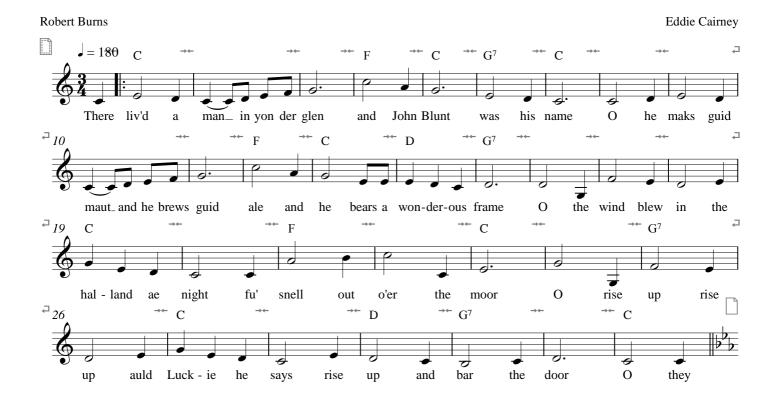
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# Johnie Blunt



# Verse 2

They made a paction 'tween them twa The made it firm and sure O Whae'er sud speak the foremost word Should rise and bar the door O Three travellers that had tint their gate As thro' the hills they foor O They airted by the line o' light Fu' straught to Johnie Blunt's door O

#### Verse 3

They haurl'd auld Luckie out o' her bed And laid her on the floor O But never a word auld Luckie was say For barrin o' the door O Ye've eaten my bread ye hae druken my ale And ye'll mak my auld wife a whore O Aha Johnie Blunt ye hae spoke the first word Get up and bar the door O

# O can ye labour lea



### Verse 2

O clappin's guid in Febarwar An' kissin's sweet in May But what signifies a young man's love An't dinna last for aye

# Chorus

### Verse 3

O kissin is the key o' love And clappin' is the lock An' makin' o' the best thing yet That e'er a young thing got

# When first I saw



#### Verse 2

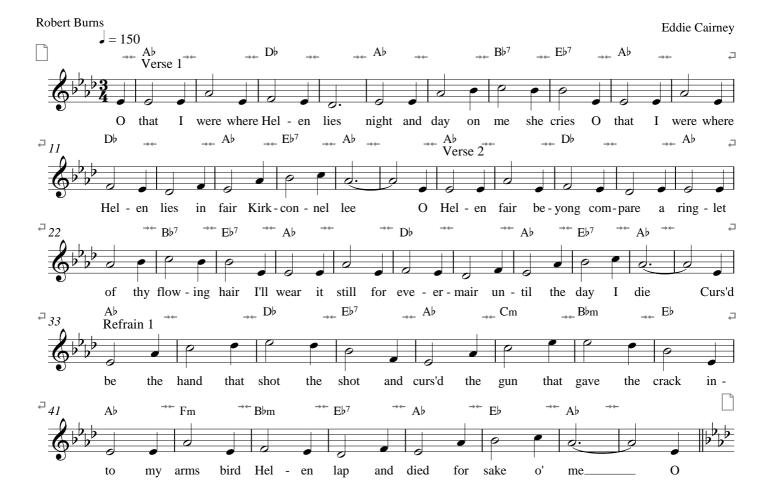
Had I Dundas's whole estate
Or Hopetoun's wealth to shine in
Did warlike laurels crown my brow
Or humbler bays entwining
I'd lay them a' at Jeanie's feet
Could i but hope to move her
And prouder than a belted knight
I'd be my Jeanie's lover

# Chorus

# Verse 3

But sair I fear some happier swain Has gain'd sweet Jeanie's favour If so my every bliss be hers Though I maun never have her But gang she east or gang she west Twixt Forth and Tweed all over While men have eyes or ears or taste She'll always find a lover

# Where Helen lies



# Verse 3

O think na ye but my heart was sair My love fell down and spake nae mair There did she swoon wi' meikle care On fair Kirkconnel lee

### Verse 4

I lighted down my sword did draw I cutted him in pieces sma' I cutted him in pieces sma' On fair Kirkconnel lee

#### Refrain 2

O Helen chaste thou wert modest If I were with thee I were blest Where thou lies low and takes thy rest On fair Kirkconnel lee

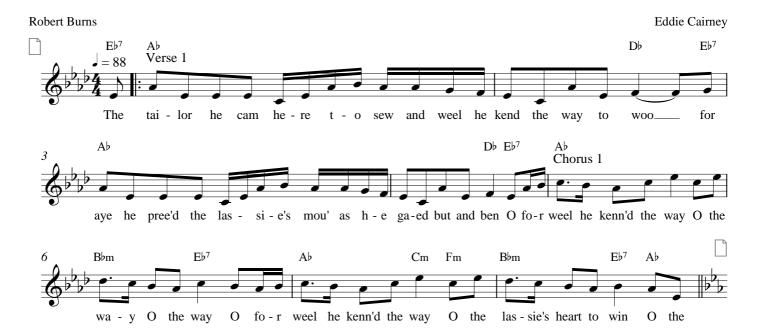
# Verse 5

I wish my grave was growing green A winding sheet put o'er my een And I in Helen's arms lying On fair Kirkconnel lee

### Verse 6

I wish I were where Helen lies Night and day on me she cries O that I were where Helen lies In fair Kirkconnel lee

# The Tailor



### Verse 2

The tailor rase and sheuk his duds The flaes they flew awa' in cluds And them that stay'd gat fearfu' thuds the tailor prov'd a man O

