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## Countess of Balcarras,

One of the most excellent Judges of Musical Merit;

THIS COLLECTION OF SCOTCH SONGS

IS INSCRIBED,

As a TESTIMONY OF HIS PROFOUND RESPECT,

BY

THE AUTHOR.

## ADVERTISEMENT.

In prefenting this Work to the Public, the Author thinks it necessary to state the Advantages he conceives it to possess above any other collection of the same kind hitherto published.

Having been struck with the elegant simplicity of the original Scotch Melodies, he applied himself, for several years, in attending to the manner of the best Scotch Singers; and having attached himself to that which was generally allowed to be the best, he flatters himself he has acquired the true national taste.

He fung, during a period of four years, the Scotch Airs in the Concerts of the HARMONICAL SOCIETY of Edinburgh, and for three years he likewise sung in the Concerts of Glasgow. In both places he received such marks of universal applause, as convinced him that his method of singing was approved by the best Judges.

Emboldened by this general approbation, and the folicitation of many lovers of these delightful melodies, he determined to publish the following Collection, with the full and simple harmony; nothing so complete in this way having ever been done before.

He had often heard Scotch Songs performed at theatres and in concerts with false and unconnected Harmony, which entirely spoiled the beautiful simplicity of the original Air: To the following Songs he has published the true Harmony, which performers of every degree of proficiency may make use of.

For those who sing the Songs without orchestra, he has joined a Harpsichord accompaniment, which will produce the same effect with the complete Harmony. The simple graces added to the Songs are those he uses when singing in public, and which have been generally approved.

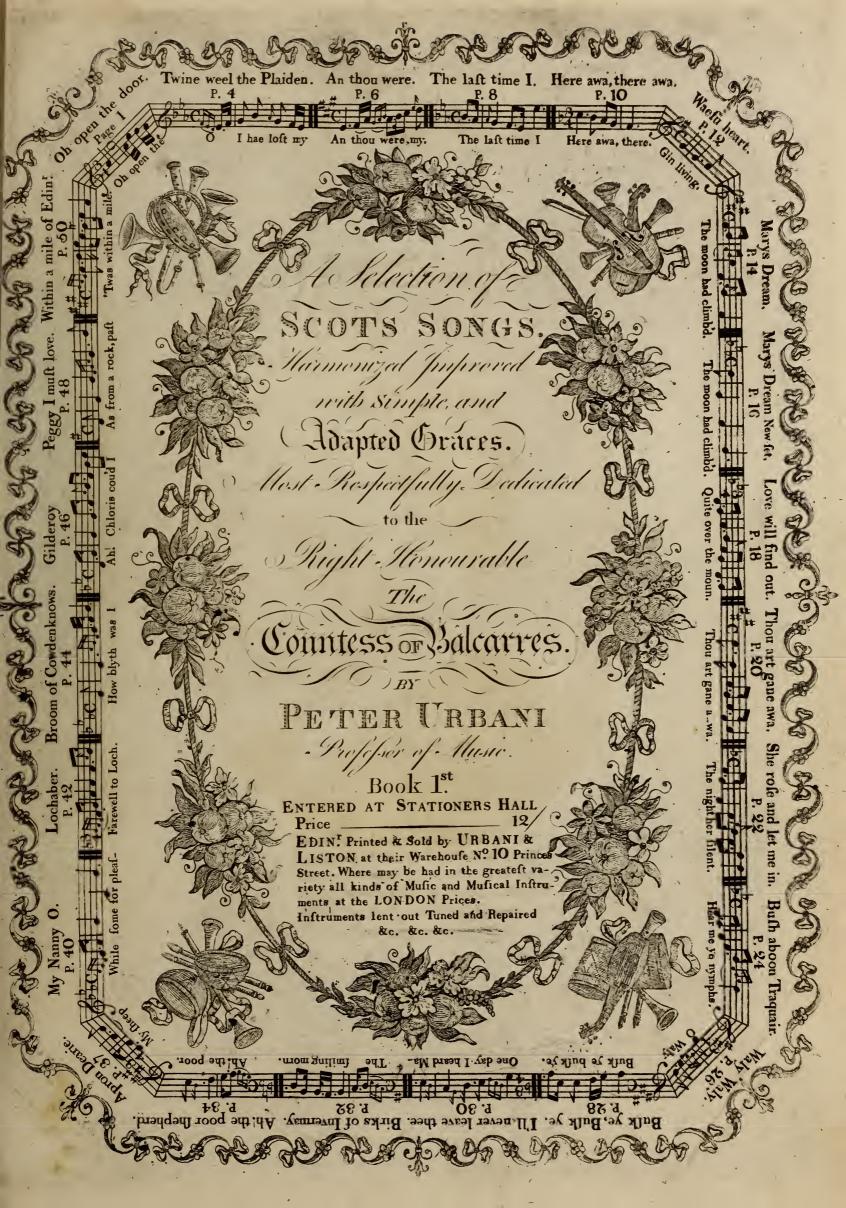
From these circumstances he hopes that this work will be acceptable, not only to the Admirers of the ancient Scotch Songs, but to the Lovers of Music in general; and from the favourable reception his public and private recitals of them have always met with, he flatters himself he will meet with the patronage and encouragement of the Public.

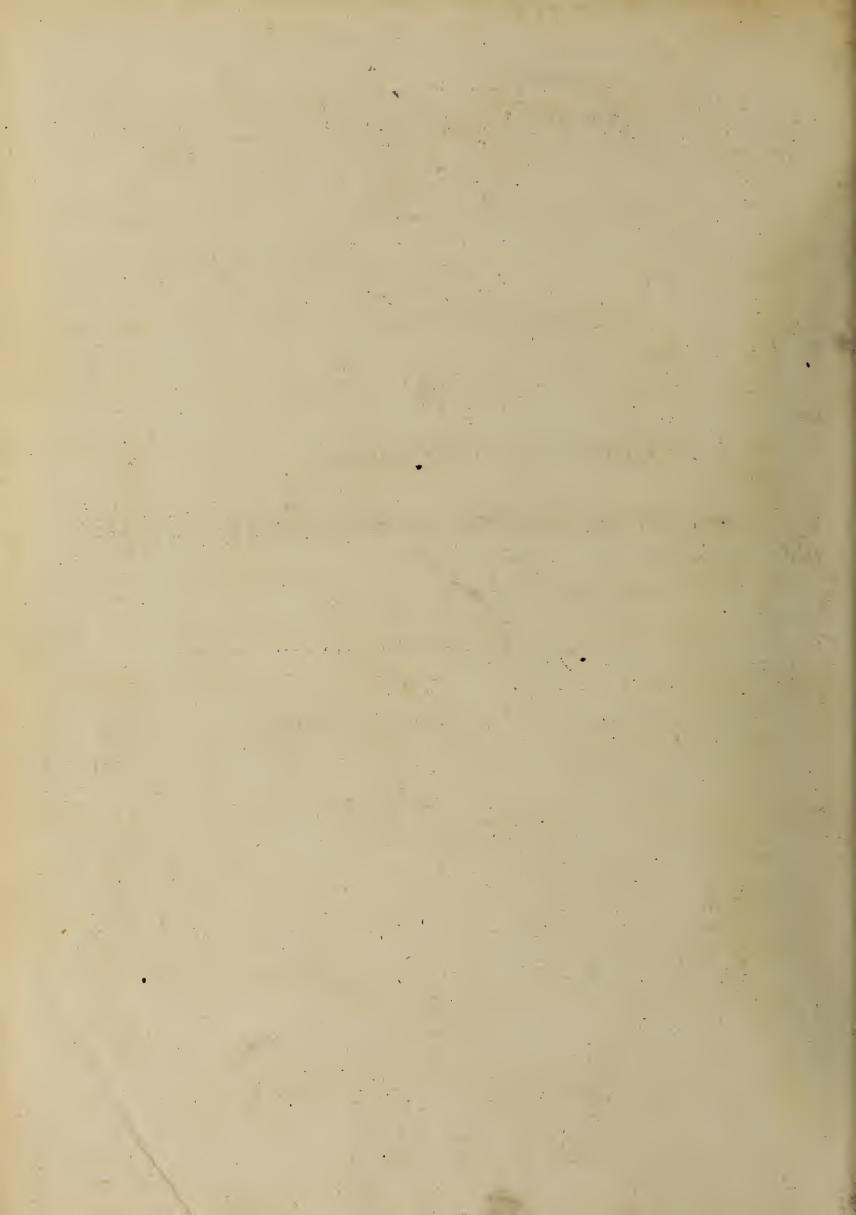
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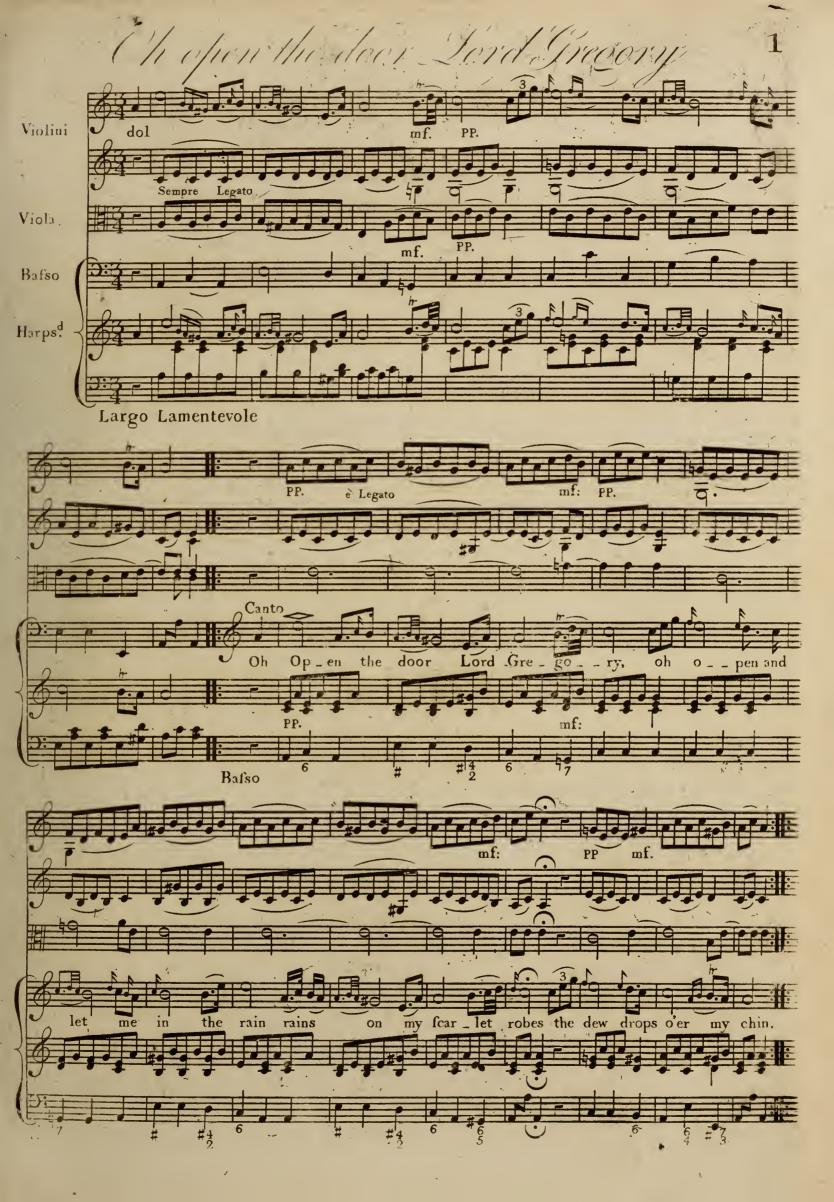


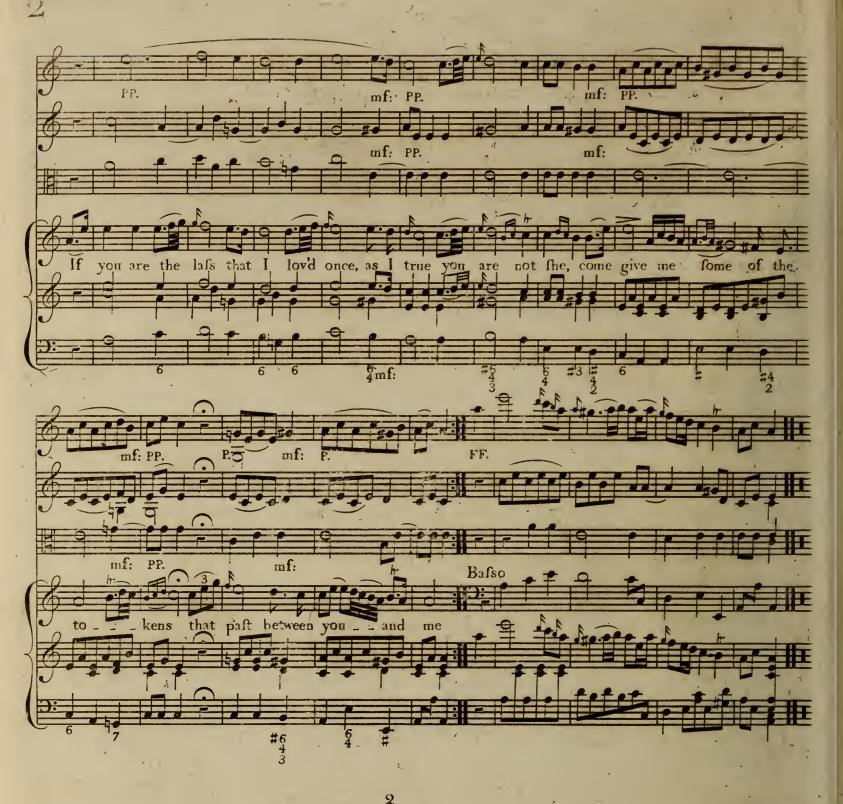


Allan Ramsay Scotus,









Ah wae be to you, Gregory!

An ill death may you die!

You will not be the death of one,
But you'll be the death of three.

Oh do'nt you mind, Lord Gregory.

'Twas down at you burn fide

We chang'd the ring of our fingers

And I put mine on thine.

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## The Original Words of \_ Oh open the door LORD GREGORY.

( ) WHA, will shoe thy bonny feet. Or wha will glove thy hand. Or wha will hee the middle-jimp, With a lang, lang London whang. As I who will kame thy bonny head With a Tabean birben kame. And wha will be my beirns father,

Till love Gregory come hame.

Thy father'll shoe his bonny feet; The mother'll glove his hand; Thy brither will lace his middle jimp With a lang lang London whang. Vistell will kame his bonny head With a Tabean birben kame; And the Lord will be the bairns fither We changed the rings aff ithers hands, Gar saddle to me the swiftest Reed Till Gregory come hame.

Then the's gart build a bonny thip, It's a coverd o'er with pearl: And at every needle-tack was in't There hang a filler-bell. And The's awa\_\_\_\_\_ To fail upon the sea: She's gane to feek love Gregory In lands whare'er he be.

She had na fail'd a league but twa, Or scanty had she three, Till she met with a rude rover Was failing on the fea. O whether art thou the queen hersell. Or ane o' her Maries three. Or are thou the Lass of Lochroyan Seeking love Gregory.

O I am not the queen hersell, Nor ane of her Maries three; But I am the Lass of Lochroyan Seeking love Gregory. O fees us thou you bonny bower," It's a cover'd o'er with tin: Wer thou haft faild it round about, Love Gregory is we bin

When the bad failed it round about,

She tirled at the pin: O open, open, loveGregory, Open, and let me in: For I am the Lass of Lochroyan,

Bazish'd frae a' my kin. (His mother speaks to her from the house, For it's but an hour or little mair and she thinks it him. )

If thou be the Lass of Lochroyan, As I know na thou be, Tell me some of the true takens That past between me and thee. Hast thou na mind, love Gregory, As we fat at the wine,

And ay the best was mine.

For mine was o the gude red goud, But thine was o' the tin; And mine was true and trusty-baith, But thine was fause within. And haft thou no mind, love Gregory, Set down, fet down that comely corple, As we fat on you hill. Thou twin'd me of my maidenhead Right sair against my will.

Now open, open, love Gregory, Open, and let me in, And the dew Itands on my chin., If thou be the Lass of Lochrova, As I know no thou be, Tell me some mair o' the takens Past between me and thee.

Well fince it will be fae, Let never woman who has born a fon Hae a heart fae full of wae. Take down, take down that mast of gond, Set up a mast of tree; For it diffia become a forfiken lady To-fail fac royallie.

( The Son speaks. )

I dreamt a dream this night, mother, I wish it may prove true, That the bonny Lass of Lochroyan Was at the vote just now ... Lie still, lie still, my only fon, And found fleep mayft thou get; Since The was at the yate.

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Awa, awa, ye wicked woman. And an ill death may you die; Ye might have letten her in, ?. Or elfe have wakened me. Gar saddle to me the black, he said, Gar saddle to me the brown, That is in a the town.

