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Craigieburn



Sonnet on receiving a favour



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The Blue Eyed Lassie



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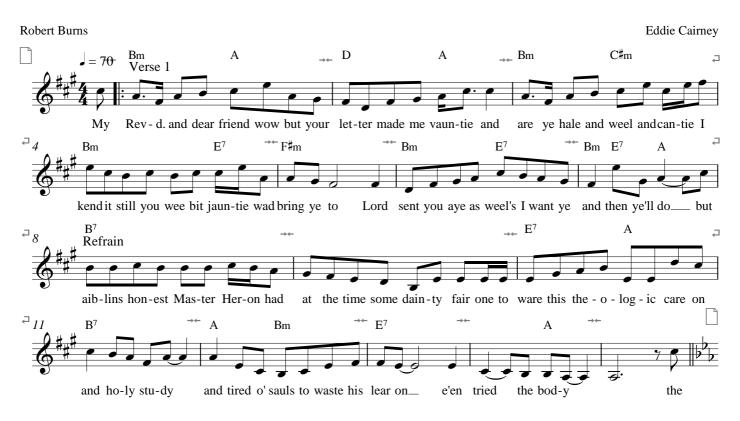
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Prologue spoken at the theatre of Dumfries



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Epistle to Dr Blacklock



Verse 2

My Revd. And dear friend The III thief blaw the Heron south And never drink be near his drouth He tauld mysel by word o' mouth He'd tak my letter I lippen'd to the chiel in trowth And bade nae better

Verse 3

My Revd. And dear friend But what d'ye think my trusty fier I'm turned a gauger Peace be here Parnassian queens I fear I fear Ye'll now disdain me And then my fifty pounds a year Will little gain me

Refrain

Verse 4

My Revd. And dear friend Ye glaikit gleesome dainty damies Wha by Castalia's wimplin streamies Lowp sing and lave your pretty limbies Ye ken ye ken That strang necessity supreme is 'Mang sons o' men

Verse 5

My Revd. And dear friend I hae a wife and twa wee laddies They maun hae brose and brats o' duddies Ye ken yoursels my heart right proud is I need na vaunt But I'll sned besoms thraw saugh woodies Before they want

Refrain

Verse 8

My Revd. And dear friend But to conclude my silly rhyme I'm scant o' verse and scant o' time To make a happy fireside clime To weans and wife Theat's the true pathos and sublime Of human life

Refrain

Verse 6

Verse 7

A lady fair

My Revd. And dear friend

I'm weary sick o't late and air

Not but I hae a richer share

My Revd. And dear friend

Thou stalk o' carl hemp in man

Wha does the utmost that he can

Than monie ithers

And a' men brithers

Will whyles do mair

Lord help me thro' this warld o' care

But why should ae man better fare

Come firm Resolve take thou the van

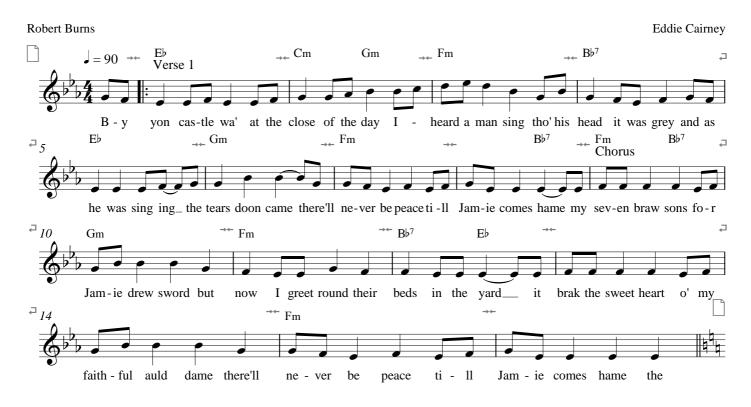
And let us mind faint heart ne'er wan

Verse 10

My Revd. And dear friend My compliments to sister Beckie And eke the same to honest Lucky I wat she is a daintie chuckie As e'er tread clay And gratefully my guid auld cockie I'm yours for aye