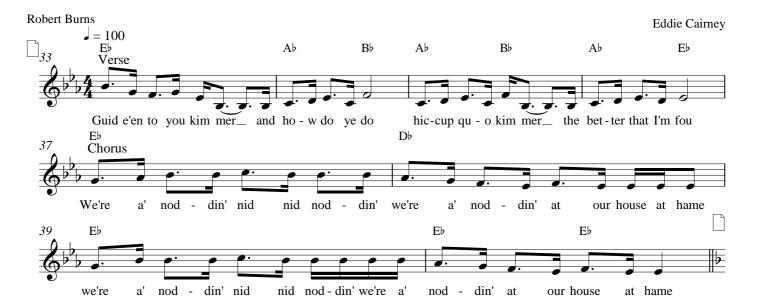
### Chorus 2

For now it was the gloamin The gloamin the gloamin For now it was the gloamin When a' the rest are gaun O

# The Primrose



# We're A' Noddin



#### Verse 2

Kate sits I the neuk Suppin hen broo Deil tak' Kate An she be na noddin' to

#### Chorus

#### Verse 3

How's a' wi' you kimmer And how do you fare A mint o' the best o't And twa pints mair

#### Chorus

#### Verse 4

How's a' wi' you kimmer And how do ye thrive How monie bairns hae ye Quo' kimmer I hae five

#### Chorus

#### Verse 5

Are they a' Johnie's Eh eweel no Twa o' them were gotten When Johnie was awa

# Chorus

### Verse 6

Cats like milk And dogs like broo Lads like lasses weel And lasses lads too

# As I cam down by yon castle wa'



# Verse 2

A bonnie bonnie lassie she was As ever mine eyes did see O five hundred pounds would I give For to have such a pretty bride as thee

### Verse 3

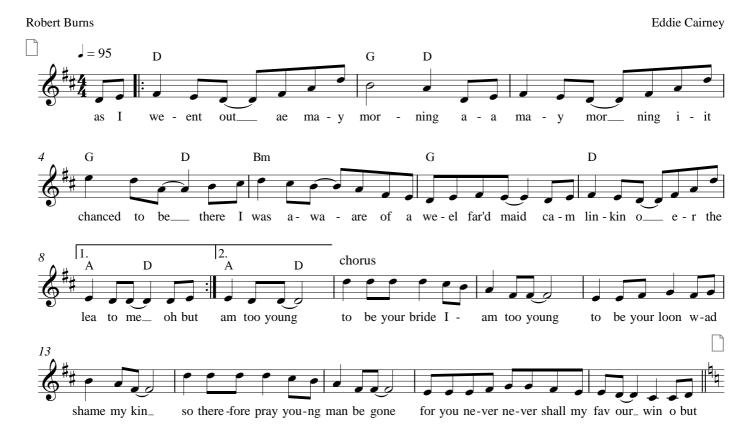
To have such a pretty bride as me Young man ye are sairly mista'en Tho' ye were king o' fair Scotland I wad disdain to be your queen

#### Refrain

#### Verse 4

I trust to climb a far higher tree And herry a far richer nest Tak this advice o' me bonnie lass Humility wad set thee best

# As I went out ae May morning



#### Verse 2

O but she was a weel-far'd maid The boniest lass that's under the sun I spier'd gin she could fancy me But her answer was 'I am too young'

#### Chorus

#### Verse 3

But amang yon birks and hawthorns green Where roses blaw and woodbines hing O there I learn'd my bonie lass That she was not a single hour too young

### **Chorus**

#### Verse 4

The lassie blushed the lassie sigh'd And the tear stood twinklin in her e'e 'O kind Sir since ye hae done me this wrang It's pray when will ye marry me'

### Chorus

# Verse 5

'It's of that day tak ye nae heed For that's a day ye ne'er shall see For ought that passed between us twa Ye had your share as weel as me'

#### Chorus

# Verse 6

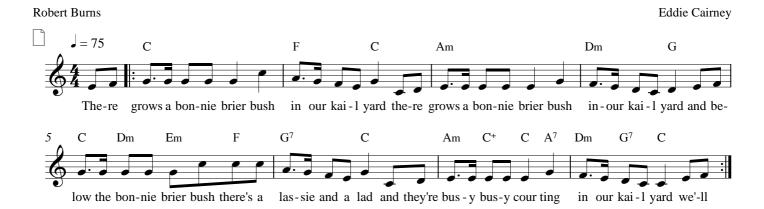
She wrang her hands she tore her hair She cried out most bitterlie 'O what will I say to my mammie When I gae hame wi' a fause storie'

#### Chorus

#### Verse 7

'O as ye maut so maun ye brew And as ye brew so maun ye tun But come to my arms my ae bonie lass For ye never shall rue what ye now hae done'

# There grows a bonnie brier bush



#### Verse 2

We'll court nae mair below the buss in our kailyard We'll court nae mair below the buss in our kailyard We'll awa' to Athole's green and there we'll no be seen Whare the trees and the branches will be our safeguard

#### Verse 3

Will ye go to the dancin in Carlyle's ha'
Will ye go to the dancin in Carlyle's ha'
Whare Sandy and Nancy I'm sure will ding them a'
I winna gang to the dance in Carlyle ha'

# Verse 4

What will I do for a lad when Sandie gangs awa' What will I do for a lad when Sandie gangs awa' I will awa' to Edinburgh and win a pennie fee And see an onie lad will fancy me

#### Verse 5

He's comin frae the north that's to marry me He's comin frae the north that's to marry me Afeather in his bonnet and a ribbon at his knee He's a bonnie bonnie laddie and yon be he