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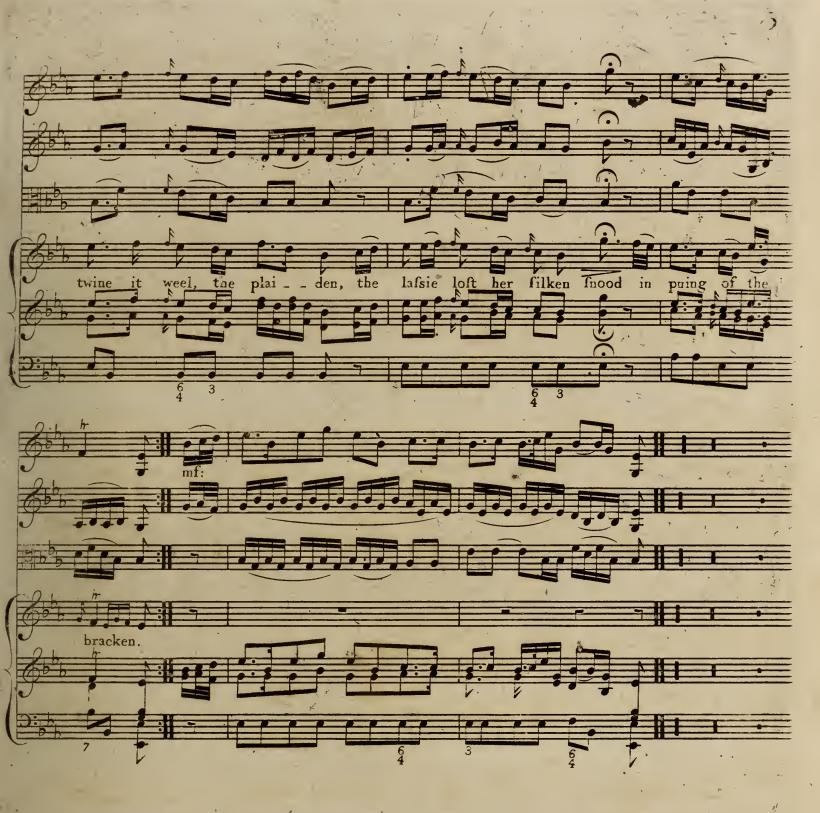
Now the first town he came to The bells were ringing there; And the neift town he came to, Her corpse was coming there. Set down, and let me see, Gin that be the Lass of Lochroyan, That died for love o' me.

And he took out his little penkulfe, That hang down by his gare; For the rain rains on my gade electing, And he's ripp'd up her winding freet, A lang claith-yard and mair And first he kist her cherry check, · And Ivne he kift her chin, And neift he kift her rofy lips; There was nae breath within.

Then she has turn'd her round about. And he has ta'en his little peakinfe, With a heart that was fou fair; He bas given nimfelf a deadly wound, And word spoke never mair.

Fine.

Inine multhe Phuden. Viola Canto Largo assai fae yel\_low, 



He prais'd my een sae bonny blue,

Sae lilly white my skin O',

And syne he prie'd my bonny mou,

And swore it was nae sin O',

And twine it weel, my bonny dow,

And twine it weel the plaiden;

The lassie lost her silken snood,

In pu'ing of the bracken.

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But he has left the lass he loo'd,

His ain true love forsaken,

Which gare me sair to greet the snood,

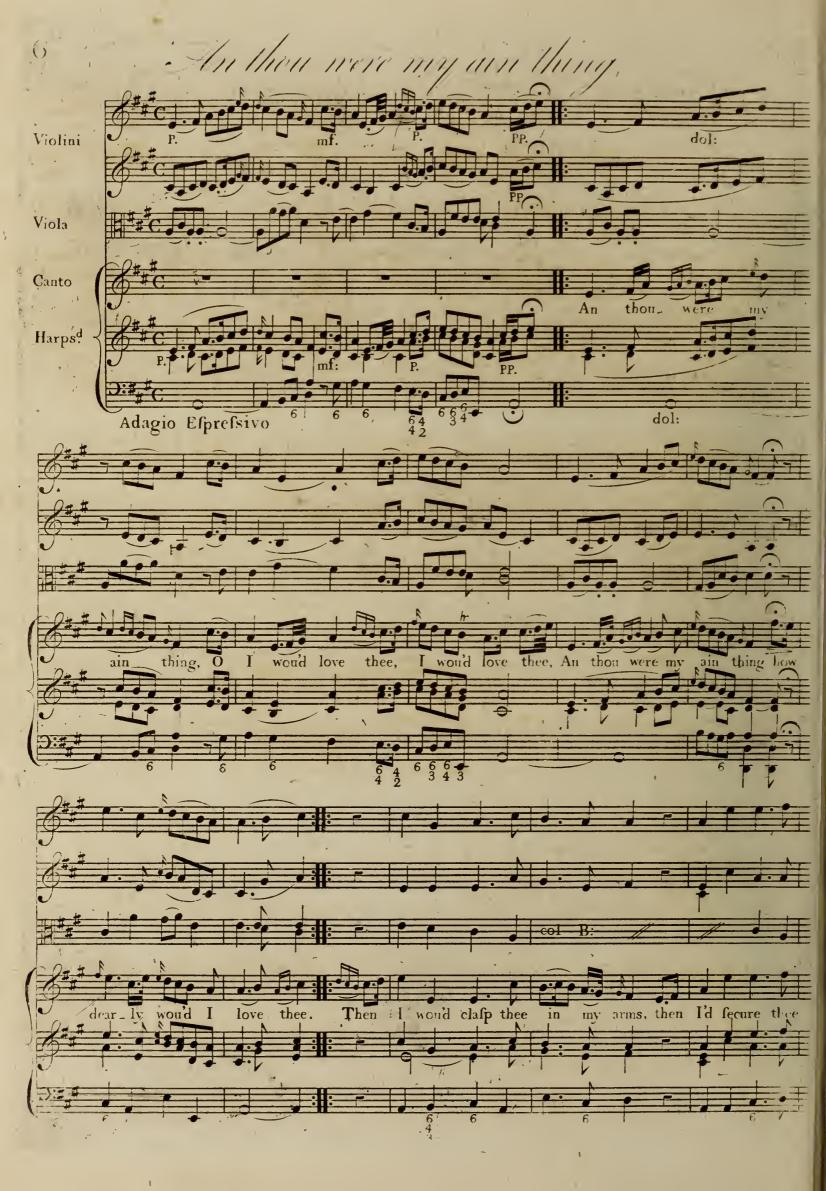
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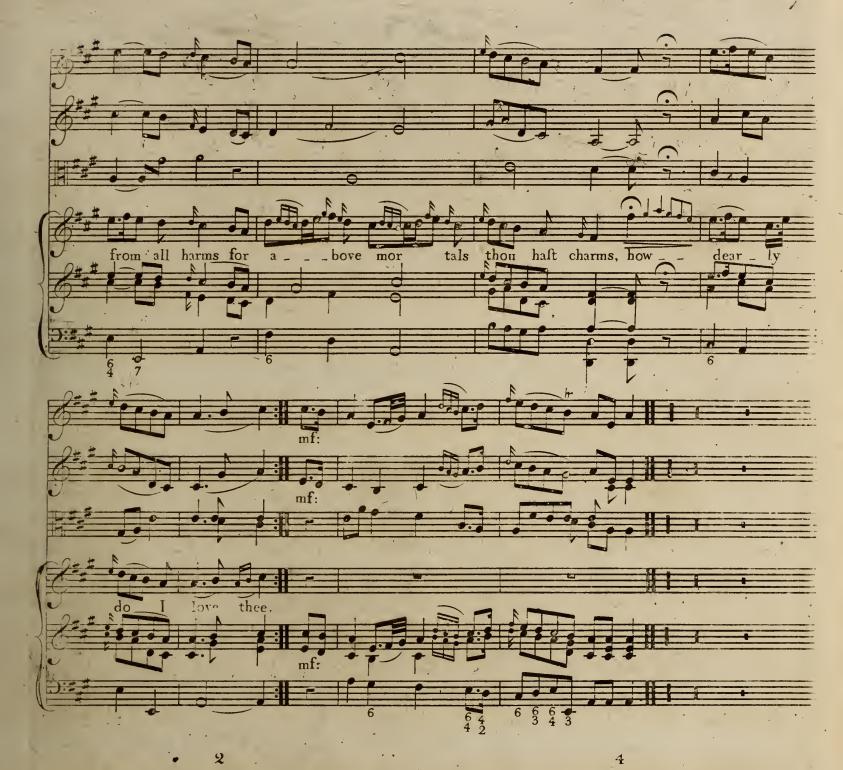
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Of race divine thou needs must be,
Since nothing earthly equals thee;
For heaven's sake, then pity me,
Who only lives to love thee.
An thou were &c.

The Powrs one thing peculiar have,

To ruin none whom they can fave;

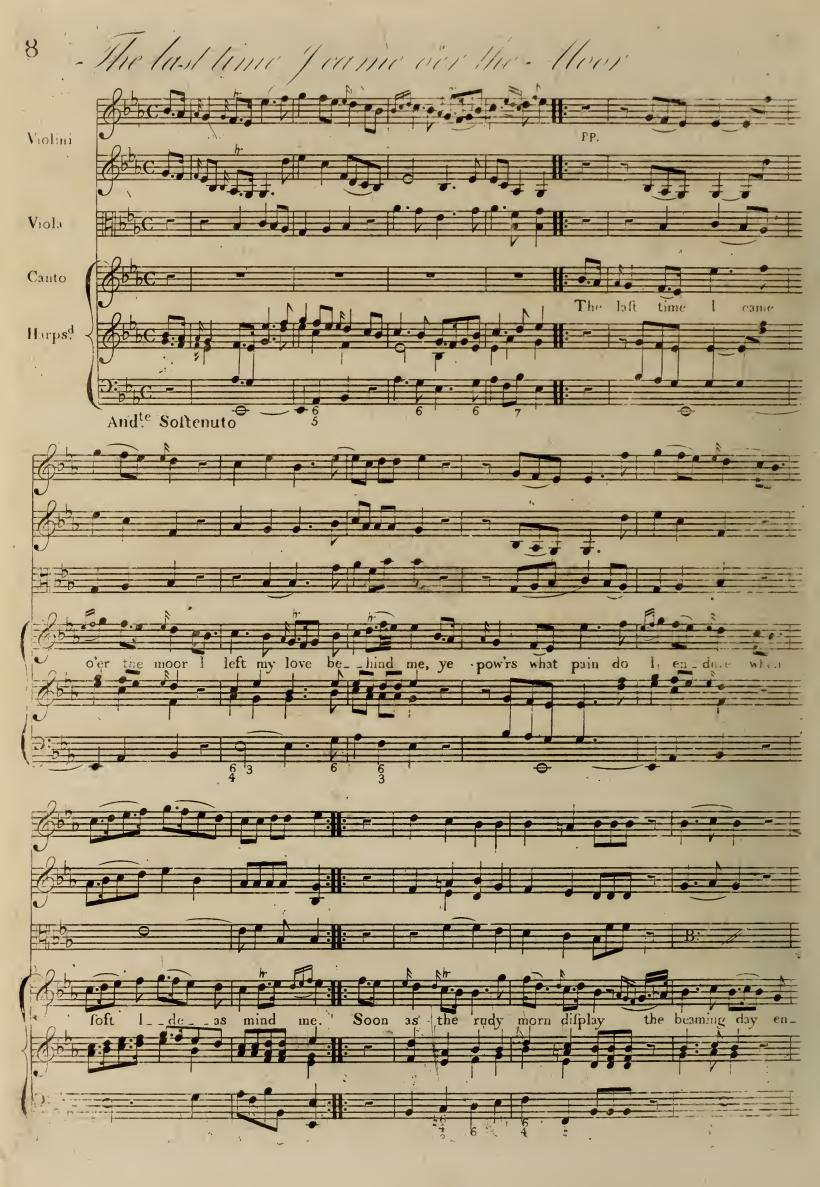
O for their fake support a slave,

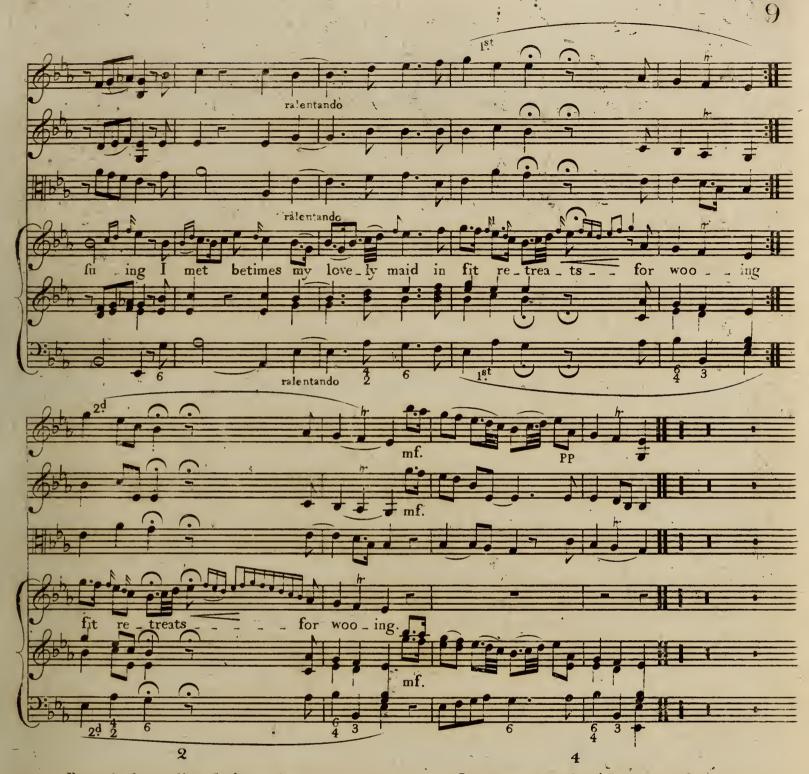
Who ever on shall love thee.

An thou were &c.

To merit I no claim can make,
Butthat I love, and for your fake,
What man can do I'll undertake;
So dearly do I love thee.
An thou were &c.

My passion, constant as the sun,
Flames stronger still, will ne'er have done,
Till sate my thread of life have spun,
Which breathing out I'll love thee
An thou were &c.



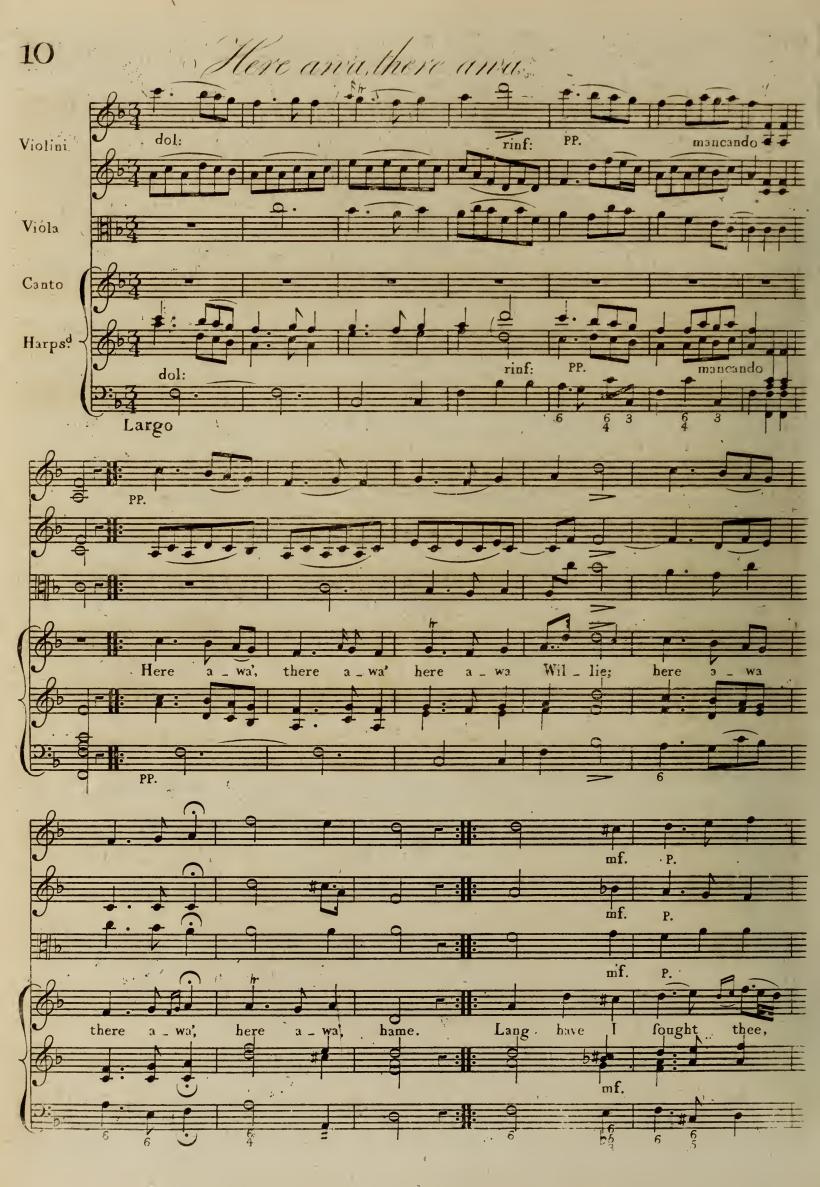


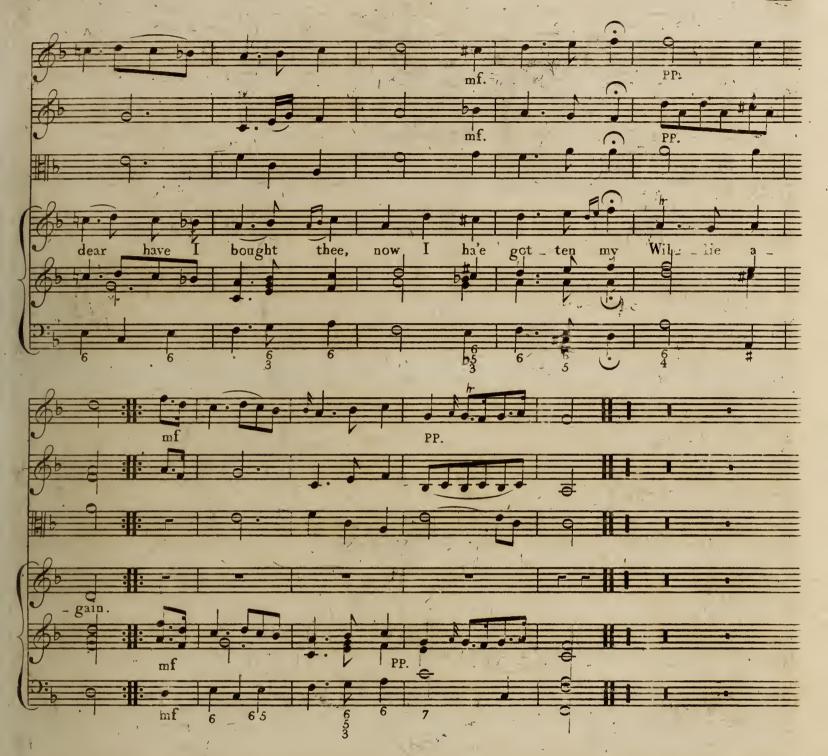
Beneath the cooling shade we lay,
Gazing, and chastely sporting;
We kis'd and promis'd time away,
Till night spread her black curtain.
I pitied all beneath the skies,
E'en kings, when she was nigh me,
In raptures I beheld her eyes,
Which could but ill deny me.

