

## THE BONNIE BROUKIT BAIRN.

MARS is braw in crammasy,  
Venus in a green silk gown,  
The auld mune shak's her gowden feathers,  
Their starry talk's a when o' blethers,  
Nane for thee a thochtie sparin',  
Earth, thou bonnie broukit bairn!—  
*But greet, an' in your tears ye'll droun  
The hail clanjamfrie!*

HUGH M'DIARMID.

*broukit*, neglected.  
*crammasy*, red.

*clanjamfrie*, collection.

## THE WATERGAW.

AË weet forenicht i' the yow-trummle  
 I saw yon antrin thing,  
 A watergaw wi' its chitterin' licht  
 Ayont the on-ding;  
 An' I thocht o' the last wild look ye gied  
 Afore ye deed !

There was nae reek i' the laverock's hoose  
 That nicht—an' nane i' mine;  
 But I hae thocht o' that foolish licht  
 Ever sin' syne;  
 An' I think that mebbe at last I ken  
 What your look meant then.

HUGH M'DIARMID.

*yow-trummle*, ewe tremble.  
*watergaw*, indistinct rain-  
 bow.  
*on-ding*, downpour.

*reek*, smoke.  
*There was nae reek in the  
 hoose*, it was a dark and  
 stormy night.

## COUNTRY LIFE.

OOTSIDE! . . . Outside!  
 There's dooks that try tae fly,  
 An' bum-clocks bizzin' by,  
 A corn-skreich an' a cay  
 An' guissay i' the cray.

Inside! . . . Inside!  
 There's golochs on the wa',  
 A cradle on the ca',  
 A muckle bleeze o' cones  
 An' mither fochin' scones.

HUGH M'DIARMID.

*dooks*, ducks.  
*bum-clocks*, beetles.  
*corn-skreich*, corncrake.  
*guissay*, pig.

*cray*, stye.  
*golochs*, earwigs.  
*fochin'*, turning.

## CROWDIEKNOWE.

OH to be at Crowdieknowe  
 When the last trumpet blaws,  
 An' see the deid come loupin' owre  
 The auld grey wa's.

Muckle men wi' tousled beards,  
 I grat at as a bairn,  
 'll scramble frae the croodit clay  
 Wi' feck o' swearin'.

An' glower at God an' a his gang  
 O' angels i' the lift—  
 Thae trashy bleezin' French-like folk  
 Wha gar'd them shift!

Fain the weemun-folk 'll seek  
 To mak' them haud their row—  
*Fegs, God's no blate gin he stirs up  
 The men o' Crowdieknowe!*

HUGH M'DIARMID.

*feck*, great deal.  
*glower*, glare.

*lift*, firmament.  
*blate*, cautious.