FALSE LOVE, AND HA'E YOU PLAYED ME THIS?



False love, and ha'e you played me this,In simmer, 'mid the flowers?I sall repay thee back again,In winter, 'mid the showers.

But again, dear love, and again, dear love, Will ye not turn again? As ye look to other women, Shall I to other men.

This romantic fragment appears in Herd's Collection. In Mr Kinloch's Ancient Scottish Ballads (1827) there is one entitled The Gardener, in which a young man of that profession entreats the love of a young lady by promising her a dress made of his best flowers. Her answer is as follows:

O, fare ye weil, young man, she says, Fareweil, and I bid adieu; Gin ye've provided a weed for me Amang the simmer flowers, I've provided another for you Amang the winter showers.

The new-fawn snaw to be your smock,
It becomes your bodie best;
Your heid sall be wrapt in the blae east wind,
And the cauld rain on your breist.