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

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

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





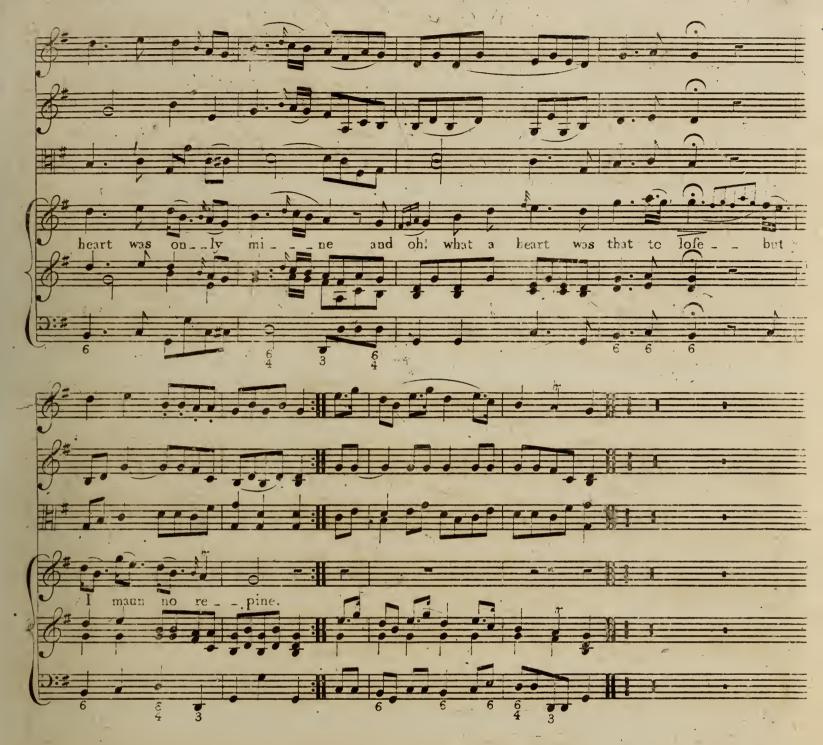
Thro' the lang muir I have follow'd my Willie,
Thro' the lang muir I have follow'd him hame,
Whatever betide us, nought shall divide us,
Love now rewards all my forrow and pain.

Here awa, there awa, here awa, Willie; Here awa, there awa, here awa, hame.

Come love, believe me, nothing can grieve me,

Ilka thing pleases while Willie's at hame.





Yet oh! gin heavn in mercy soon

Wou'd grant the boon I crave,

And tak this life now naething worth

Sin Jamie's in his grave.

And see his gentle spirit come

To show me on my way,

Surpris'd nae doubt, I still am here,

Sin wondring at my stay.

I come, I come, my Jamie dear

And oh! wi' what gude will

I follow, wharfoe'er ye lead,

Ye canna lead to ill.

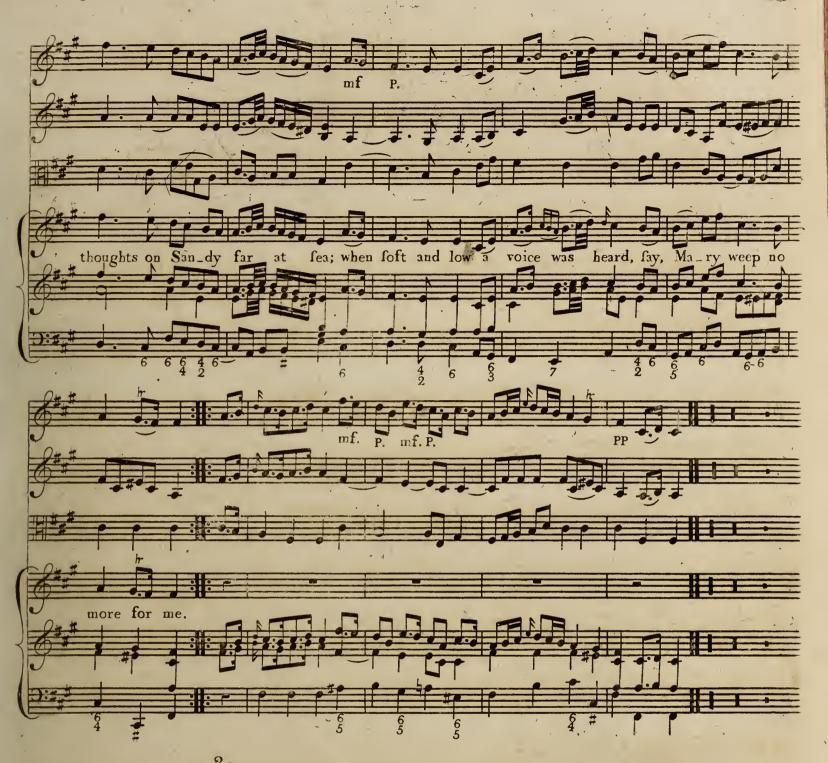
She faid, and foon a deadlie pale.

Her faded cheek possest,

Her waefu' heart forgot to beat

Her forrows sink to rest.

Marin Drann.



She from her pillow gently rais'd

Her head to alk, who there might be.

She faw young Sandy shiv'ring stand,

With visage pale and hollow eye;

O Mary dear, cold is my clay,

'It lies beneath a stormy sea;

Far, far from thee, I sleep in death;

So Mary, weep no more for me.

'Three stormy nights and stormy days
'We toss'd upon the raging main:
'And long we strove our bank to save,
'But all our striving was in vain.

'E'en then, when horror chill'd my blood,
'My heart was fill'd with love for thee:
'The storm is past, and I at rest:
'SoMary, weep no more for me.

'O maiden dear, thyself prepare,

'We soon shall meet upon that shore,

'Where love is free from doubt and care,

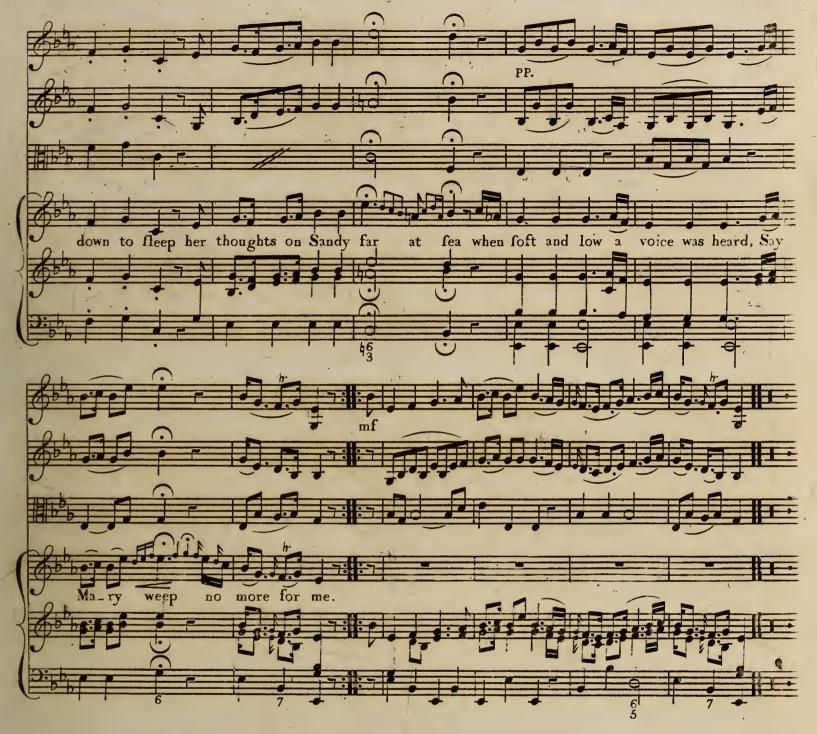
'And thou and I shall part no more!

Loud crow'd the cock, the shadow sled,

No more of Sandy could she see;

But soft the passing spirit said,

"Sweet Mary, weep no more for me."



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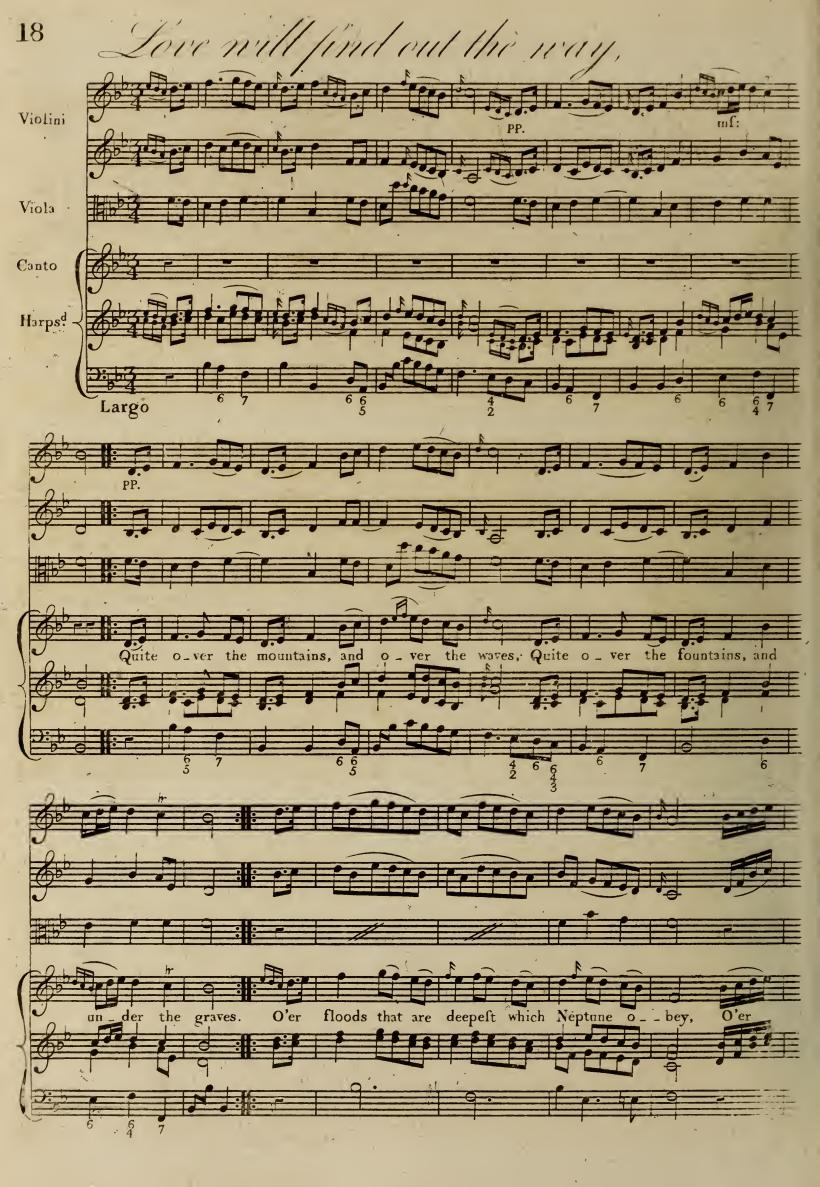
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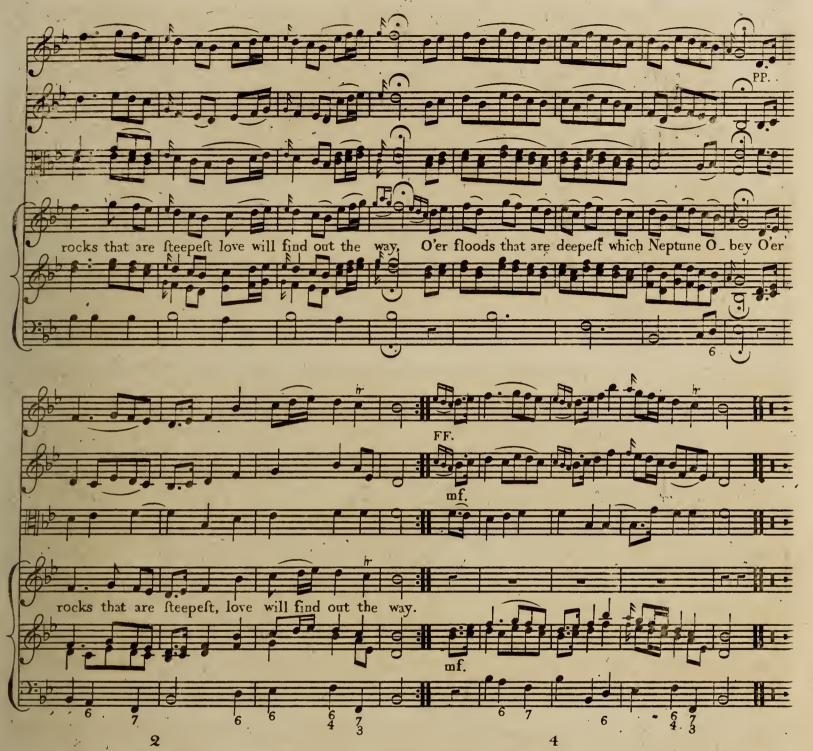
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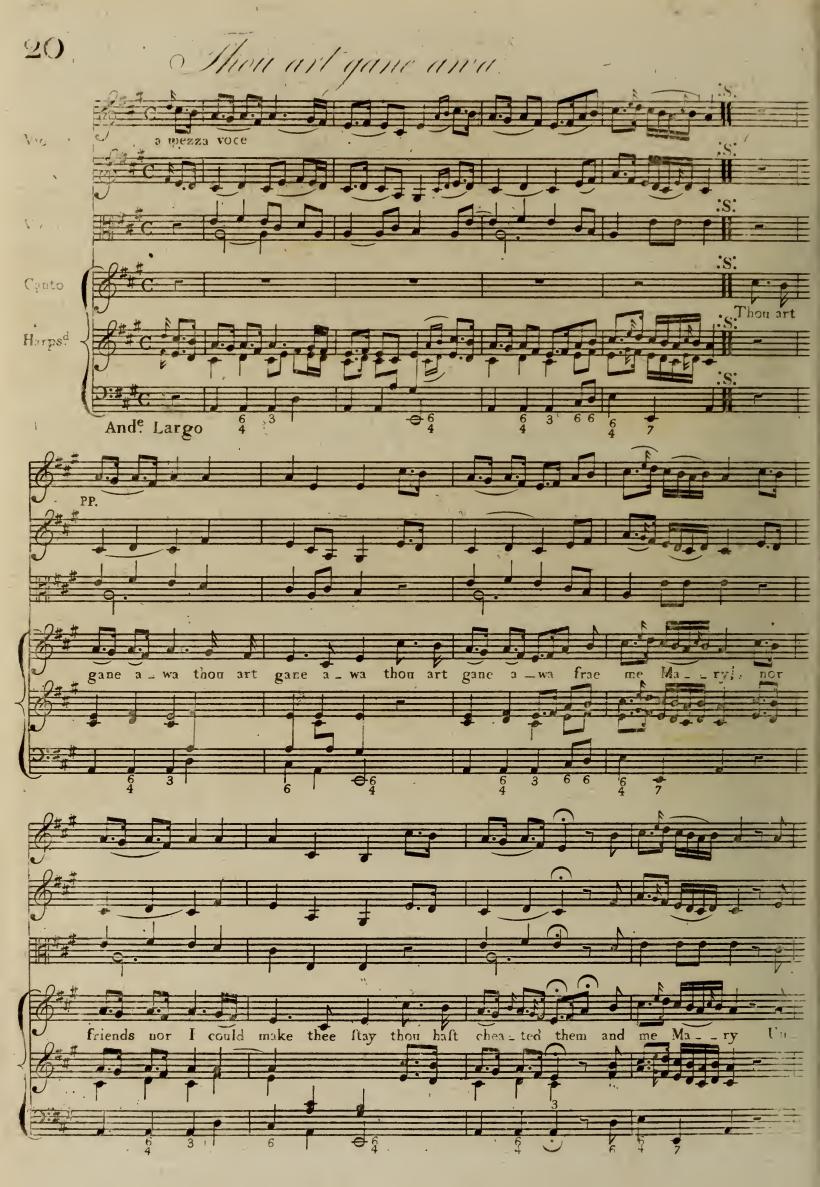
Where there is no place For the glow worm to lie; Where there is no space For the receipt of a fly; Where the midge dare not venture, Lest herself fast she lay; But if love come, he will enter, And soon find out his way.

