

## MY AULD COAT.

YE'LL clead me aye, my puir auld coat,  
 We're baith the waur o' wear;  
 Ten lee-lang years I've tent ye weel,  
 A saunt could do nae mair.  
 Gin cauld rife blasts sud try your wab  
 An' blaw as gin they'd tear't,  
 Haud oot like me, defy them a':  
 Auld frien, we mauna pairt.

I min' when first I pit ye on,  
 I min' sic braw days lang—  
 The callants nipp'd an' daff'd an' syne  
 They hanselt ye wi' sang.  
 Noo tho' ye're thin, and I am puir,  
 They ken oor honest he'rt;  
 We'll aye be welcome to their door:  
 Auld frien, we mauna pairt.

I ne'er hae strinkled ye wi' scents  
 Like dandies in their pride,  
 I ne'er hae boo'd your honest back  
 A lording's scorns to bide.  
 Owre duds o' ribans folk may fecht—  
 There's fules in ilka airt—  
 Your muirlan gowan's brawer gear:  
 Auld frien, we mauna pairt.

Fearna sic hairum-scairum days  
As ance we spent thegither,  
Whiles gladsome, an' whiles unco wae,  
Baith dreich an' sinny weather.  
Richt sune I maun pit aff for aye  
My coat an' a', I'm feart;  
Jist bide a wee, we'll baith be dune :  
Auld frien, we mauna pairt.

SIR DONALD MACALISTER.

*clead*, clothe.

*tent*, looked after.

*dreich*, dreary.

## BACK AGAIN.

TWA traivlers gaed ance to the Heilans awa  
 I' the hairst : ah ! it's then that the Hielans are brow !  
 The tane he gaed—to be like the lave ;  
 The tither his ain he'rt' greinin' drave.

An' when they baith were cam hame again,  
 Their friens an' neebors were unco fain,  
 An' deaved them wi' speirin, ane an' a'—  
 “ Weel, what hae ye seen i' thae Hielans awa ? ”

The tane he gantit an' scra't his pow—  
 “ Oh ! naething by-ordnar that I mind o' :  
*Jist hill an' heather, an' loch an' linn,*  
*An' the blue o' the lift, an' the glint o' the sinn.”*

The tither leuch laigh, an the like spak he,  
 But wi' blithesome face, an' wi' glisterin' ee—  
 “ *Ay ! hill an' heather ! an' loch an' linn !*  
*An' the blue o' the lift, an' the glint o' the sinn ! ”*

SIR DONALD MACALISTER.

*lave*, rest.  
*greinin'*, longing.  
*speirin*, askin.  
*gantit*, yawned.

*lift*, sky.  
*leuch*, laugh.  
*laigh*, low.