of the kit half so wild as myself.

 3^{rd}

Next I made for the bank, Sir, for there, I was told, Were oceans of silver, and mountains of gold; But I soon found this talk was mere bluster and vapour, For the gold and the silver were all made of paper. A friend took me into the Parliament house, And there sat the Speaker as mum as a mouse; For in spite of his name, wont you think this a joke too, The Speaker was he whom they all of them spoke to.

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Of all the strange places I ever was in,
Was'nt that now the place for a hubbub and din;
While some made a bother to keep others quiet,
And the rest call'd for "Order,"—meaning just, make a riot.
Then should you hereafter be told of some joke,
By the Englishmen made 'gainst your own country folk;
Tell this tale, my dear honey, and stoutly protest,
That of all the bull—makers, JOHN BULL is the best.



DERMOT.

THE SONG WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

BY WILLIAM SMYTH, ESQ.

Hide not thy anguish,—thou must not deceive me,
Thy fortunes have frown'd,—and the struggle is o'er;
Come then the ruin! for nothing shall grieve me,
If thou art but left me, I ask for no more.

Hard is the world, it will rudely reprove thee;

Thy friends will retire when the tempest is near;

Now is my season,—and now will I love thee,

And cheer thee when none but thy Mary will cheer.

Come to my arms,—thou art dearer than ever!
But breathe not a whisper of sorrow for me:
Fear shall not reach me, nor misery sever,
Thy Mary is worthy of love and of thee.

THE BOLD DRAGOON. THE PLAIN OF BADAJOS.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK DURING THE WAR IN SPAIN,

BY SIR WALTER SCOTT, BART.

'Twas a Marechal of France, and he fain would honour gain, And he long'd to take a passing glance at Portugal from Spain;

With his flying guns this gallant gay, And boasted corps d'armèe,

O he fear'd not our dragoons with their long swords boldly riding.
Whack fal de ral, &c.

To Campo Mayor come, he had quietly sat down,

Just a fricassee to pick, while his soldiers sack'd the town,

When 'twas peste! morbleu! mon General,

Hear th' English bugle call!

And behold the light dragoons with their long swords boldly riding.

Whack fal de ral, &c.

Right about went horse and foot, artillery and all,

And as the devil leaves a house they tumbled through the wall;*

They took no time to seek the door, But best foot set before,

O they ran from our dragoons with their long swords boldly riding.
Whack fal de ral, &c.

Those valiant men of France they had scarcely fled a mile,

When on their flank there sous'd at once the British rank and file.

For Long, de Grey, and Otway then

Ne'er minded one to ten,

But came on like light dragoons with their long swords boldly riding. Whack fal de ral, &c.

Three hundred British lads they made three thousand reel,

Their hearts were made of English Oak, their swords of Sheffield steel,

Their horses were in Yorkshire bred,

And Beresford them led;

So huzza for brave dragoons with their long swords boldly riding.

Whack fal de ral, &c.

Then here's a health to Wellington, to Beresford, to Long,

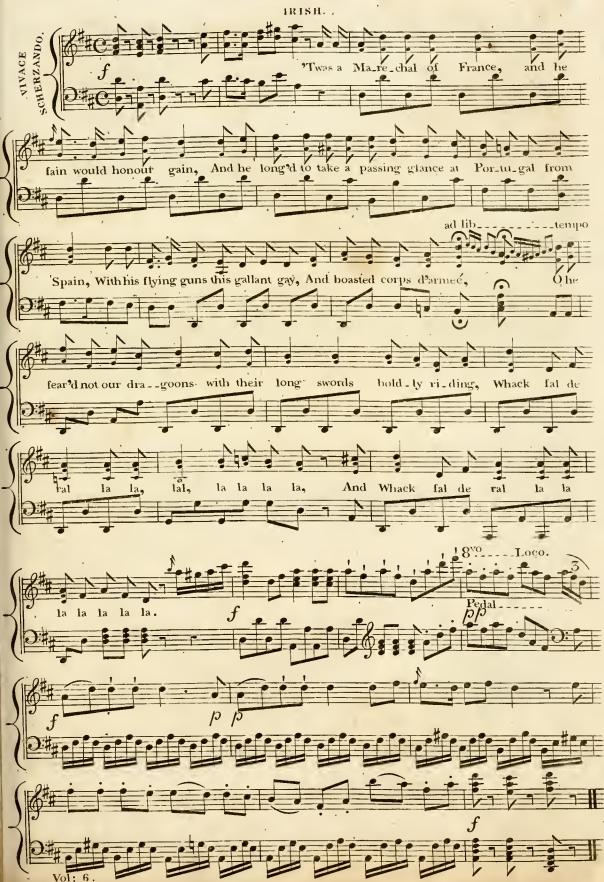
And a single word of Bonaparte before I close my song:

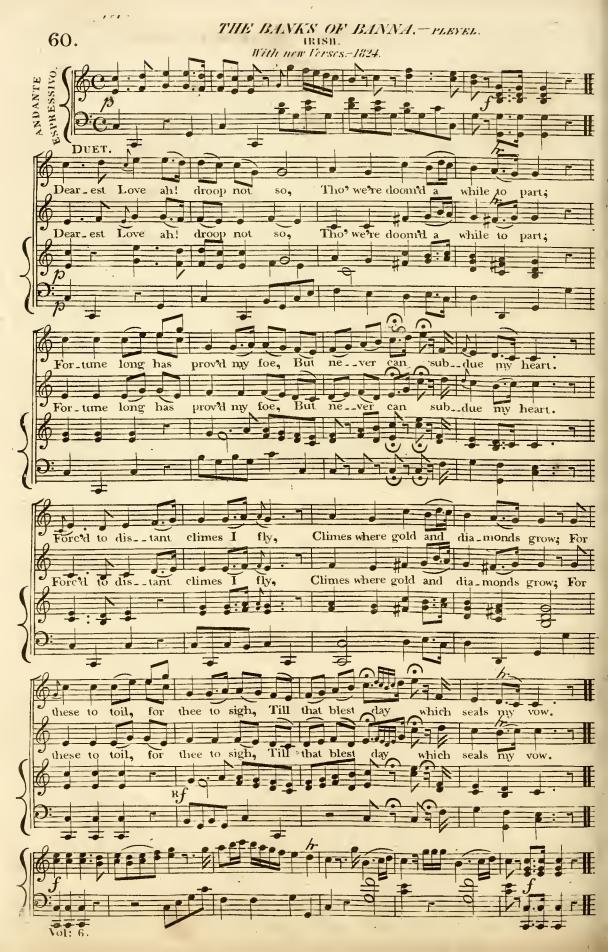
The eagles that to fight he brings. Should serve his men with wings,

When they meet the brave dragoons with their long swords boldly riding.

Whack fal de ral, &c.

* In their hasty evacuation of Campo Mayor, the French pulled down a part of the rampart and marched out over the glacis.





THE BANKS OF BANNA.

THE VERSES WRITTEN FOR THE MELODY,

BY GEORGE THOMSON, 1824.

Dearest Anna, grieve not so,
Tho' we're doom'd this hour to part;
Fortune long has prov'd my foe,
But never can subdue my heart.
Forc'd to distant climes, I fly,—
Climes where gold and diamonds grow;
For these to toil, for thee to sigh,
'Till that blest day which seals my vow.

No ship shall leave those sunny seas
Without some token kind and true;
And I will hail the fav'ring breeze
That brings sweet tidings back from you.
Thus ling'ring years their course will roll,
And absence only more endear
Those ties which bind us soul to soul,—
'Till Fate again shall waft me here.

COME DRAW WE ROUND A CHEERFUL RING.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

BY JOANNA BAILLIE.

The Air, communicated without a name, by a Friend.