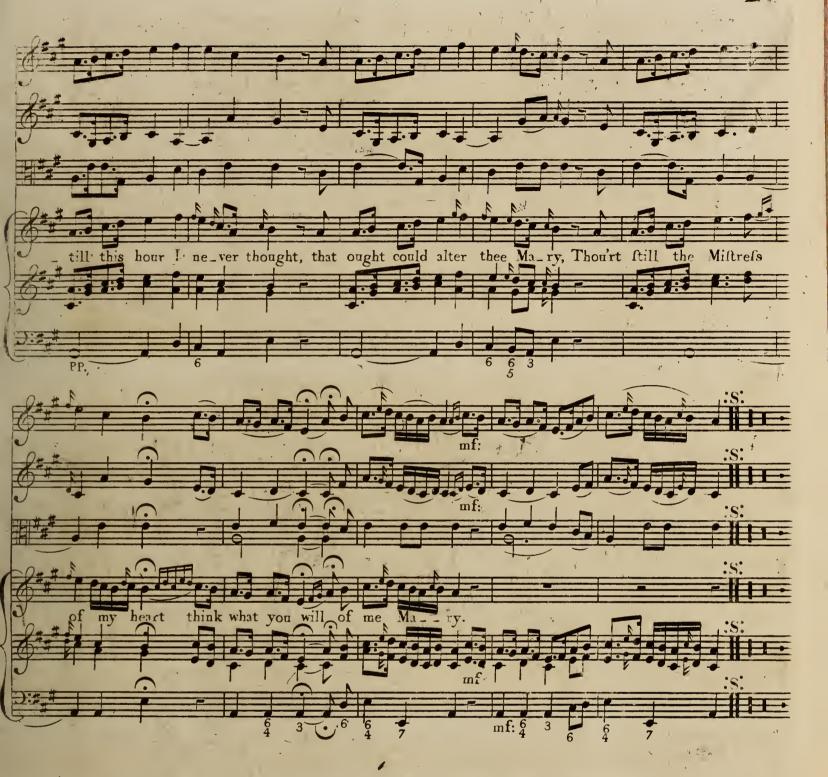
You may esteem him A child in his force; Or you may deem him A coward, which is worse:

But if she, whom love doth honour, Be conceal'd from the day, Set a thousand guards upon her, Love will find out the way.

Some think to lose him, Which is too unkind; And some do suppose him, Poor thing to be blind; But if ne'er so closs ye wall him, Do the best that ye may, Blind love, if so ye call him, He will find out the way.

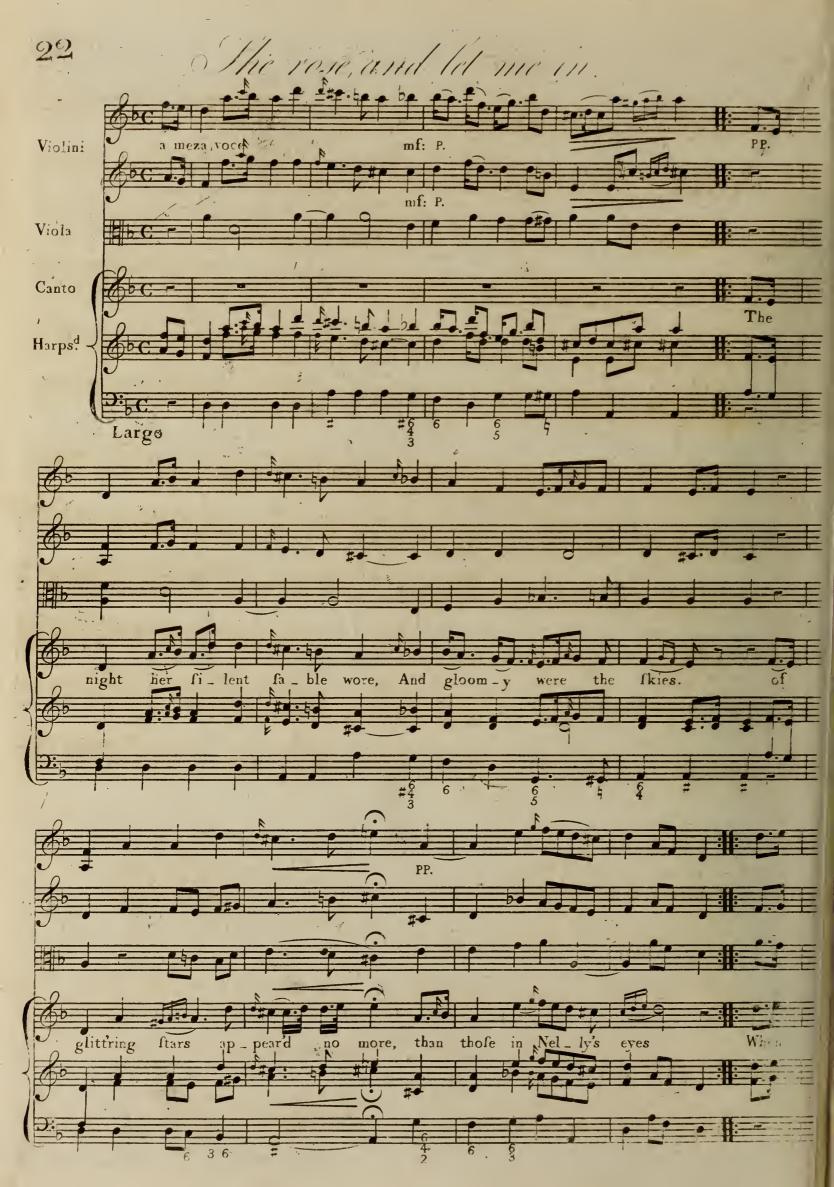
You may train the eagle To stoop to your fist; Or you may inveigle The Phoenix of the east; The Lioness, ye may move her To give o'er her prey, But you'll never stop a lover, He will find out his way:

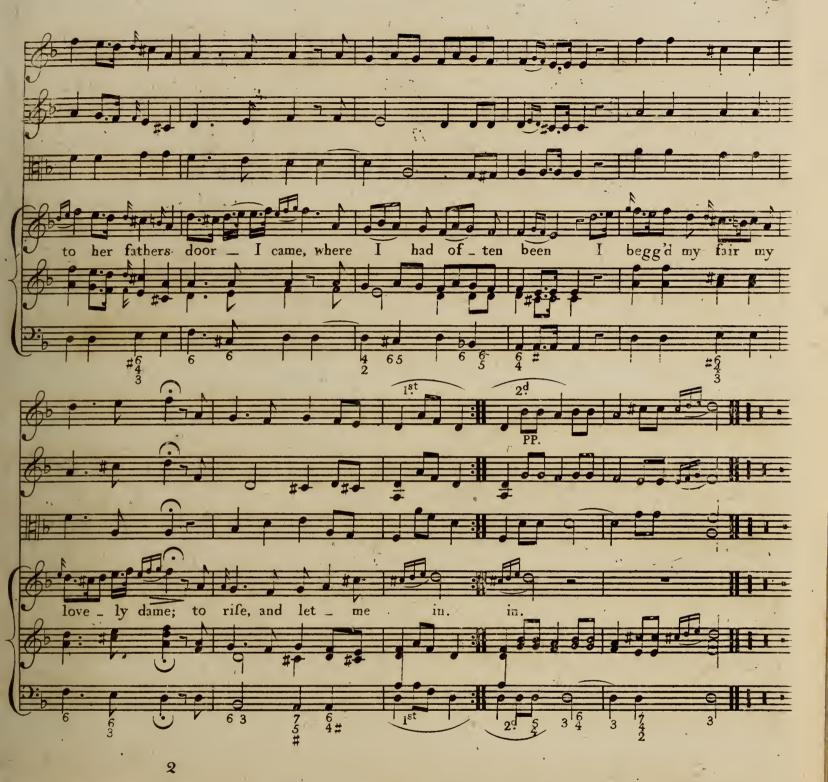




What e'er he said or might pretend,
That staw that heart o' thine, Mary;
True love I'm sure was ne'er his end,
Or nae sic love as mine Mary.
I spake sincere nor flatter'd much,
Nae selfish thoughts in me Mary,
Ambition, wealth, nor naething such;
No I lov'd only thee, Mary.

Tho' you've been false yet while I live, I'll lo'e nae maid but thee, Mary,
Let friends forget, as I forgive
Thy wrangs to them and me, Mary.
So then fareweel! of this be sure,
Since you've been false to me, Mary;
For a' the world I'd not endure,
Half what I've done for thee, Mary.





But she, with accents all divine,
Did my fond suit reprove;
And while she chid my rash design,
She but inslam'd my love.
Her beauty oft had pleas'd before,
While her bright eyes did roll,
But virtue only had the pow'r
To charm my very soul.

Then who would cruelly deceive,

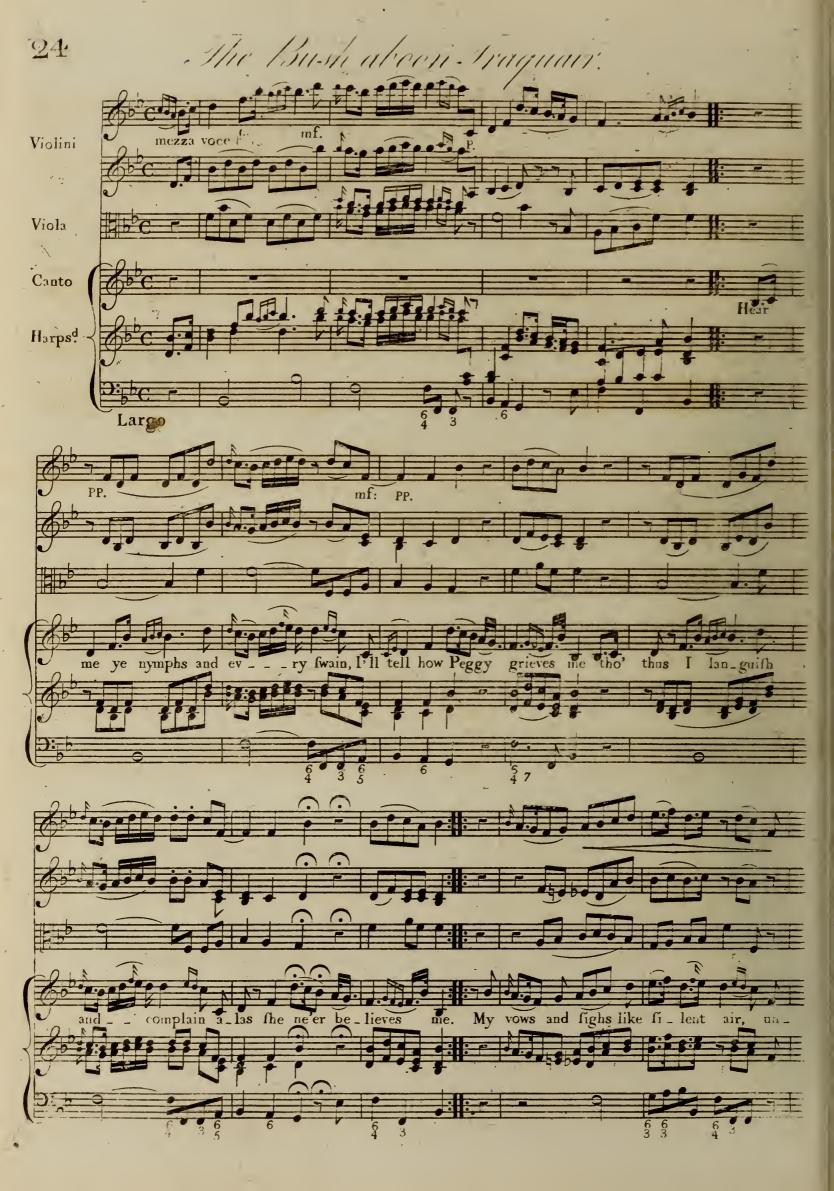
Or from such beauty part!

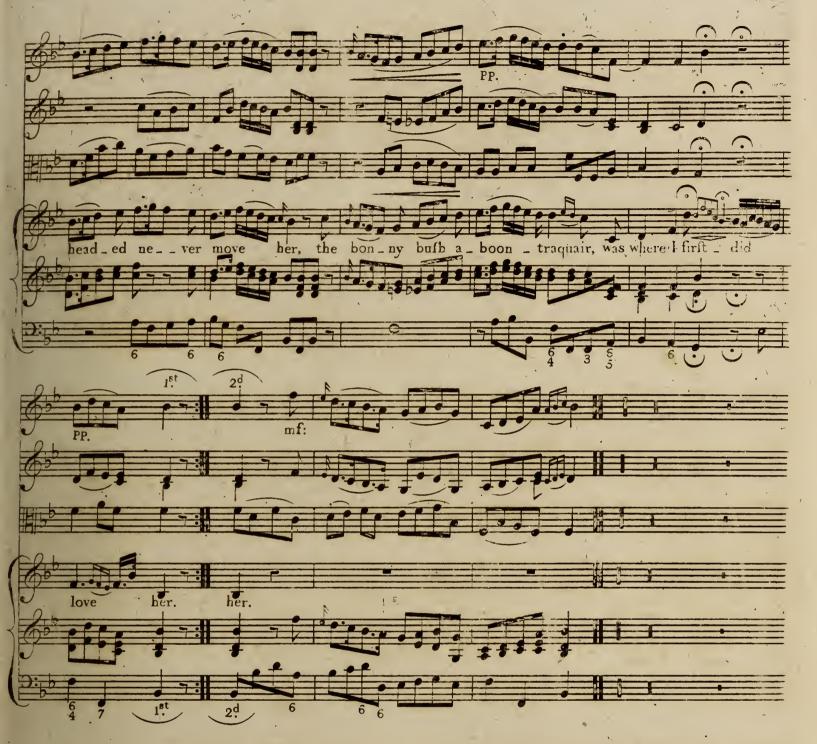
I lov'd her so, I could not leave

The charmer of my heart.

My eager fondness I obey'd,
Resolv'd she should be mine,
Till Hymen to my arms convey'd
My treasure so divine.

Now happy in my Nelly's love,
Transporting is my joy,
No greater blessing can I prove;
So bless'd a man am I.
For beauty may a while retain
The conquer'd flutt'ring heart,
But virtue only is the chain
Holds; never to depart.





That day she smil'd, and made me glad,
No maid seem'd ever kinder;
I thought myself the luckiest lad,
So sweetly there to find her.
I try'd to sooth my am'rous slame,
In words that I thought tender:
If more there pass'd, I'm not to blame,
I meant not to offend her.

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Yet now the foornful flees the plain, The fields we then frequented; If e'er we meet, the thews diffain, She looks as ne'er acquainted. The bonny bush bloom'd fair in may,

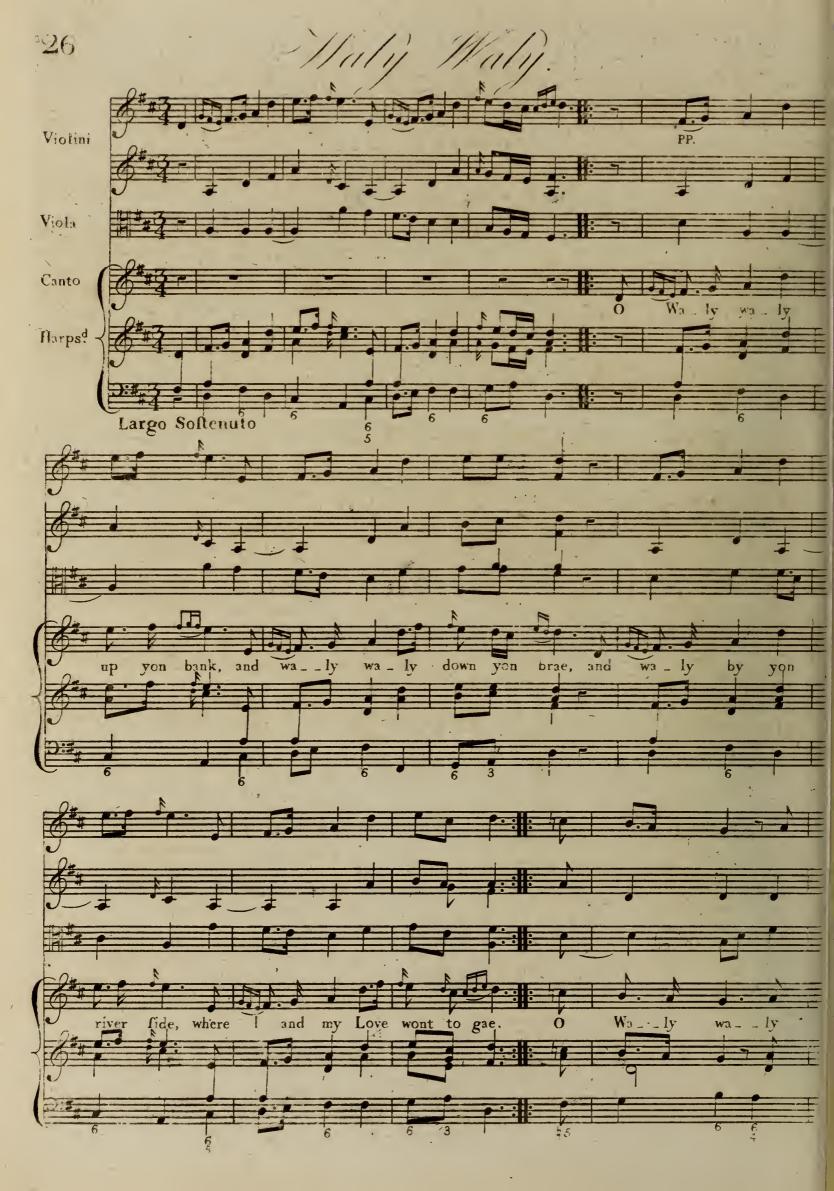
Its sweets I'll ay remember;

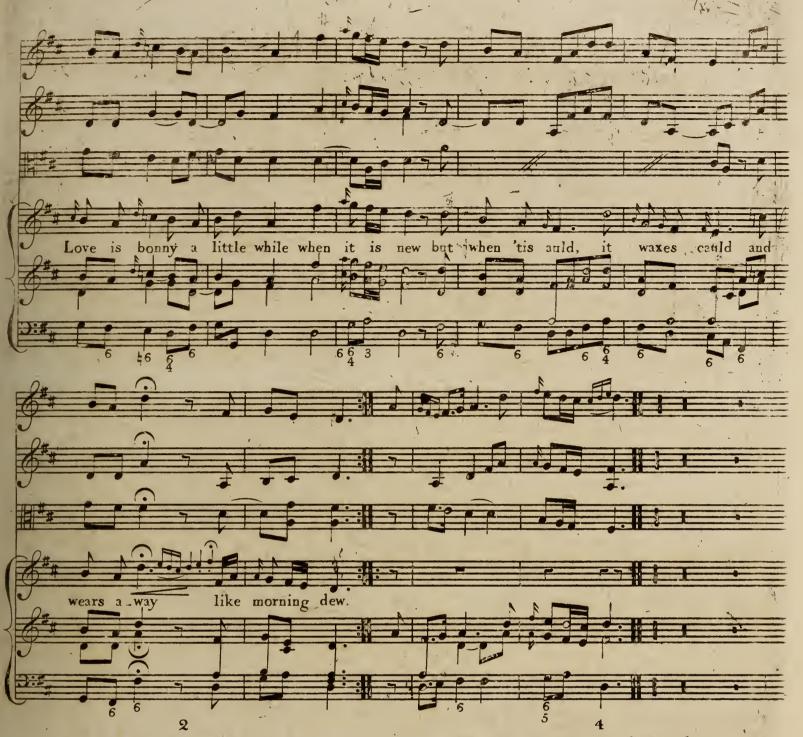
But now her frowns make it decay:

It sades as in december.