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There'll never be peace till Jamie comes hame



Verse 2

The church is in ruins the state is in jars Delusions oppressions and murderous wars We dare na weel say 't but we ken wha's to blame There'll never be peace till Jamie comes hame

Chorus

Verse 3

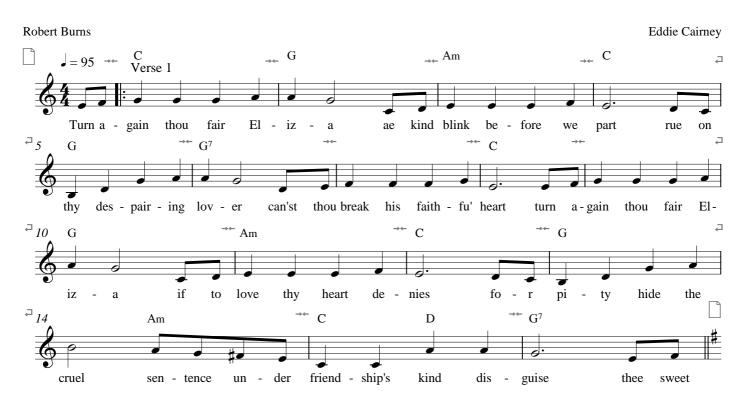
Now life is a burden that bows me down Sin I tint my barns and be tint his crown But till my last moments my words are the same There'll never be peace till jamie comes hame

Chorus



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Thou Fair Eliza



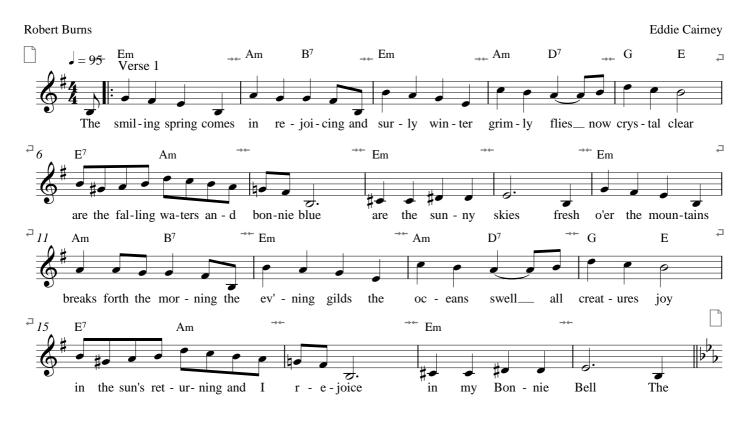
Verse 2

Thee sweet maid hae I offended My offence is loving thee Can'st thou wreck his peace forever Wha for thine would gladly die (dee) While the life beats in my bosom Thou shalt mix in inka throe Turn again thou lovely maiden Ae sweet smile on me bestow

Verse 3

Not the bee upon the blossom In the pride o' sinny noon Not the little sporting fairy All beneath the simmer moon Not the minstrel in the moment Fancy lightens in his e'e Kens the pleasure feels the rapture That thy presences gies to me

My Bonnie Bell



Verse 2

The flowery spring leads sunny summer The yellow autumn presses near Then in this turn comes gloomy winter Till smiling spring again appear Thus seasons dancing life advancing Old time and nature their changes tell But never ranging still unchanging I adore my Bonnie Bell

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My Collier Laddie



Verse 3

Tho ye had a the sun shines on And the earth conceals sae lowly I wad turn my back on you and it a' And embrace my collier laddie

Verse 4

I can win my five pennies in a day An' spend it at night fu' brawlie And make my bed in the collier's neuk And lie down wi' my collier laddie

Refrain 2

Loove for loove is the bargain for me Tho' the wee cot house should haud me And the warld before me to win my bread And fair fa' my collier laddie