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## Song Sheet

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#### 1. The Flower of Scotland

O flower of Scotland When will we see Your like again? That fought and died for Your wee bit hill and glen. And stood against him Proud Edward's army, And sent him homeward Tae think again.

The hills are bare now
And autumn leaves lie
Thick and still
O'er land that is lost now
Which those so dearly held
And stood against him
Proud Edward's army
And sent him homeward
Tae think again.

Those days are passed now And in the past They must remain But we can still rise now And be a nation again That stood against him Proud Edward's army And sent him homeward Tae think again.

## 2. The Northern Lights of Old Aberdeen

When I was a lad, a tiny wee lad, my mother said to me, "Come see the Northern Lights my boy, they're bright as they can be."
She called them the heavenly dancers, merry dancers in the sky, I'll no forget that wonderful sight, they made the heavens bright.

#### Chorus:

The Northern Lights of Old
Aberdeen
mean home sweet home to me
The Northern Lights of
Aberdeen
are what I long to see
I've been a wanderer all of my
life
and many's the sight I've seen.
But God speed the day
when I'm on my way
to my home in Aberdeen.

#### 3. Glencoe

Chorus: Oh, cruel was the snow that sweeps Glen Coe And covers the grave o' Donald Oh, cruel was the foe that raped Glen Coe And murdered the house of MacDonald

They came in a blizzard, we offered them heat A roof for their heads, dry shoes for their feet We wined them and dined them, they ate of our meat And they slept in the house of MacDonald

#### Chorus...

They came from Fort
William with murder in
mind
The Campbell had orders
King William had signed
"Put all to the sword"- these
words underlined
"And leave none alive
called MacDonald"

#### Chorus...

They came in the night when the men were asleep
This band of Argyles, through snow soft and deep
Like murdering foxes amongst helpless sheep
They slaughtered the house of MacDonald

#### Chorus...

Some died in their beds at the hand of the foe
Some fled in the night and were lost in the snow
Some lived to accuse him who struck the first blow
But gone was the house of
MacDonald

#### Chorus...

#### 18. Wild Mountain Thyme

O the summer time has come
And the trees are sweetly blooming
And wild mountain thyme
Grows around the purple heather.
Will you go, lassie, go?

And we'll all go together, To pull wild mountain thyme, All around the purple heather.

Will you go, lassie, go?

I will build my love a bower,
By yon clear crystal fountain,
And on it I will pile,
All the flowers of the mountain.
Will you go, lassie, go?

And we'll all go together, To pull wild mountain thyme, All around the blooming heather. Will you go, lassie, go? I will range through the wilds

And the deep land so dreary And return with the spoils To the bower o' my dearie. Will ye go lassie go?

And we'll all go together, To pull wild mountain thyme, All around the blooming heather. Will you go, lassie, go?

If my true love she'll not come,
Then I'll surely find another,
To pull wild mountain thyme,
All around the blooming heather.
Will you go, lassie, go?

And we'll all go together, To pull wild mountain thyme, All around the blooming heather. Will you go, lassie, go?

#### 16. Roamin In The Gloamin

Chorus: Roamin' in the gloamin' by the bonnie banks o' Clyde,

Roamin' in the gloamin' wi' ma lassie by my side,

When the sun has gone to rest, That's the time that we love best.

O it's lovely roamin' in the gloamin'!

I've seen lots of bonnie lassies trav'llin' far and wide,
But my heart is centred noo on bonnie Kate McBride;
And tho' I'm no the type o' chap that throws a word away,
I'm surprised mysel' sometimes at all I've got to say.

#### Chorus...

Last nicht after strollin'
we got hame at half-past nine.
Sittin' by the kitchen fire
I asked her to be mine.
And when she promised me,
I danced the Hielan' Fling
I've just been to the jew'llers
and I've picked a nice wee ring.

Chorus

#### 17. These are my Mountains

For fame and for fortune I wandered the earth And now I've come back to the land of my birth I've brought back my treasures but only to find They're less than the pleasures I first left behind For these are my mountains and this is my glen The braes of my childhood will know me again No land's ever claimed me tho' far I did roam For these are my mountains and I'm going home

Kind faces will meet me and welcome me in And how they will greet me my ain kith and kin The night round the ingle old sangs will be sung At last I'll be hearing my ain mother tongue.