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Ye rural powrs, who hear my strains,
Why thus should Peggy grieve me.
Oh! make her partner in my pains:
Then let her smiles relieve me.
If not, my love will turn despair,
My passion no more tender;
I'll leave the bush aboon traquair.
To-lonely wilds I'll wander





I leant my back unto an aik,
I thought it was a trusty tree;
But first it bowd, and syne it brak,
And sae did my sause love to me.
When cockle-shells turn siller bells,
And mussels grow on every tree;
When frost and snaw shall warm us a,
Then shall my love prove true to me.

Now Arthur's feat shall be my bed,

The sheets shall ne'er be fyl'd by me,
Saint Anton's well shall be my drink,
Since my true-love's forsaken me.
O Mart'mas wind, when wilt thou blow,
And shake the green leaves off the tree!
O gentle death, when wilt thou come,
And tak a life that wearies-me!

'Tis not the frost that freezes fell,
Nor blawing snaw's inclemency;
'Tis not the cauld that makes me cry;
But my love's heart grown cauld to me.
When we came in by Glasgow town,
We were a comely sight to see;
My love was cled in velvet black
And I mysel in cramasie.

But had I wist before I kiss'd,

That love had been sae ill to win;
I'd lockt my heart in a case of gold,

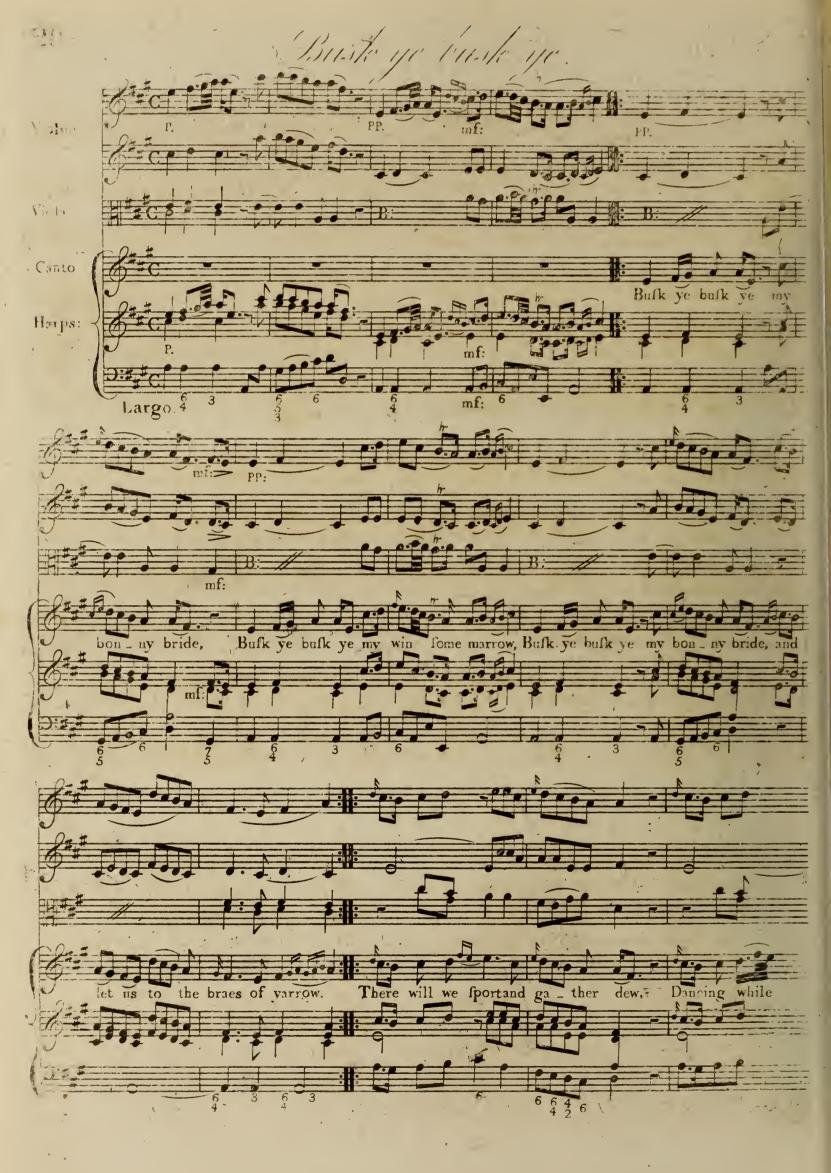
And pin'd it with a silver pin.

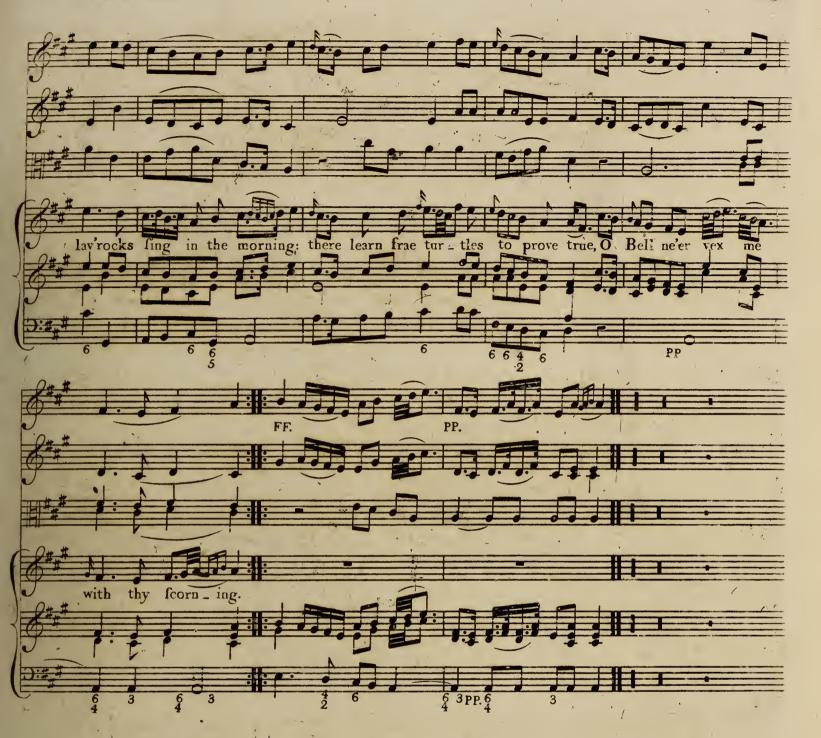
Oh, oh! is my young babe were born,

And set upon the nurse's knee,

And I mysel were dead and gone.

For maid again I'll never be.





To westlin breezes Flora yields,

And when the beams are kindly warming, Blythness appears o'er all the fields,

And Nature looks more fresh and charming, Learn frae the burns that trace the mead,

Tho' on their banks the roles blossom, Yet hastily they flow to Tweed,

And pour their sweetness in his bosom.

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Haste ye, haste ye, my bonny Bell,

Haste to my arms, and there I'll guard thee Wi' free consent my fears repel,

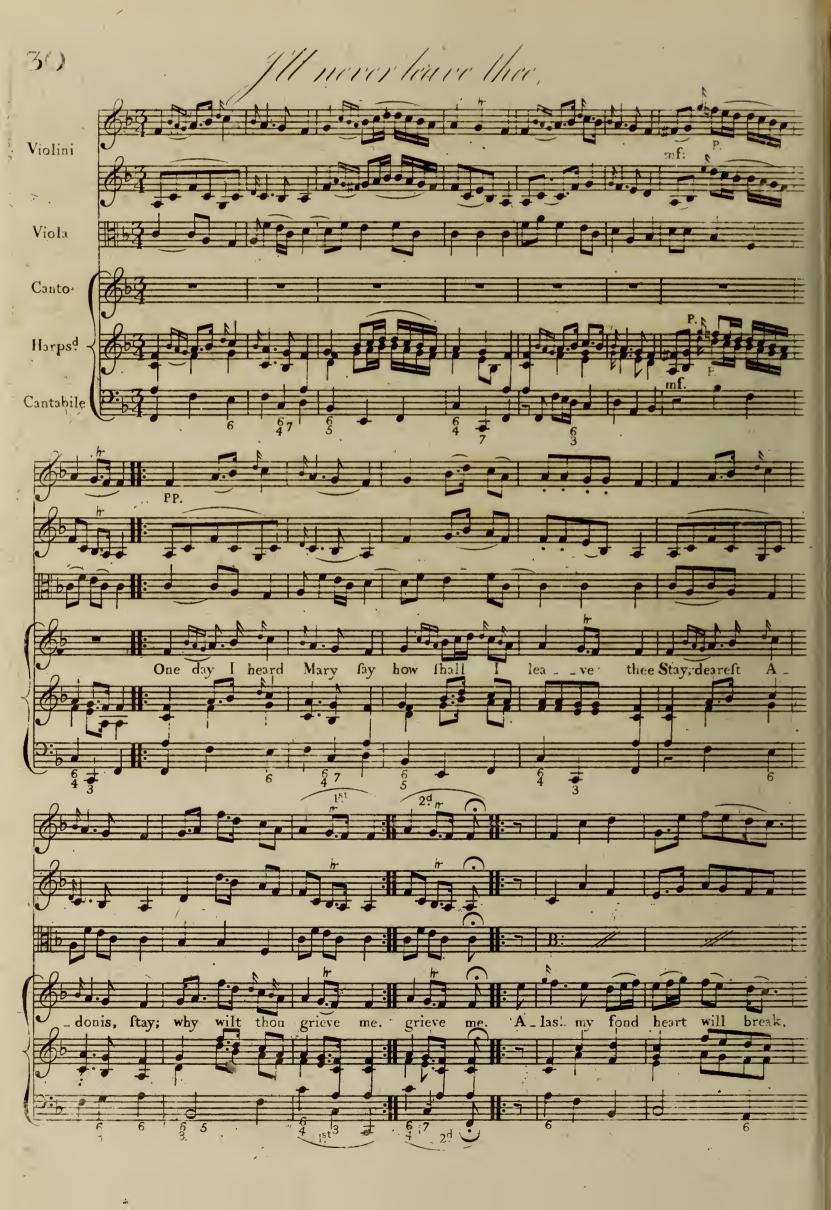
I'll wi' my love and care reward thee.

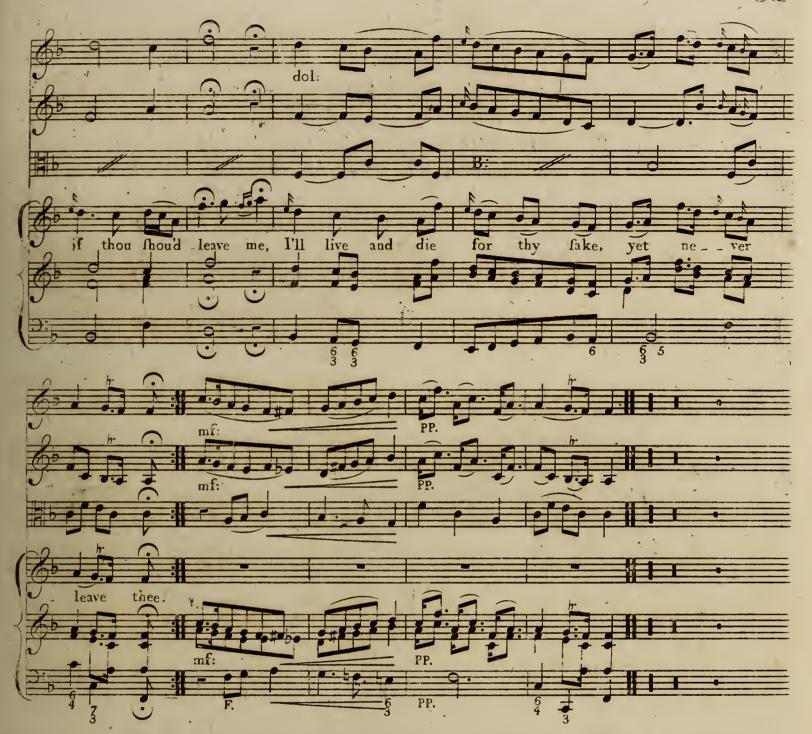
Thus fang I faftly to my fair,

Who rais'd my hopes with kind relenting,

O queen of smiles, I ask mae mair,

Since now my bonny Bell's consenting.





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Say, levely Adonis, fay,

Has Mary deceive thee.

Did e'er her young heart betray

New love to grieve thee.

My constant mind ne'er shall stray,

Thou may believe me;

I'll love thee, lad, night and day,

And never leave thee.

3

Adonis, my charming youth,
What can relieve thee.
Can Mary thy anguish soothe.
This breast shall receive thee.

My passion can ne'er decay,

Never deceive thee;

Delight shall drive pain away,

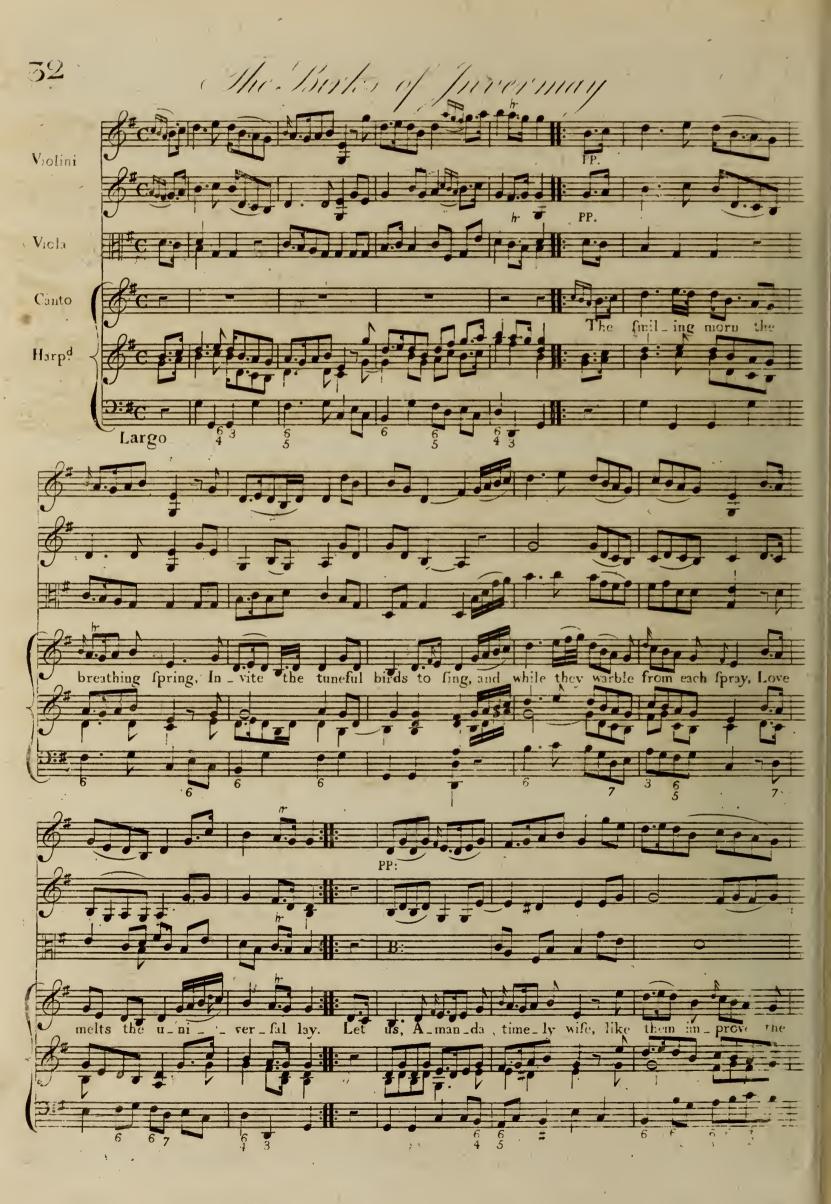
Pleasure revive thee

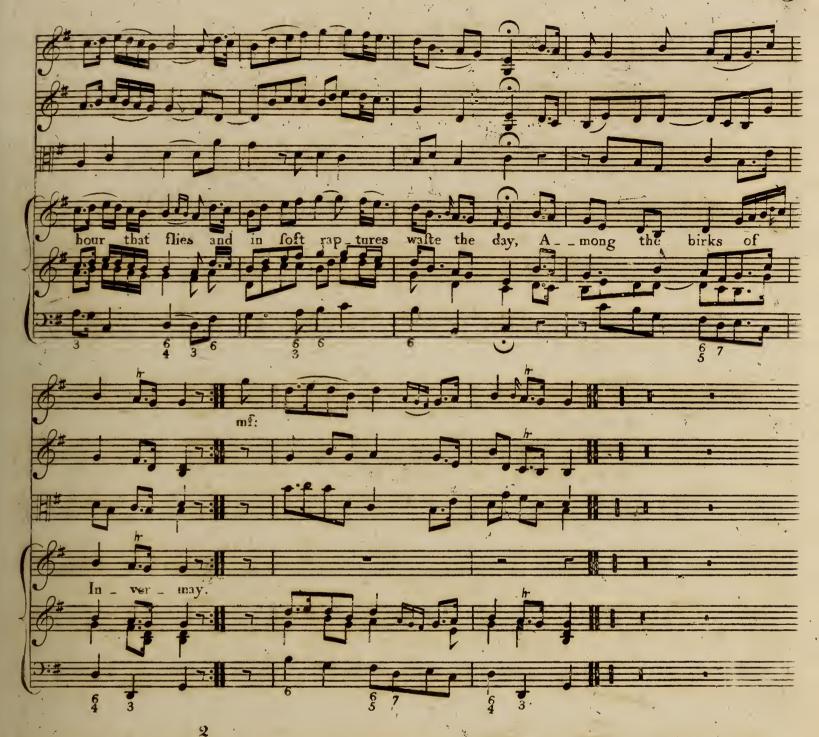
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But leave thee, leave thee, lad,
How shall I leave thee!

