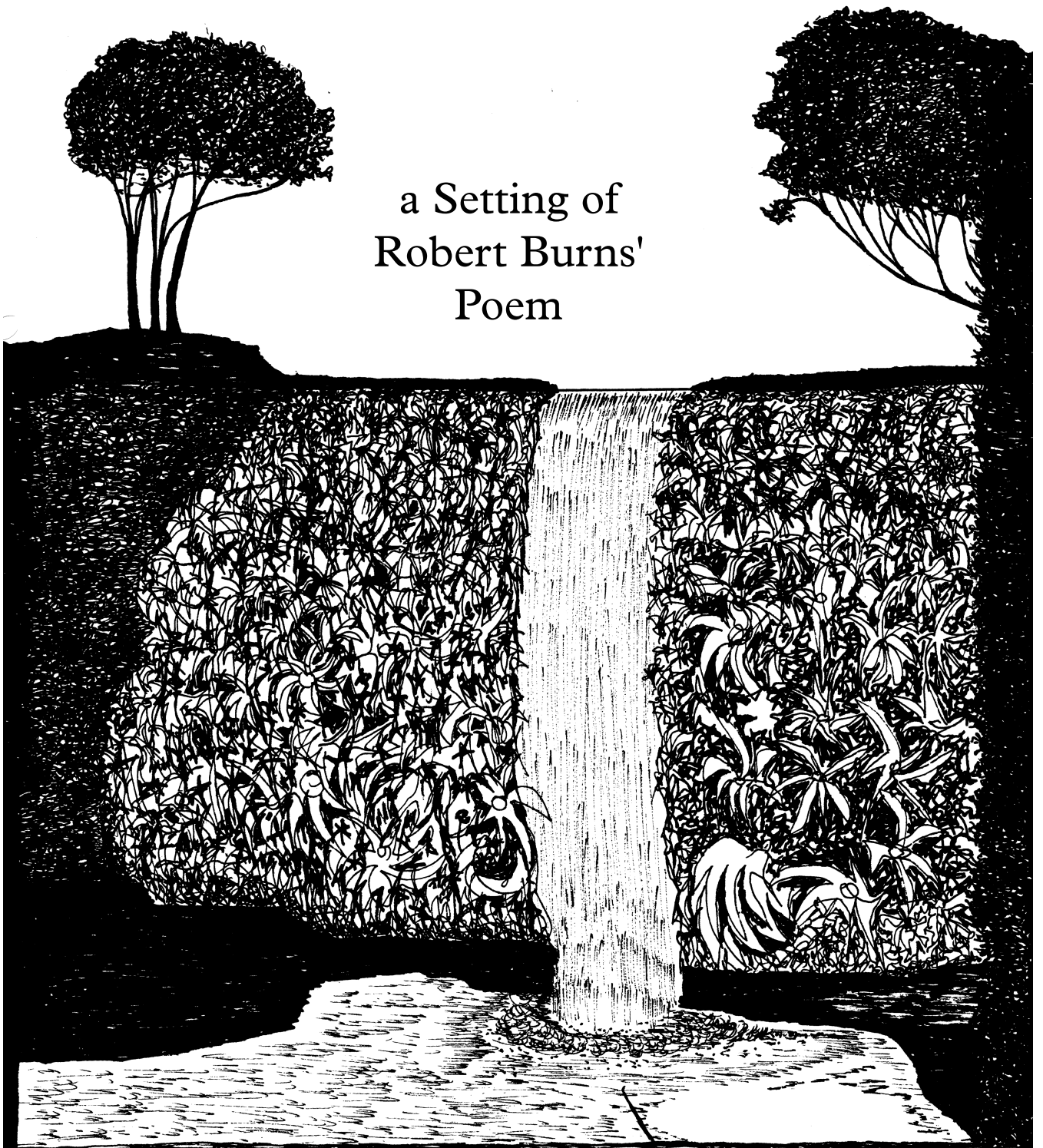


Ye Banks and Braes

a Setting of
Robert Burns'
Poem



Peter Dyson
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Ye Banks and Braes

Robert Burns (1759 -1796)

Tune "The Caledonian Hunt's Delight"
composed by James Miller,
arranged Peter Dyson

Gently and never more than *mf* (♩=100)

Ye banks and braes o' bo-nnie Doon, How can ye chant so fresh and fair; How can ye chant, ye

The first system of the musical score for 'Ye Banks and Braes'. It features a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 6/8. The lyrics are: 'Ye banks and braes o' bo-nnie Doon, How can ye chant so fresh and fair; How can ye chant, ye'.

li - ttle birds_ And I_sae wea - ry fu' o' care! Ye'll break my heart ye war-bling birds,_ That

The second system of the musical score. It continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'li - ttle birds_ And I_sae wea - ry fu' o' care! Ye'll break my heart ye war-bling birds,_ That'.

wan tons thro' the flo-we-ring thorns; Ye mind me o' de - par - ted joys; De - par - ted ne - ver

The third system of the musical score. It continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'wan tons thro' the flo-we-ring thorns; Ye mind me o' de - par - ted joys; De - par - ted ne - ver'.



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to re-turn. Oft have I rov'd by bonnie Doon' To see the rose and

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wood-bine twine; And il-ka bird sang o' its love, And fondly sae did

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I o' mine. Wi' light-some heart. I pu'd a rose, Fu' sweet u-pon its

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thor-ny tree; But my false lo-ver stole my rose, But ah! (s)he left the thorn wi' me.

Ye banks and braes o' bonnie Doon,
 How ye can bloom so fresh and fair:
 How can ye chant, ye little birds,
 And I sae weary fu' o' care!

Ye'll break my heart, ye warbling birds,
 That wantons thro' the flowering thorn;
 Ye mind me o' departed joys;
 Departed never to return.

Oft ha'e I rov'd by bonnie Doon'
 To see the rose and woodbine twine;
 And ilka bird sang o' its love,
 And fondly sae did I o' mine.

Wi' lightsome heart I pu'd a rose,
 Fu' sweet upon its thorny tree;
 But my false lover stole my rose,
 But ah! he left the thorn wi' me.

1791

Mr. James Miller, a clerk at the General Register House at Edinburgh, composed the tune "The Caledonian Hunt's Delight" by a mere random effort. Mr. Stephen Clarke directed him to touch only the black keys of the harpsichord, keep a constant rhythm, and he would infallibly produce a Scotch air. Clarke then suggested the tune to Burns who adjusted his words to fit the tune.

The "Bonnie Doon" is a river that flows from Loch Doon to the Firth of Clyde in Ayrshire, Scotland, past Burns' home town of Alloway.