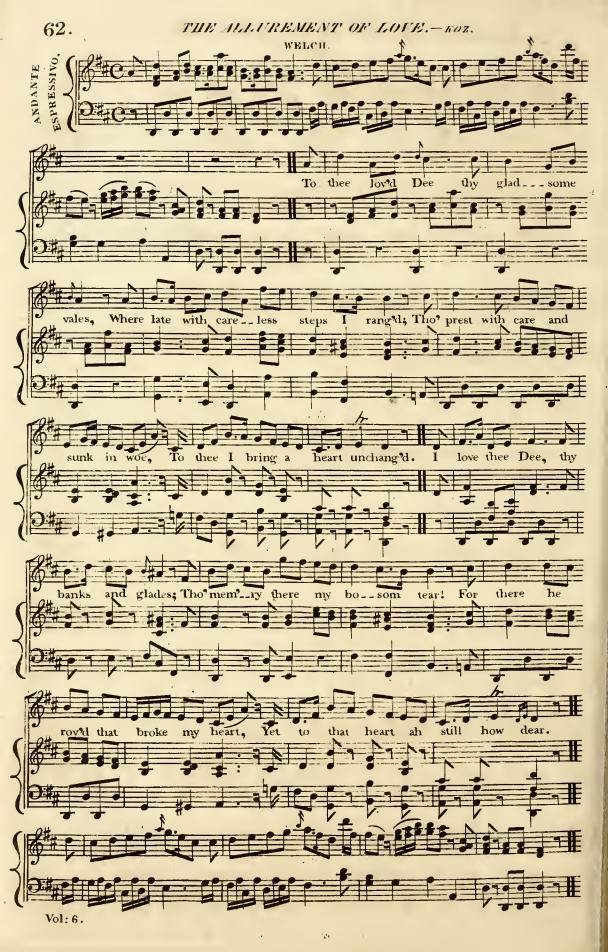
Come, draw we round a cheerful ring,
And broach the foaming ale,
And let the merry maiden sing,
The heldame tell her tale:
And let the sightless harper sit
The blazing faggot by;
And let the jester vent his wit,
His tricks the urchin try.

Who shakes the door with angry din,
And would admitted be;
No,—Gossip Winter, snug within,
We have no room for thee.
Go scud it o'er Killarney's lake,
And shake the willows bare;
The water-elf his sport doth take,
Thou'lt find a comrade there.

Will-o'-the-wisp skips in the dell,
The owl hoots on the tree;
They hold their nightly vigil well,
And so the while will we.
Then strike we up the rousing glee,
And pass the heaker round,
While ev'ry head right merrily
Is moving to the sound.

COME DRAW WE ROUND A CHEERFUL RING.-BEETHOVEN. 61.





THE ALLUREMENT OF LOVE.

THE FIRST STANZA BY BURNS.

To thee, lov'd Dee, thy gladsome vales, Where late with careless steps I rang'd, Tho' prest with care, and sunk in woe, To thee I bring a heart unchang'd. I love thee, Dee, thy hanks and glades, Tho' memory there my bosom tear; For there he rov'd that hroke my heart, Yet to that heart, ah! still how dear.

Ye shades that eeho'd to his vows,
And saw me once supremely hlest,
Oh yield me now a peaceful grave,
And give a love-lorn maiden rest.
And should the false-one hither stray,
No vengeful Spirit hid him fear;
But tell him, though he broke my heart,
Yet to that heart he still was dear!

THE VISIONARY.

WRITTEN AND COMMUNICATED TO THE EDITOR,

BY THE HON. W. R. SPENCER.

THE SAME AIR.

When midnight o'er the moonless skies
Her pall of transient death has spread;
When mortals sleep, when spectres rise,
And nought is wakeful but the dead!
No shiv'ring ghost my way pursues,
No bloodless shape my couch annoys,—
Visions more sad my fancy views,
Visions of long departed joys!

