TO DAUNTON ME.



To daunton me, to daunton me, Ken ye the things that would daunton me?¹ O eighty-eight and eighty-nine, And a' the dreary years sin' syne, With cess, and press, and Presbytrie, Guid faith these had like to hae dauntoned me!

¹ In playing the tune, and in the singing of some of the other songs adapted to it, it is necessary to repeat the first part.

But to wanton me, to wanton me,
Do you ken the things that would wanton me?
To see guid corn upon the rigs,
And a gallows hie to hang the Whigs,
And the right restored where the right should be,
O these are the things that would wanton me!

To wanton me, to wanton me, Ken you what maist would wanton me? To see King James at Edinburgh cross, Wi' fifty thousand foot and horse, And the usurper forced to flee, O this is what maist would wanton me.

These verses, according to Mr Stenhouse, appear in A Collection of Loyal Songs, Poems, &c., printed in 1750. Three other Jacobite songs to the same tune appear in Mr Hogg's Collection. Burns also composed a song in which a young woman, wooed by an old man, sings:

The bluid-red rose at Yule may blaw,
The summer lilies bloom in snaw,
The frost may freeze the deepest sea,
But an auld man shall never daunton me. &c.