For these are my mountains and this is my glen
The braes of my childhood will know me again
No land's ever claimed me tho' far I did roam
For these are my mountains and I have come home

#### 4. The Road Tae Dundee

Cold winter was howling o'er moor and o'er mountain

And wild was the surge on the dark rollin' sea

When I met aboot daybreak a bonnie young lassie

Wha asked me the road and the miles tae Dundee

I said, "My young lassie, I canna weel tell ye

The road and the distance I ne'er can weel gie

But if ye'll permit me tae gang a wee bittie

I'll show ye the road and the miles tae Dundee

At once she consented and gave me her airm

Ne'r a word did I speir wha that lassie might be

She appeared like an angel in feature and form

As she walked by my side on the road tae Dundee

So here's tae the lassie, I ne'er will forget her

Tae ilka young laddie that's list'nin' tae me

Never beswear to convoy a young lassie

Though it's only to show her the road tae Dundee

#### 5. I Love A Lassie

I love a lassie, a bonnie bonnie lassie, She's as pure as a lily in the dell, She's sweet as the heather, the bonnie bloomin' heather, Mary, my Scots bluebell

I love a lassie, a bonnie Hielan' lassie, If you saw her you would fancy her as well: I met her in September, popped the question in

November, So I'll soon be havin' her a' to ma-sel'.

I love a lassie, a bonnie bonnie lassie, She's as pure as a lily in the dell, She's sweet as the heather, the bonnie bloomin' heather, Mary, my Scots bluebell

#### 6. The Skye Boat Song

Chorus: Speed bonnie boat, like a bird on the wing, Onward the sailors cry! Carry the lad that's born to be king, Over the sea to Skve!

Loud the winds howl, loud the waves roar, Thunderclaps rend the air; Baffled our foes, stand by the shore, Follow they will not dare!

#### Chorus...

Many's the lad, fought on that day, Well the claymore could weild; When the night came, silently lay, Dead on Culloden's field

Chorus...

#### 7. Mingulay Boat Song

Chorus: Heel you ho, boys; Let her go, boys; Swing her head round, And all together. Heel you ho, boys; Let her go, boys; Sailing homeward to Mingulay.

What care we though white the Minch?
What care we for wind or weather?
Heel you ho, boys;
Let her go, boys!
Sailing homeward to Mingulay.

Chorus....

Wives are waiting by the harbour,
They've been waiting since break of day-o
Pull her head round
And we'll anchor,
Ere the sun sets on Mingulay.

Chorus:

#### 14. I Belong To Glasgow

Chorus: I belong to
Glasgow,
Dear old Glasgow town;
But what's the matter wi'
Glasgow,
For it's goin' roun' and
roun'!
I'm only a common old
working chap,
As anyone here can see,
But when I get a couple o'
drinks on a Saturday,
Glasgow belongs to me!

I've been wi' a couple o' cronies,
One or twa pals o' my ain;
We went into a hotel, and we did very well,
And then we came out once again;
Then we went into anither,
And that is the reason I'm fu';
We had six deoch-andoruses,
then sang a chorus,
Just listen, I'll sing it to you:

Chorus...

#### 15. Mairi's Wedding

Step we gaily, on we go,
Heel for heel and toe for toe,
Arm in arm and row on row,
All for Mairi's wedding.
Over hillways, up and down,
Myrtle green and bracken
brown,
Past the sheiling, thro' the
town,
All for sake of Mairi

Red her cheeks as rowans are, Bright her eye as any star, Fairest o' them a' by far, Is our darling Mairi. Plenty herring, plenty meal, Plenty peat to fill her creel, Plenty bonnie bairns as weel; That's the toast for Mairi.

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## 13. The Green Hills of Tyrol

There was a soldier, a Scottish soldier Who wandered far away and soldiered far away There was none bolder, with good broad shoulder He's fought in many a fray, and fought and won. He'd seen the glory and told the story Of battles glorious and deeds victorious But now he's sighing, his heart is crying To leave these green hills of Tyrol.