The shade of youthful Hope is there,
That lingered long, and latest died;
Ambition all dissolved to air,
With phantom Honour at her side.
What empty shadows glimmer nigh!
They once were Friendship, Truth, and Love.—
Oh! die to thought, to mem'ry die,
Since lifeless to my heart ye prove!

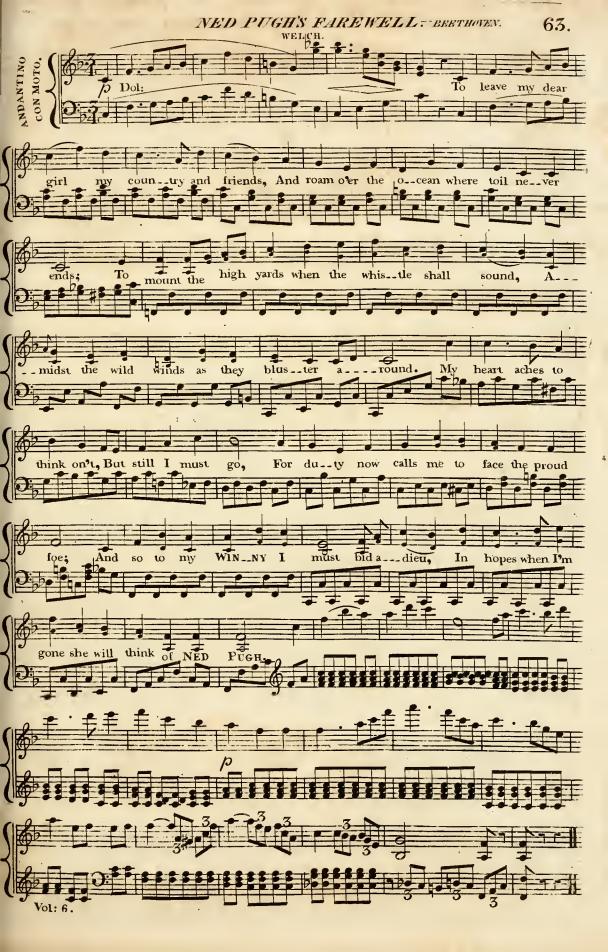
NED PUGH'S FAREWELL.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

BY MRS HUNTER.

To leave my dear girl, my country, and friends,
And roam o'er the ocean, where toil never ends;
To mount the high yards, when the whistle shall sound,
Amidst the wild winds as they bluster around!
My heart aches to think on't,—but still I must go,
For duty now calls me to face the proud foe:
And so to my Winny I must bid adieu,
In hopes when I'm gone she will think of NED Pugh.

That still she will think she is near to my heart,
Tho' far from each other, alas! we must part,
That, next to my duty, my thoughts she will share,
My love and my glory both centre in her!
And should I return with some hits from Mounseer,
I know I shall meet with a smile and a tear;
Or if I should fall—then dear Winny adieu!
I know when I'm gone you'll remember NED Pugh.





AWAY, MY HERD, UNDER THE GREEN OAK.

THE VERSES WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

BY SIR ALEXANDER BOSWELL, BART.

Come every shepherd with his Love,
And court the western gale;
Come let us seek the oaken grove
In sweet Llangollen Vale.
There with a sigh the ardent youth
May urge his tender tale;
The evening hours in joy beguile,
And happy he,
Beneath the tree,
Whose fair rewards him with a smile.

The pipe shall cheer with merry strain,
The harp in concert sound,
And lightly ev'ry maid and swain,
Trip on the grassy ground:
Or, seated in a ring, we'll pass
The cheerful song around:
Come, let us court the western gale,
And joyful haste,

Awhile to tastc,
The sweets of lov'd Llangollen vale.

MY LORD IS GRAVE, AND I AM GAY.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

BY WILLIAM SMYTH, ESQ. 1824.