O. that thought makes me fad;
I'll never leave thee.

Where would my Adonis fly.
Why does he grieve me!
Alas! my poor heart will die,
If I should leave thee.





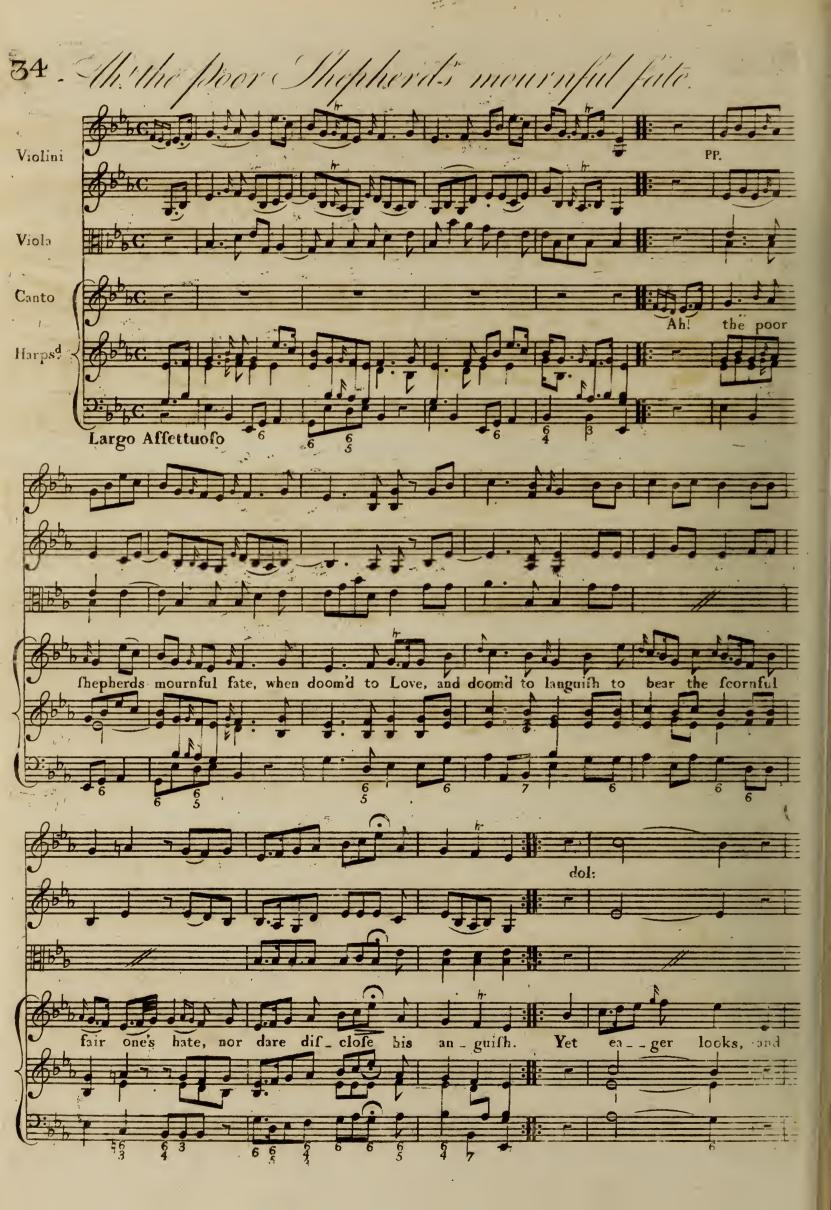
For soon the winter of the year,
And age, life's, winter, will appear;
At this, thy living bloom will fade,
As that, will strip the verdant shade,
Our taste of pleasure then is o'er
The feather'd songsters are no more;
And when they droop, and we decay,
Adieu the birks of Invermay.

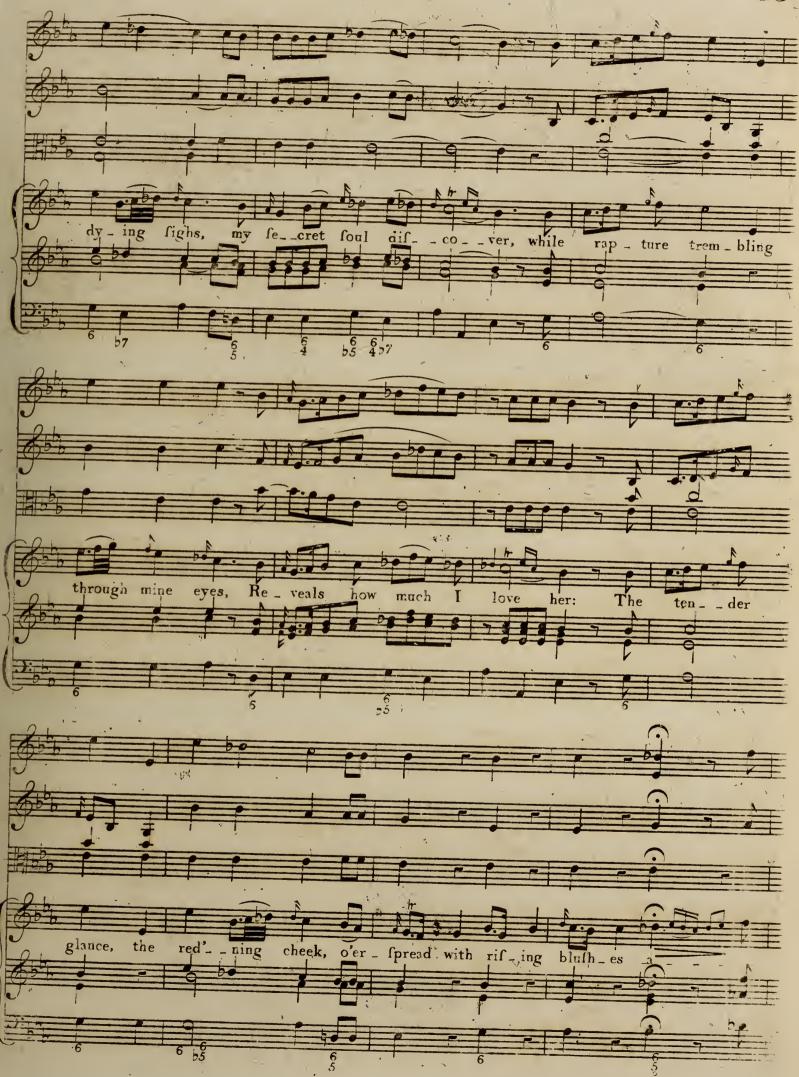
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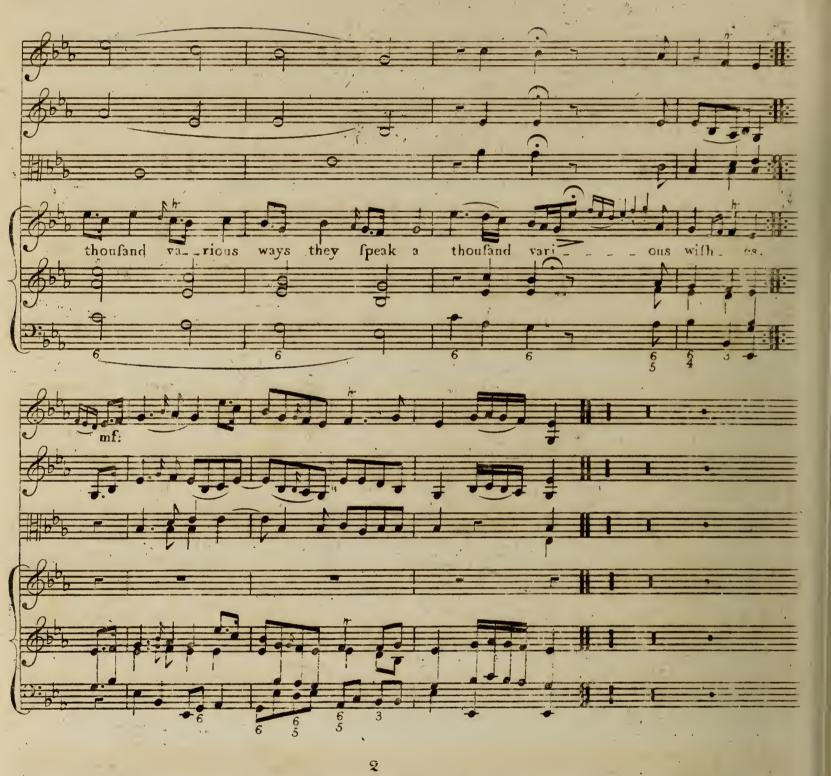
Behold the hills and vales around, With lowing herds and flocks abound; The wanton kids, and frilking lambs, Gambol and dance about their dams; The bufy bees with humming noise, And all the reptile kind rejoice: Let us, like them, then sing and play About the birks of Invermay.

4

Hark, how the waters, as they fall,
Loudy my love to gladness call;
The wanton waves sport in the beams,
And sishes play throughout the streams.
The circling sun does now advance,
And all the planets round him dance:
Let us as jovial be as they,
Among the birks of Invermay.

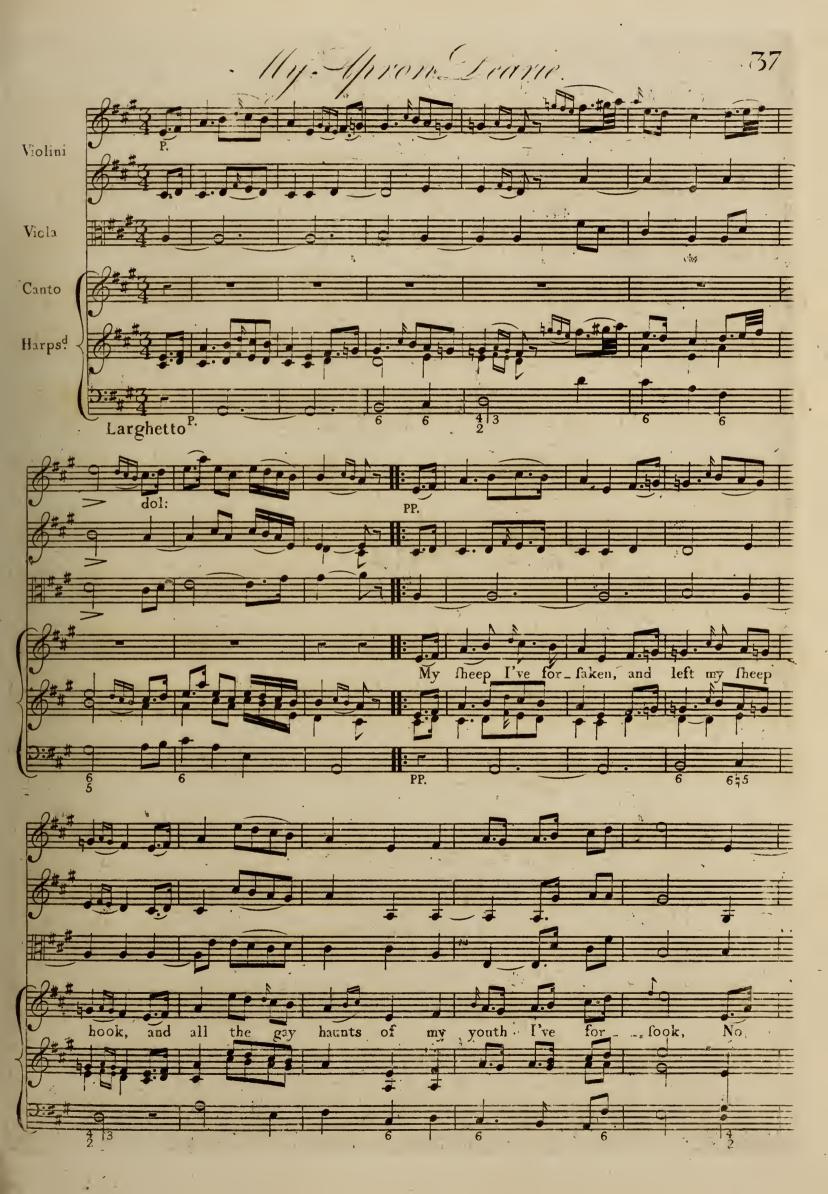


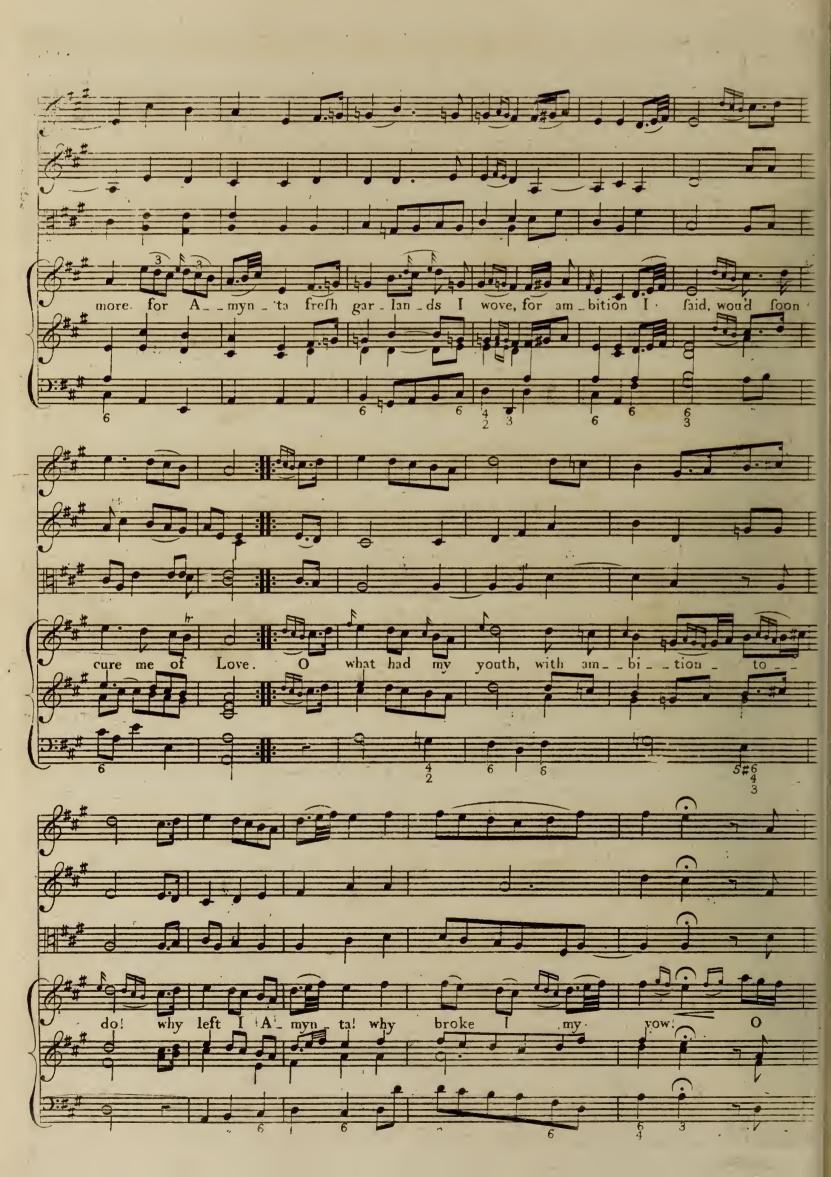


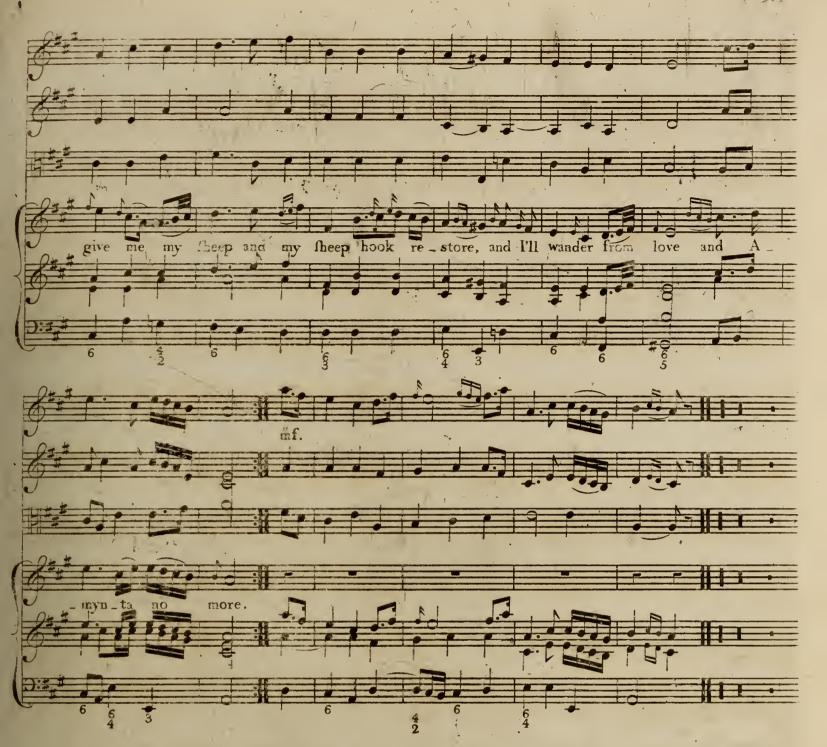


For oh. that form so heavenly fair,

Those languid eyes so sweetly smiling,
That artless blush, and modest air,
So fatally beguiling!
Thy every look, and every grace,
So charm whene'er I view thee;
Till death o'ertake me in the chace,
Still will my hopes pursue thee.
Then when my tedious hours are past,
Be this last blessing given,
Low at the feet to breathe my last,
And die in sight of Heaven!







