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"HE meal was dear Short fyne
We buckl'd us a' thegither;
And. Magore was in her prime,
When Willie made courthip till her ;
Twa piftals charg'd beguefs, ${ }^{\text {' }}$
To gi'e the courting thot;
And fyne came ben the lafs,
Wi' fwats drawn frae the butt.
He firft fier'd at the guidman,
And fyne at Giles, the mither,
An ye wad gi's a bit land,
Wee'd buckle us e'en thegither.
Your tocher's be good enough, For that ye need na fear,
Twa good filts to the plough,
And ye yourfell maun fteer:
Ye fall ha'e twa good pocks.
That ance were o' the tweel;
The t'ane to had the groats,
The ither to had the meal ;
Wi' an auld kift made o' wands,
And that fall be your coffer ;
Wi' aiken woody bands,
And that may had your tocher.

Confider weel, guidman, 1 j $\ldots t$ : We ha'e but borrow'd gear;
The horfe that I ride on,
Is Sandy Wilfon's mare;
The faddle's nane $o^{\prime} \mathrm{my}$ ain;
And thae's but barrow'd boots’,
And when that I gae hame,
I maun tak to my coots;
The cloak is Geordy Watt's,
That gars me look fae croufe;
Come, fill us a cogue of fwats,
We'll mak nae mair toom roofe.
I like you weel, young lad,
-For telling me fae plain;
I married when little I had,
O' gear that was my ain.
But fin that things are fae,
The bride the maun come forth,
Tho' a' the gear fhe'll ha'e
'Twill be but little worth.
A bargain it maun be,
Fy, cry on Giles the mither ;
Contented am I, quo' fhe,
E'en gar the hiffic come hither.
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