My Lord is grave, and I am gay,
He hates what he calls riot;
And I sit yawning half the day,
Amid this rural quiet.
Oh! welcome is to me the hour,
(And now it fast approaches)
That takes me far from lake and bower,
To streets of crowded coaches,
Of coaches,
To streets of crowded coaches.

'Tis but in town I seem to breathe,
New objects still pursuing;
My Lord can sit a tree beneath
Whole hours the landscape viewing!
He'll pore upon the brook at noon,
And yet what can he see there;
And gaze at night upon the moon,
As if he ought to be there,
To be there,
As if he ought to be there.

And when in town, he grows so wise
Amid his books and papers,
A mountain on his table lies,
The sight gives me the vapours;
And when I mention ball or play,
To my great admiration,
He'd rather in his Study stay,
And write about the nation,
The nation,
And write about the nation!

For me, I own, the Notes I write
Are manuscripts in plenty;
And books—beyond some novel light,
Who reads, at one and twenty!
And for the nation—where's the need
To talk of its distresses;
Last birth day, as we all agreed,
Ne'er were such splendid dresses,
Such dresses,
Ne'er were such splendid dresses.

But, strange to say, this Lord of mine,
He is the dearest creature,
He votes me something so divine,
Lord bless him for good nature!
He stands my dancing to admire,
My taste in dress discovers;
And sits and listens to my lyre,
As used to do my lovers,
My lovers,
As used to do my lovers.

He tells me, he can quiet wait,

'Till past is Folly's season;

That I shall be his own true mate,

When comes my hour of reason:

His own true mate!—What, sit hum drum,—

Oh! how shall I endeavour,—

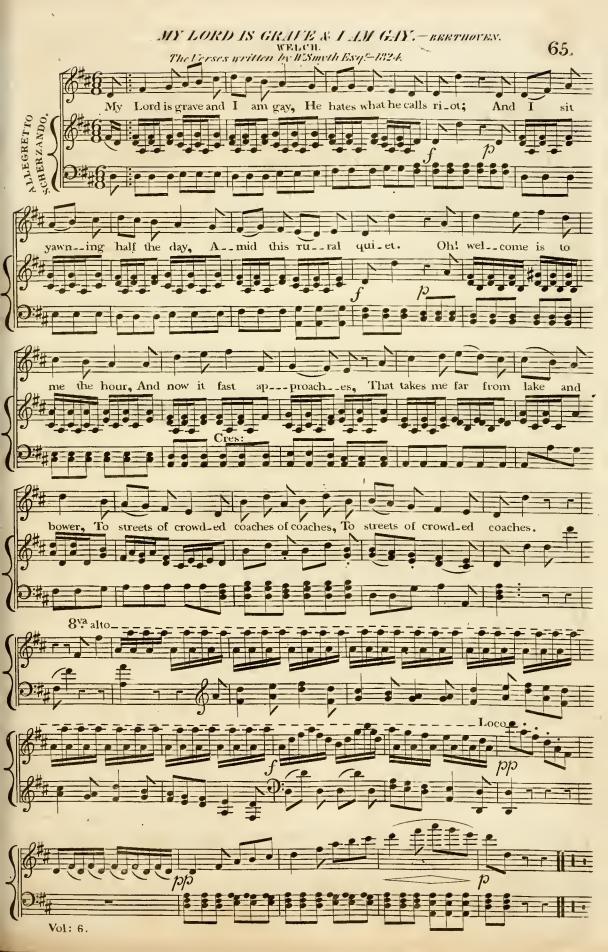
And "hour of reason,"—will it come?

Lord help me, will it ever?

Oh ever,

Lord help me, will it ever?

Well—Cupid—Hymen—you have made
On earth some alterations;
Nor know I how may be display'd
In me your transformations.
But if my Darby should prevail
To make me Joan hereafter;
Through all the town, when flies the tale,
What quizzing! and what laughter!
What laughter,
What quizzing! and what laughter!