Through regions remote, in vain do I rove,
And bid the wide ocean secure me from love;
O fool, to imagine that ought can subdue
A love so well founded, a passion so true!
O what had my youth with ambition to do!
Why left I Amynta! why broke I my vow!
O give me my sheep, and my sheep hook restore,
I'll wander from love and Amynta no more.

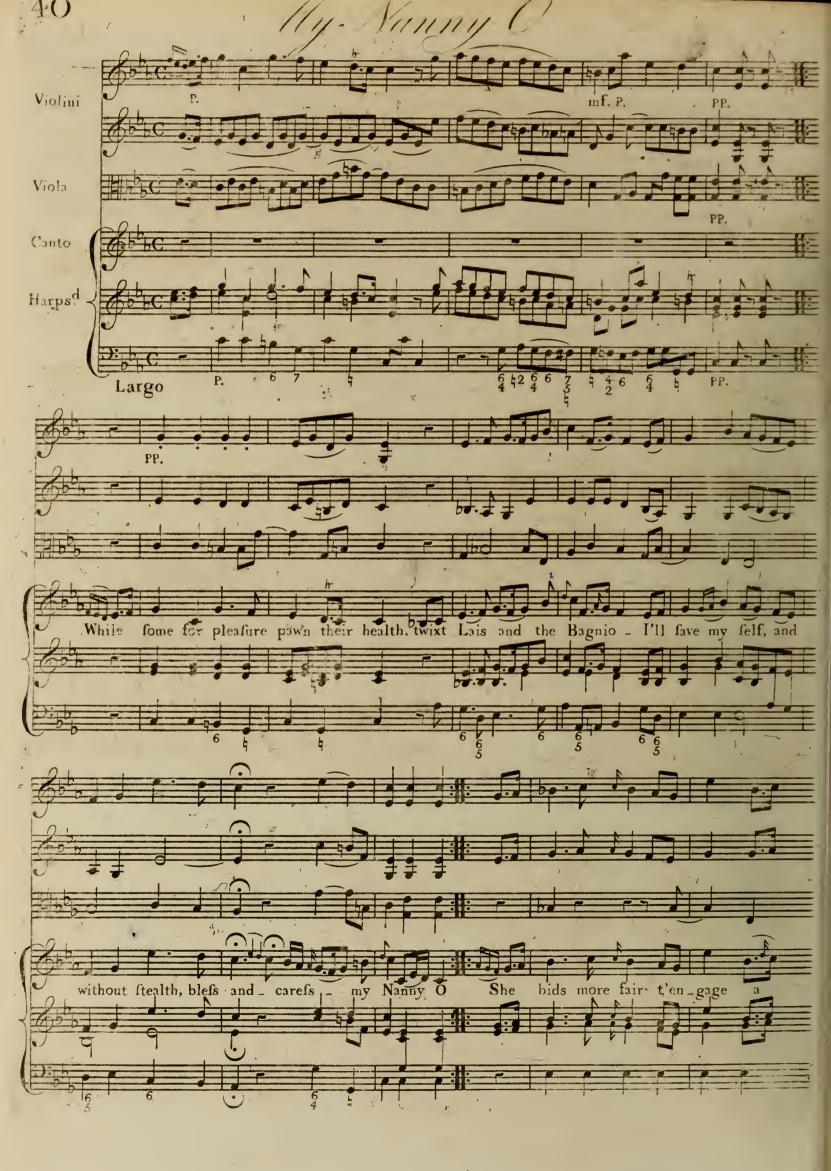
Alas! 'tis too late at thy fate to repine!

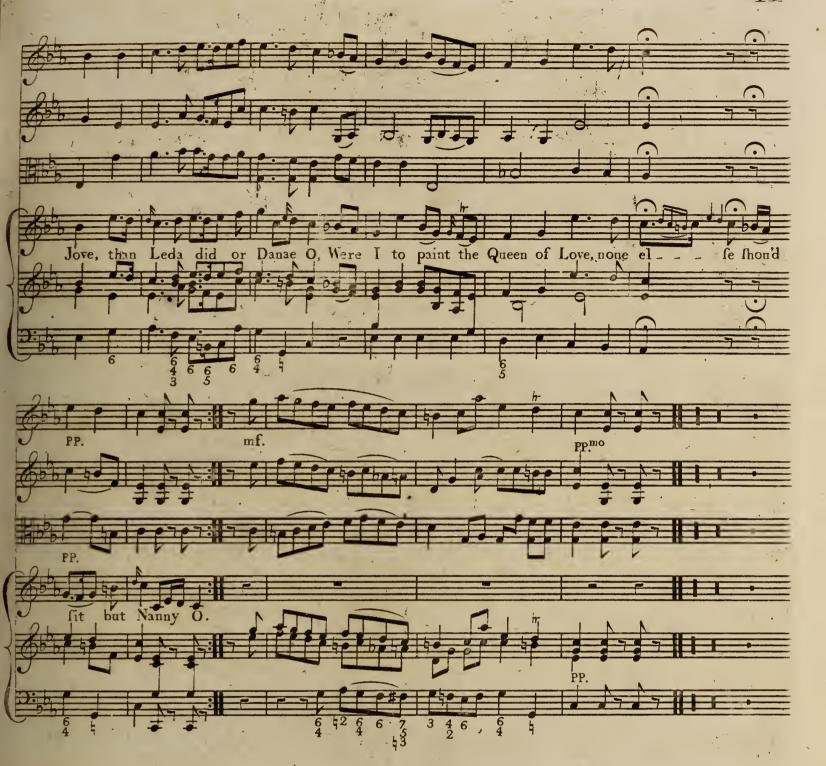
Poor shepherd! Amynta no more can be thine;
Thy tears are all fruitless thy wishes are vain;
The moments neglected return not again.

O what had my youth with ambition to do!

Why left I Amynta! why broke I my vow!

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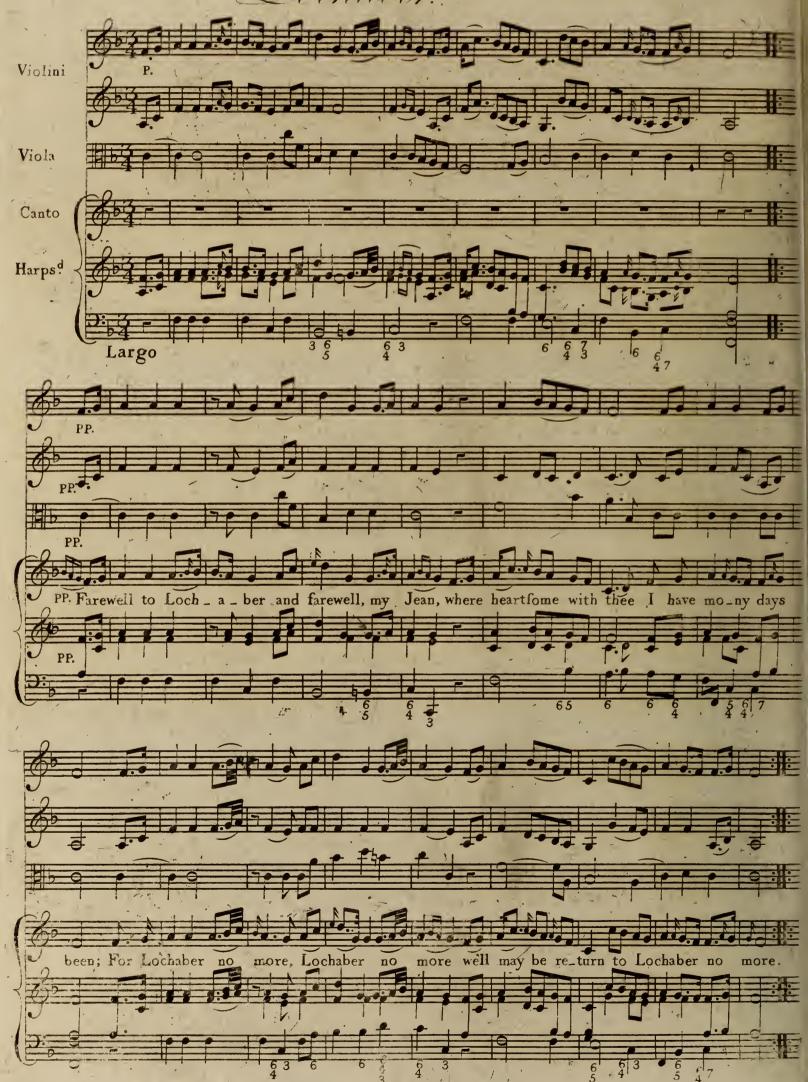


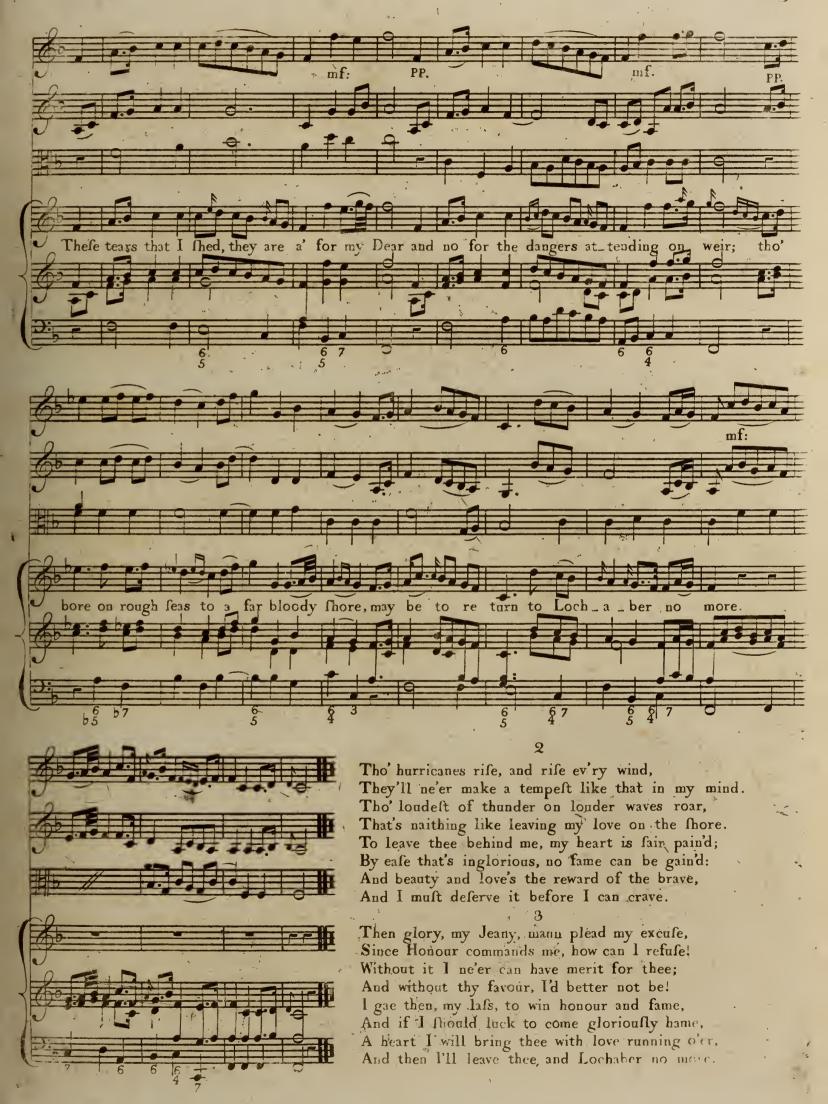


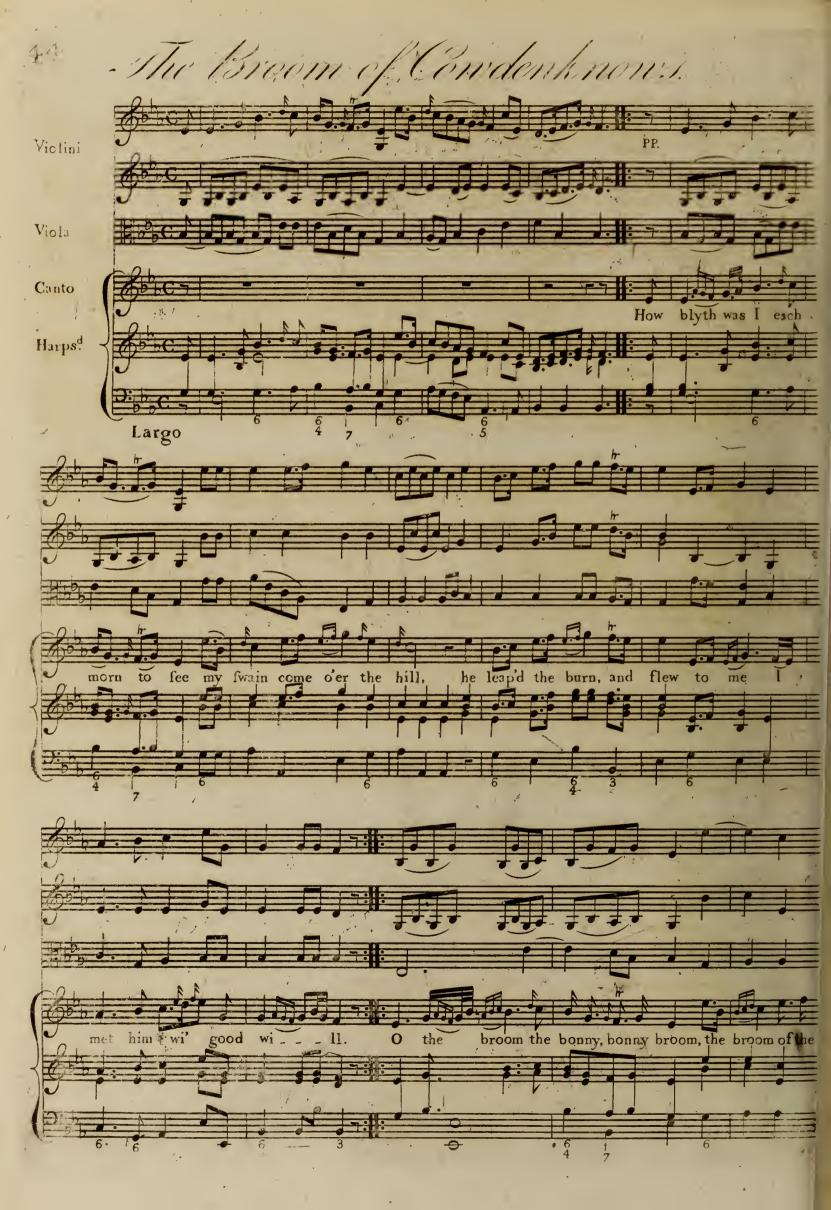
How joyfully my spirits rise,
When dancing she moves finely\_O
I guess what heav'n is by her eyes,
Which sparkle so divinely\_O
Attend my vow, ye gods, while I
Breath in the blest Britannia,
None's happiness I shall envy,
As lang's ye grant me Nanny\_O.

