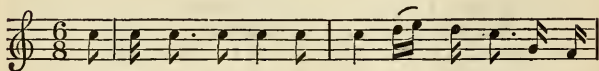
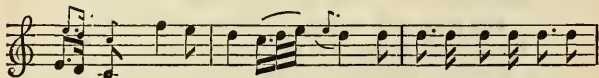


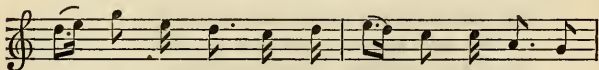
THE HUMBLE BEGGAR.



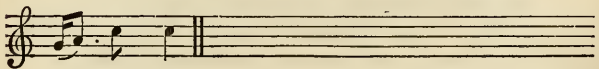
In Scotland there lived a hum - ble beg - gar ; He had



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In Scotland there lived a humble beggar ;
He had neither house, nor hauld, nor hame ;
But he was weel liked by ilka body,
And they gae him sunkets to raux his wame.
A neivefou o' meal, a handfou o' groats,
A daud o' a bannock, or pudding-bree,
Cauld parridge, or the lickings of plates,
Wad make him as blithe as a bodie could be.

A humbler bodie, O, never brake bread,
 For the fient a bit o' pride had he ;
 He wad hae ta'en his alms in a bicker,
 Frae gentle, or semple, or poor bodie.
 His wallets afore and ahint did hing,
 In as good order as wallets could be.
 A lang-kale goolie hung down by his side,
 And a muckle nowte-horn to rout on had he.

It happen'd ill, and it happen'd warse,
 For it happen'd sae that he did die ;
 And wha wad ye think were at his lyke-wauk,
 But lads and lasses of high degree.
 Some were merry, and some were sad,
 And some were as blithe as blithe could be ;
 When up he started, the gruesome carle—
 I rede ye, good folks, beware o' me !

Out sraich'd Kate, who sat in the nook,
 Vow, now, kimmer ! and how do ye ?
 He ca'd her waur than witch and limmer,
 And ruggit and tuggit her cockernonie.
 They howkit his grave in Douket's kirkyard,
 Twa ell deep—for I gaed to see—
 But when they were gaun to put him in the yird,
 The fient a dead nor dead was he.

They brought him down to Douket's kirkyard ;
 He gae a dunt, and the boords did flee ;
 And when they gaed to lay him in the grave,
 In fell the coffin, and out lap he !
 He cried, I'm cauld ! I'm unco cauld !
 Fu' fast ran they, and fu' fast ran he ;
 But he was first hame at his ain ingle-side,
 And he help'd to drink his ain dredgie.

The Humble Beggar appeared first in Herd, and its rich humour and forcible expression have secured it a place in all subsequent collections.