THE DAIRY HOUSE.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

BY MRS HUNTER.

A SPREADING hawthorn shades the seat
Where I have fixed my cool retreat;
And when the Spring, with sunny show'rs,
Expands the leaves, and paints the flowers,
A thousand shrubs around it bloom,
And fill the air with wild perfume:
The light winds through the branches sigh,
And limpid rills run tinkling by.

There, by the twilight dimly seen,
The fairies dance upon the green;
And as they glide in airy ring,
The heetle plies his drowsy wing;
And watching 'till the day retires,
The glow-worm lights her elfin fires;
While Mab, who guards my milky store,
Her eream-bowl finds before the door.

The grateful Fay! she is so kind,
No caterpillar there you find,
No creeping thing, nor wasp, nor fly
The lattie'd windows dare come nigh;
No long-legg'd Spinner nightly weaves
Her flimsy web beneath the caves;
But clean and neat, as by a charm,
The fairies keep my dairy farm.

SWEET RICHARD.

WRITTEN FOR THIS WORK

BY MRS OPIE.

Yes, thou art chang'd since first we met,
But think not I shall e'er regret,
Though never can my heart forget,
The charms that once were thine.
For, Marian, well the cause I know
That stole the lustre from thine eye,
That prov'd thy beauty's secret foe,
And paled thy cheek's carnation dye:
What made thy health, sweet Marian, fly,
Was anxious care of mine.

Yes,—o'er my couch I saw thee bend,
The duteous wife, the tender friend,
And each capricious wish attend
With soft incessant care.
Then trust me, Love, that pallid face
Can boast a sweeter charm for me,
A truer, tenderer, dearer grace
Than blooming health bestow'd on thee:
For there thy well-tried love I see,
And read my blessings there.



GOOD NIGHT-BEETHOVEN.

WELCH.





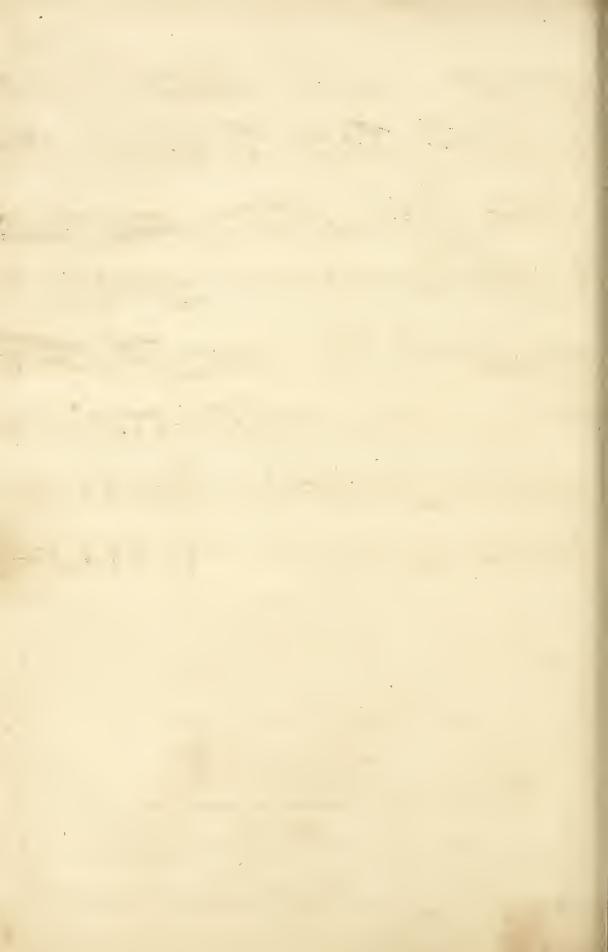


How sweet the farewell glass, When Music gives it zest! How sweet their dreams who pass, From harmony to rest! Dark thoughts that scare repose, At Music's voice give place; And Fancy lends her rose, Sleep's poppy wreath to grace.

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