

## MY WIFE SHALL HAE HER WILL.

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I ex - pect she will, And  
if she says, The auld will do, By my  
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Into a shop I will her tak,  
And buy her a new gown.

But if my dear wife should hain<sup>1</sup> the charge,  
As I expect she will,  
And if she says, The auld will do,  
By my word she 'll hae her will.

If my dear wife should wish to gang,  
To see a neebor or friend,  
A horse or a chair I will provide,  
And a servant to attend.  
But if my dear shall hain the charge,  
As I expect she will,  
And if she says, I'll walk on foot,  
By my word she 'll hae her will.

If my dear wife shall bring me a son,  
As I expect she will,  
Cake and wine I will provide,<sup>1</sup>  
And a nurse to nurse the child.  
But if my dear wife shall hain the charge,  
As I expect she will,  
And if she says, She'll nurs't hersel,  
By my word she 'll hae her will.

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<sup>1</sup> Save.