OWER THE MUIR AMANG THE HEATHER.



Comin' through the Craigs o' Kyle,
Amang the bonnie blooming heather,
There I met a bonnie lassie,
Keepin' a' her ewes thegither.

Ower the muir amang the heather, Ower the muir amang the heather, There I met a bonnie lassie, Keepin' a' her ewes thegither.

Says I, My dear, where is thy hame, In muir or dale, pray tell me whether? She said, I tent the fleecy flocks, That feed amang the blooming heather.

We sat us down upon a bank,
Sae warm and sunny was the weather;
She left her flocks at large to rove,
Amang the bonnie blooming heather.

While thus we sat, she sang a sang,
Till Echo rang a mile and further,
And aye the burden o' the sang,
Was, Ower the muir amang the heather.

She charmed my heart, and aye sin' syne, I couldna think on ony ither:
By sea and sky she shall be mine,
The bonnie lass amang the heather!

The above song is said to have been the composition of a woman named Jean Glover, who, strange to say, had deserted respectable, humble Scotch life, to accompany a very poor band of strolling-players. Burns tells us, 'I took the song down from her singing, as she was wandering through the country with a sleight-of-hand blackguard.'