

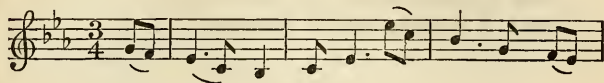
AULD ROB MORRIS.

This song appears in the *Tea-table Miscellany*, 1724, as an old song with additions. Its air, which is traced to a music-book, dated 1692, where it appears under the name of *Jock the Laird's Brother*,² has secured it popularity, and induced Burns to compose

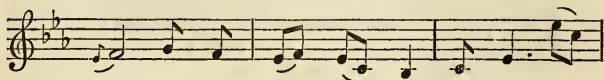
¹ From Cromek's *Select Scottish Songs*, 1810.

² Laing's *Notes to Stenhouse*, p. 222*.

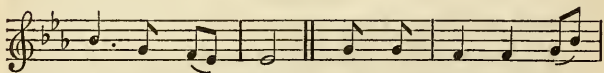
another song on the basis of the same name, but with a different strain of ideas, by which the present lyric has been in a great measure superseded.



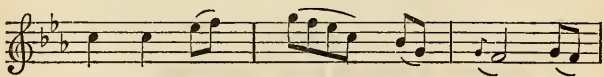
There's auld Rob Mor - ris, that wons in yon



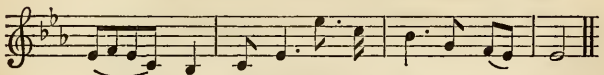
glen, He's the king o' guid fal - lows, and



wale o' auld men; He has four - score o'



black sheep, and four - score too; And



auld Rob Mor-ris is the man ye maun lo'e.

MOTHER.

There's auld Rob Morris, that wons in yon glen,
 He's the king o' guid fallows, and wale o' auld men;
 He has fourscore o' black sheep, and fourscore too;
 And auld Rob Morris is the man ye maun lo'e.

DAUGHTER.

Haud your tongue, mother, and let that abee ;
 For his eild¹ and my eild can never agree :
 They'll never agree, and that will be seen ;
 For he is fourscore, and I'm but fifteen.

MOTHER.

Haud your tongue, dochter, and lay by your pride,
 For he is the bridegroom, and ye 'se be the bride ;
 [Ye'll hae a bein house and right little to do],
 Auld Rob Morris is the man ye maun lo'e.

DAUGHTER.

Auld Rob Morris, I ken him fu' weel,
 His back sticks out like ony peat-creel ;
 He's out-shinn'd, in-kneed, and ringle-eyed too :
 Auld Rob Morris is the man I'll ne'er lo'e.

MOTHER.

Though auld Rob Morris be an elderly man,
 Yet his auld brass will buy you a new pan ;²
 Then, dochter, ye should na be sae ill to shoe,
 For auld Rob Morris is the man ye maun lo'e.

DAUGHTER.

But auld Rob Morris I never will hae,
 His back is so stiff, and his beard is grown gray ;
 I had rather die than live wi' him a year ;
 Sae mair o' Rob Morris I never will hear.

¹ Age.² This expression has become proverbial in Scotland.