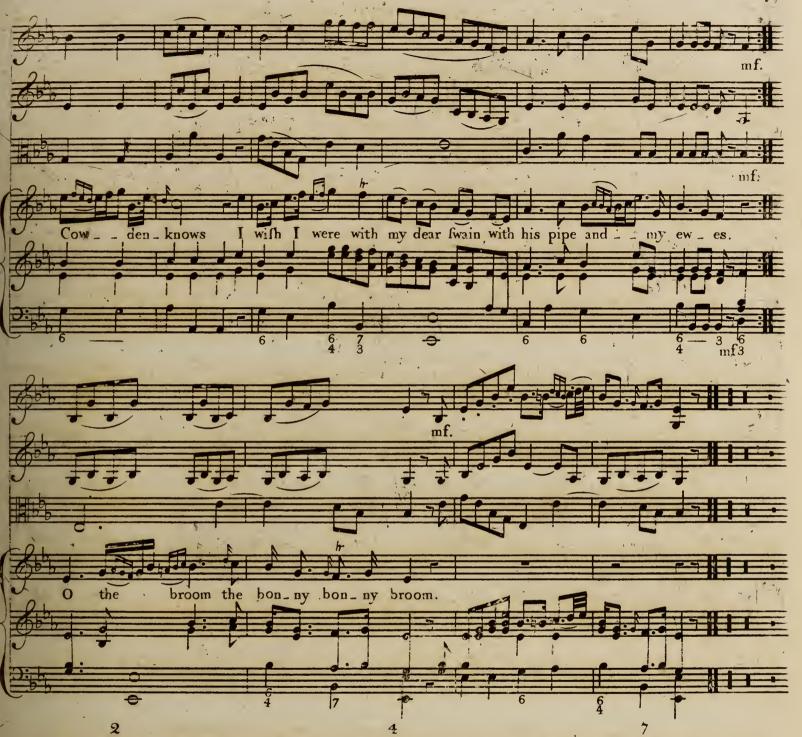
My bonny, bonny, Nanny\_O!
My lovely charming Nanny\_O!
I care not tho the world know
How dearly I love Nanny\_O.

Tochaker.









I neither wanted ewe nor lamb, While his flock near me lay; He gather'd in my sheep at night, And chear'd me a' the day. O the broom, &c.

He tun'd his pipe and reed fae sweet, The birds stood list ning by; Ev'n the dull cattle stood and gaz'd, Charm'd wi' his melody.

O the broom, &c.

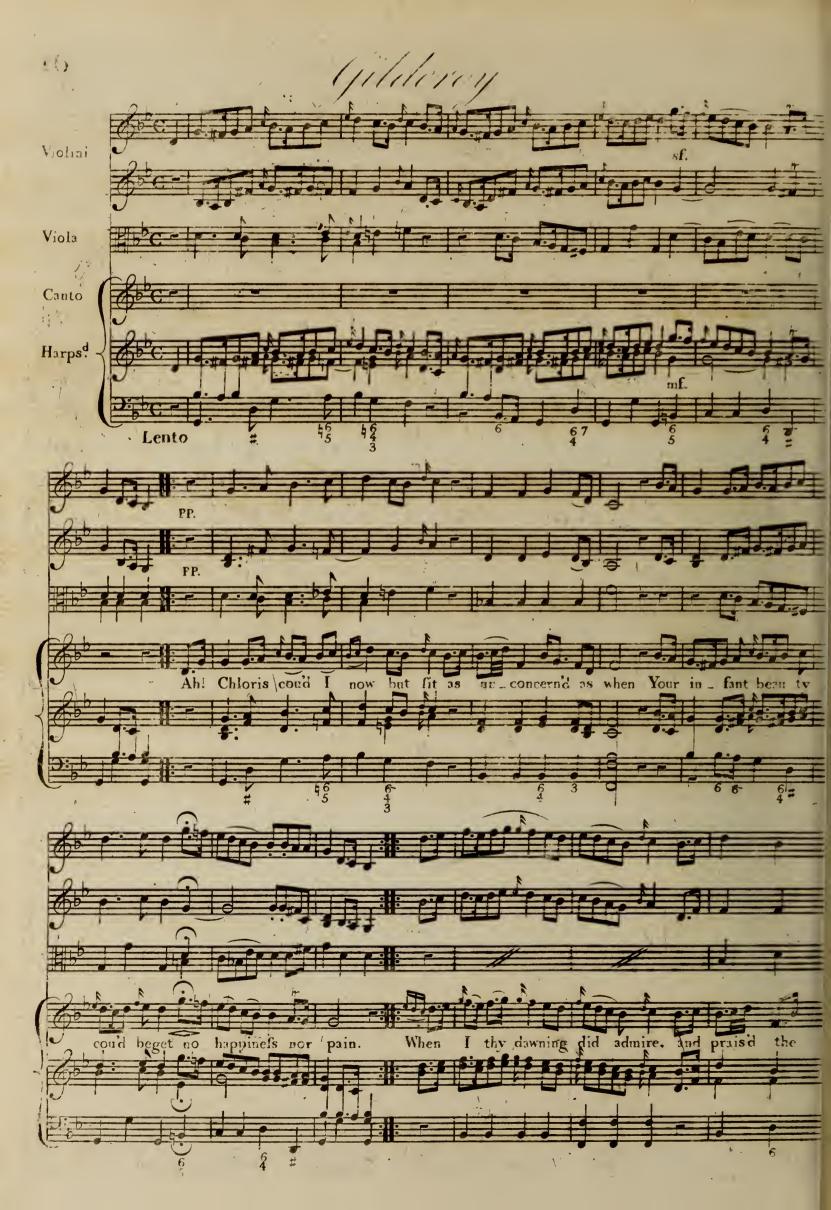
While thus we spent our time, by turns My doggie, and my little kit. Betwixt our flocks and play, I envy'd not the fairest dame, Tho ne'er so rich and gay. O the broom, &c.

Hard fate! that I shou'd banish'd be, Gang heavily and mourn, Because I lovd the kindesty swains That ever yet was born!" O the broom, &c.

He did oblige me evry hour; Cou'd I but faithfu' be. He staw my heart; cou'd I refuse Whate'er he ask'd of me. O the broom, &c.

That held my wee foup whey, My plaidy, broach, and crooked ftic. May now dy useless by. O'the broom, &c.

Adieu, ye Cowdenknows, adieu, Farewel a pleasure's there; Ye gods, restore me to my swain. Is a I crave, or care. O the broom, &c.

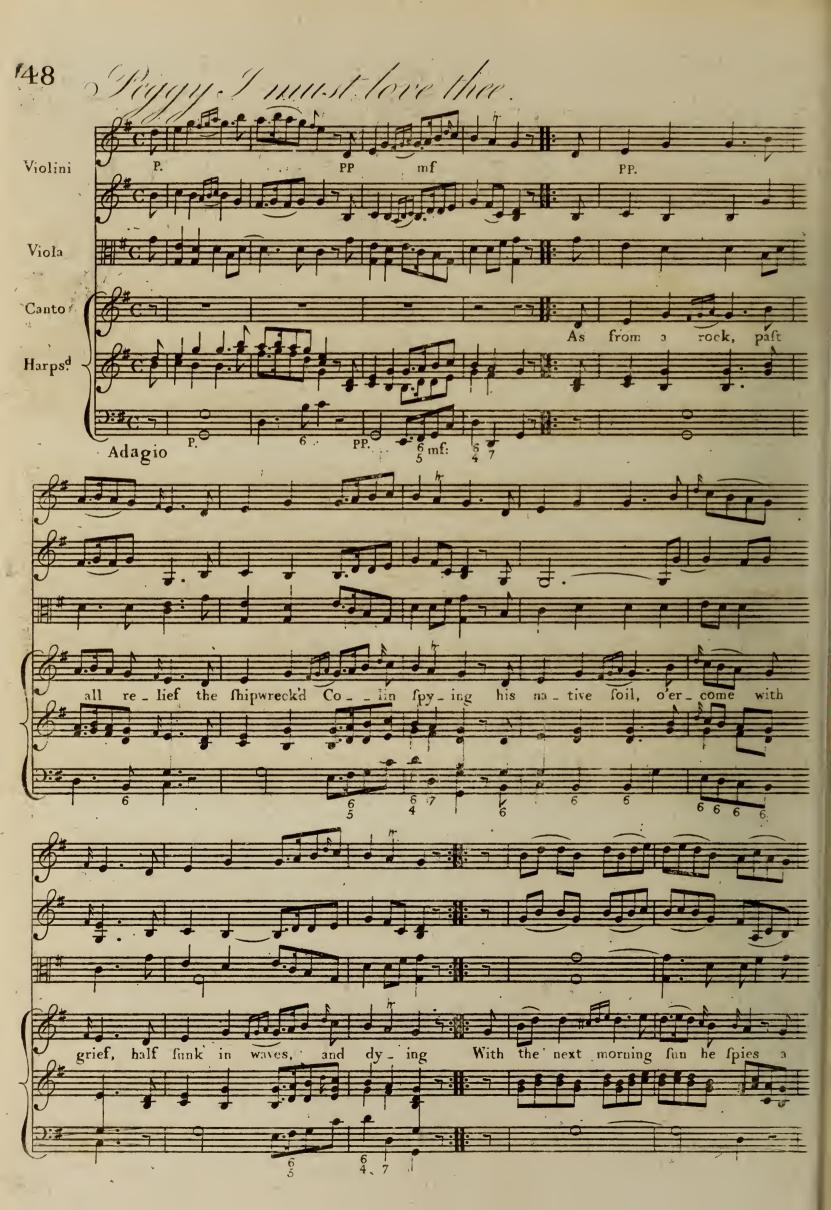


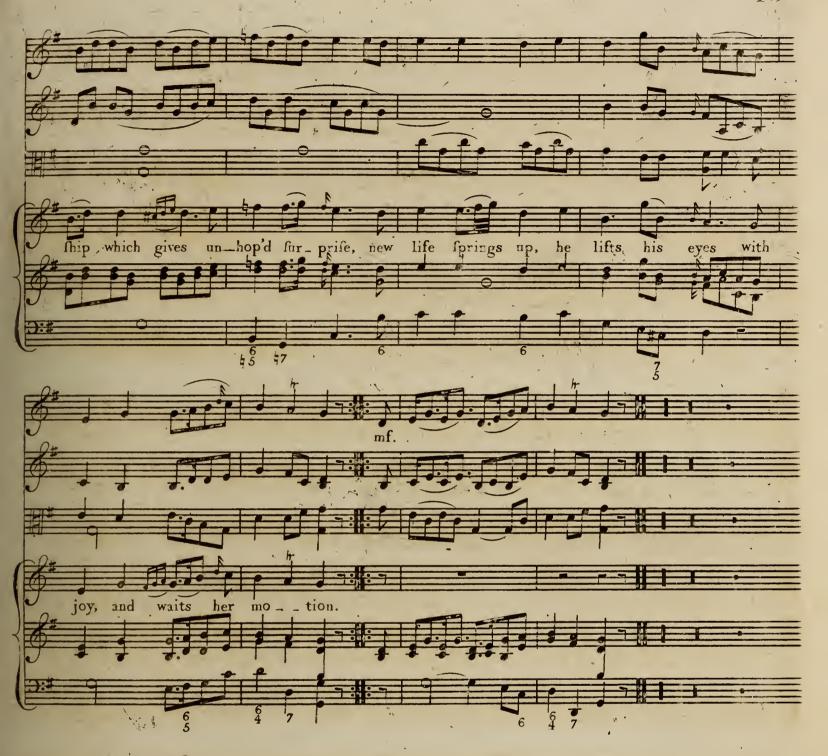


Your charms in harmless childhood lay, As metals in the mine; Age from no face takes more away, Than youth conceal'd in thine: But as your charms infenfibly To their perfection press'd; So love as unperceived did fly, And center'd in my breast.

My passion with your beauty grew, While Cupit at my heart, Still as his mother favour'd you, Threw a new flaming dart. Each gloried in their wanton part; To make a lover, he Employ'd the utmost of his art;

To make a beauty, she.





So when by her, whom long I lov'd,
I fcorn'd was and deferted;
Low with despair, my spirits mov'd,
To be forever parted:
Thus droop'd I, till diviner grace
I found in Peggy's mind and face;
Ingratitude appear'd then base,
But virtue more engaging.

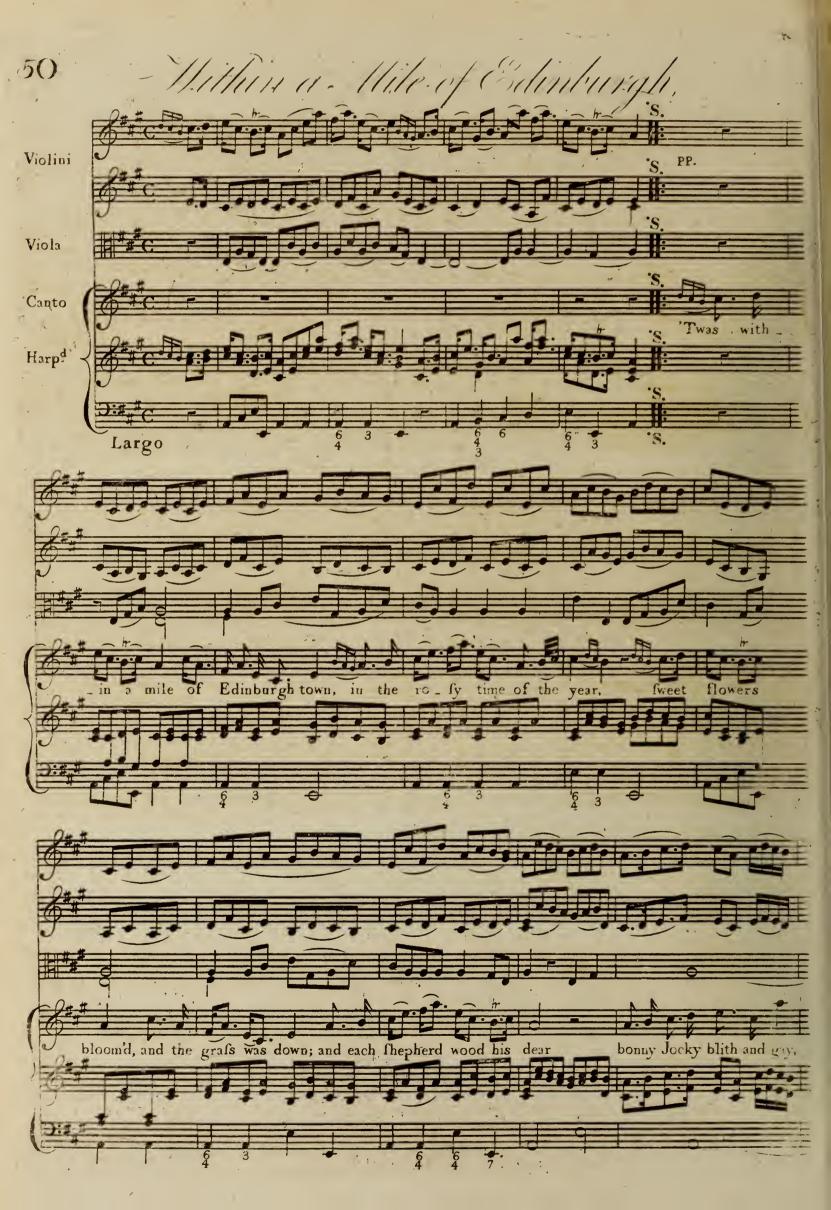
Then now, fince happily I've hit,
I'll have no more delaying;
Let beauty yield to manly wit,

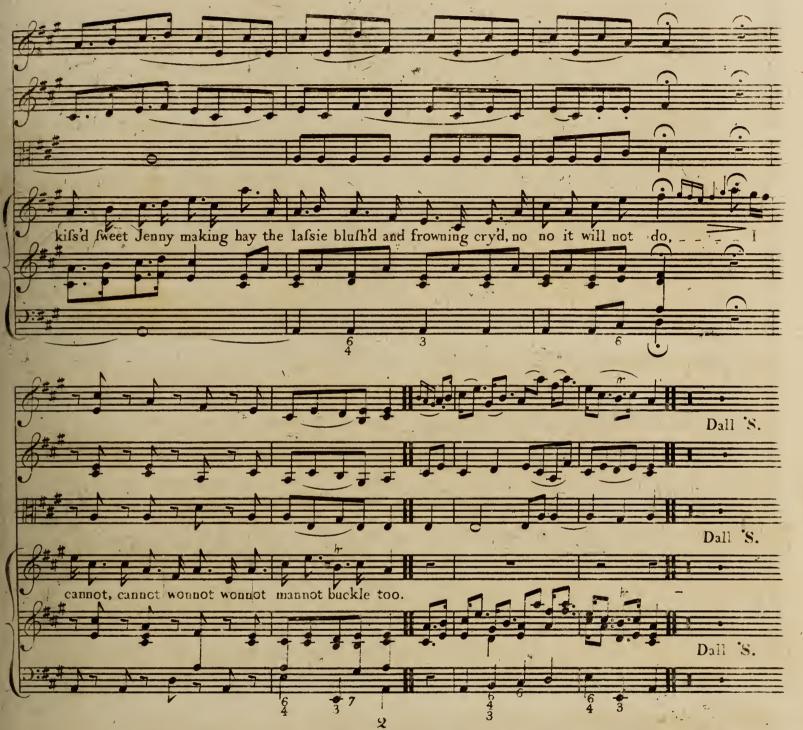
We lose ourselves in staying;

I'll haste dull courtship to a close, Since marriage can my fears oppose: Why shou'd we happy minutes lose Since Peggy, I must love thee.

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Men may be foolish if they please,
And deem't a lover's duty
To sigh, and sacrifice their ease,
Doating on a proud beauty:
Such was my case for many a year.
Still hope succeeding to my fear;
False Betty's charms now disappear,
Since Peggy's far outshine them.





Jockey was a wag that never would wed,

Tho long he had follow'd the lass,
Contented she earn'd and eat her brown bread,
And merrily turn'd up the grass.

Bonny Jocky blith and free

Won her heart right merrily,

Yet still she blush'd and frowning cry'd No no, it will not do, I cannot cannot wonnot wonnot mannot buckle too.

But when he vow'd he wou'd make her his Bride,
Tho his flocks and herds were not few,
She gave him her hand and a kifs befide,
And vow'd fhe'd for ever be true.
Bonny Jockey, blith and free,

Bonny Jockey, blith and free, Won her heart right merrily,

At Church the no more frowning cryd No no it will not do, I cannot cannot wonnot wonnot mannot buckle too.