Chorus: Because these green hills are not highland hills
Or the island hills, they're not my land's hills
And fair as these green foreign hills may be
They are not the hills of home.

And now this soldier, this Scottish soldier Who wandered far away and soldiered far away Sees leaves are falling and death is calling And he will fade away, in that far land. He called his piper, his trusty piper
And bade him sound a lay... a pibroch sad to play
Upon a hillside, a Scottish hillside
Not on these green hills of Tyrol.

#### Chorus

And so this soldier, this Scottish soldier Will wander far no more and soldier far no more And on a hillside, a Scottish hillside You'll see a piper play his soldier home. He'd seen the glory, he'd told his story Of battles glorious and deeds victorious The bugles cease now, he is at peace now Far from those green hills of Tyrol.

Chorus...

#### 8. Scotland The Brave

Hark when the night is falling
Hear! hear the pipes are calling,
Loudly and proudly calling,
Down thro' the glen.
There where the hills are sleeping,
Now feel the blood a-leaping,
High as the spirits of the old
Highland men.

Towering in gallant fame, Scotland my mountain hame, High may your proud standards gloriously wave, Land of my high endeavour, Land of the shining river, Land of my heart for ever, Scotland the brave.

High in the misty
Highlands,
Out by the purple islands,
Brave are the hearts that
beat
Beneath Scottish skies.
Wild are the winds to meet
you,
Staunch are the friends that
greet you,
Kind as the love that shines
from fair maiden's eyes.

Towering in gallant fame, Scotland my mountain hame, High may your proud standards gloriously wave, Land of my high endeavour, Land of the shining river, Land of my heart for ever, Scotland the brave.

Far off in sunlit places, Sad are the Scottish faces, Yearning to feel the kiss Of sweet Scottish rain. Where tropic skies are beaming, Love sets the heart adreaming, Longing and dreaming for the homeland again.

Towering in gallant fame,
Scotland my mountain
hame,
High may your proud
standards gloriously wave,
Land of my high endeavour,
Land of the shining river,
Land of my heart for ever,
Scotland the brave.

#### 9. Westering Home

Chorus:
And it's Westering home, and a song in the air,
Light in the eye, and its goodbye to care;
Laughter o' love and a welcoming there;

Isle of my heart, my own one!

Tell me o' lands o' the Orient gay!
Speak o' the riches and joys of Cathay,
Aye, but its grand to be wakin' each day,
To find yourself nearer to Islay.

Chorus...

Where are the folk like the folk o' the west?
Canty, and couthy, and kindly, the best!
There I would hie me and there I would rest.
At home wi' my ain folk in Islay.

Chorus...

#### 10. Auld Lang Syne

Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And days of auld lang syne?

For auld lang syne, my dear, For auld lang syne We'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet For auld lang syne.

And here's a hand, my trusty fiere, And gie's a hand o' thine; We'll tak' a right gude-willy waught, For auld lang syne.

For auld lang syne, my dear, For auld lang syne We'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet For auld lang syne.

#### 11. Sound The Pibroch

Sound the pibroch loud and high From John O'Groats to the Isle of Skye! Let all the Clans their slogan cry And rise tae follow Charlie!

#### Choris:

Tha tighin fodham, fodham, fodham Tha tighin fodham, fodham, fodham Tha tighin fodham, fodham, fodham Arise and follow Charlie!

And see a small devoted band By dark Loch Shiel have taen their stand And proudly vow wi' heart and hand To fight for Royal Charlie!

#### Chorus...

Frae every hill and every glen Are gatherin' fast the loyal men They grasp their dirks and shout again "Hurrah! for Royal Charlie!"

#### Chorus...

On dark Culloden's field of gore Hark! They shout "Claymore! Claymore!" They bravely fight what can they more? They die for Royal Charlie!

Chorus...

# 12. Will ye no come back again?

Bonnie Charlie's noo awa', Safely o'er the friendly main; Mony a heart will break in twa, Should he ne'er come back again.

# Chorus: Will ye no' come back again? Will ye no' come back again? Better lo'ed ye canna be, Will ye no' come back again?

We watched thee in the gloamin hour;
We watched thee in the mornin grey;
Though thirty thousand pounds they gie,
Oh, there is nane that would betray!

Chorus...