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# ROBIN RUFF

OR

*(If I had but a thousand a year)*

## BALLAD

*as Sung by*

Mr. G. Russell.

THE MUSIC COMPOSED & DEDICATED WITH AFFECTION TO MY BROTHER

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ROBIN RUFF.

Composed by Henry Russell.

If I had but a thousand a year, Gaffer Green! If I had but a thousand a

year - - - - - What a man would I be, and what sights could I see, If I

had but a thousand a year, Gaffer Green! If I had but a thousand a year! - - - -

The best wish you could have take my word Robin Ruff, Would see ree find you in bread or in

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

had but a thousand a year, Robin Ruff? If you had but a thousand a year? - - -

Id do\_\_\_ I scarce ly know what, Gaffer Green Id go, faith I hardly know

where, Id scatter the chink and leave others to think, If I

had but a thousand a year, Gaffer Green, If I had but a thousand a year! - - - -

But when you are aged and grey, Robin Ruff, And the day of your death it draws

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

then had a thousand a year, Robin Puff? If you then had a thousand a year?-----

I scarcely can tell what you mean, Gaffer Green, For your questions are al-ways so

queer, But as other folks die, I suppose so must I -- What, and

give up your thousand a year, Robin Ruff? And give up your thousand a year? - - - -

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

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

if he'd a thousand a year, Robin Ruff, Aye as if he'd a thousand a year. - - - -