



The MacGregors' Gathering

Hugh S. Robertson
(1874–1952)

In a free dramatic style

S *f* The Moon's on the lake, and the mist's on the brae, And the Clan has a name that is

A *f* The Moon's on the lake! _____ And the Clan has a name that is

T *f* The Moon's on the lake! _____ And the Clan has a name that is

B *f* The Moon's on the lake! _____ And the Clan has a name that is

(Original publication indicates M.M. ♩ = 60)



Edition and "engraving" © 2022 SHORCHOR™. May be freely distributed, duplicated, performed and recorded under the TERMS OF USE described elsewhere in this publication. This edition is not a source for a secondary edition.

The MacGregors' Gathering

4

S name - less by day; Our sig - nal, which from mon - archs we drew, Must be

A name - less by day; Our sig - nal, which from mon - archs we drew, Must be

T name - less by day; — Our sig - nal for fight, which from mon - archs we drew, Must be

B name - less by day; — Our sig - nal, which from mon - archs we drew, Must be

mf *espress.* *mf*

7

S heard but by night in our venge - ful hal - loo! hal - loo! _____

A heard but by night in our venge - ful hal - loo!

T heard but by night in our venge - ful hal - loo! Then, hal - loo, _____ hal -

B heard but by night in our venge - ful hal - loo!

p (like an echo) *f*

10

S _____ hal - loo! _____ Grig - a - lach! O hal - loo! _____ If they

A _____ O hal - lo, hal - loo! _____ If they

T loo! _____ Grig - a - lach! _____ O hal - lo, hal - loo! _____ If they

B _____ O hal - lo! _____ If they

pp *pp* *pp* *pp* *pp* *f* *f* *f* *f* *f* *f*

Slower *very distant* *a tempo*

The MacGregors' Gathering

14

S rob us of name, and pur - sue us with bea - gles, Give their roofs to the flame, and their

A rob, and pur - sue with bea - gles, Give their roofs to the flame, their

T rob, and pur - sue with bea - gles, Give their roofs to the flame, their

B rob, and pur - sue with bea - gles, Give their roofs to the flame, their

17

S *ten.* flesh to the ea - gles! Then, gath - er, gath - er, gath - er, _____ *p* *molto cresc.*

A *ten.* flesh to the ea - gles! Then, gath - er, gath - er, gath - er, _____ *p* *molto cresc.*

T *ten.* flesh to the ea - gles! Then, gath - er, gath - er, gath - er, gath - _____ *p* *molto cresc.*

B *ten.* flesh to the ea - gles! Then, gath - er, gath - er, gath - er, gath - _____ *p* *molto cresc.*

20

S gath - er, gath - er, gath - er! _____ *ff*

A gath - er, gath - er, gath - er! _____ *ff*

T - - er, gath - er, gath - er! While there's leaves in the for - est, and *ff*

B - - er, gath - er, gath - er! While there's leaves in the for - est, and *ff*

The MacGregors' Gathering

23 **Grandioso** *poco*

S foam on the riv - er, Mac - Greg - or, de - spite them, shall flour-ish for - ev - er!

A foam on the riv - er, Mac - Greg - or, de - spite them, shall flour-ish for - ev - er!

T foam on the riv - er, Mac - Greg - or, de - spite them, shall flour-ish for - ev - er!

B foam on the riv - er, Mac - Greg - or, de - spite them, shall flour-ish for - ev - er!

Much slower Ah

S Or - chy's moun - tains, no more ours: —

A Or - chy's moun - tains, no more ours:

T *mf* Glen Or - chy's proud moun - tains, Coal - churn and her tow'rs, — Glen -

B Or - chy's moun - tains, no more ours: —

28 Ah

S Glen - strae Glen Lyon, no long - er ours:

A Glen - strae Glen Lyon, no long - er ours:

T strae and Glen Ly - on, no long - er are ours: *cresc.* Land - less,

B Glen - strae Glen Lyon, no long - er ours: *p desolately cresc.* We're land - less, —

The MacGregors' Gathering

31

cresc. *ff* *rall.* *p*

S Land - less, land - less, land - less, land - less.

A *cresc.* Land - less, Grig - a - lach! *ff* land - less, land - less, *rall.* land - less. *p*

T land - less, *ff* land - less, land - less, *rall.* land - less. *p*

B Grig - a - lach! *ff* Land - less, land - less, *rall.* land - less. *p*

f *a tempo* *espress.*

S Thro' the depths of Loch Ka - trine the steed shall ca - reer, O'er the peak of Ben Lo - mond the

A *f* *a tempo* Thro' the depths the steed shall ca - reer, O'er the peak of Ben Lo - mond the

T *f* *a tempo* Thro' the depths the steed shall ca - reer, O'er the peak of Ben Lo - mond the

B *f* *a tempo* Thro' the depths the steed shall ca - reer, O'er the peak of Ben Lo - mond the

37

S gal - ley shall steer, And rocks, rocks like i - ci-cles melt, Ere our

A gal - ley shall steer, And rocks, rocks like i - ci-cles melt, Ere our

T *ff* *espress.* gal - ley shall steer, And the rocks of Craig Roy - ston like i - ci-cles melt, Ere our

B gal - ley shall steer, And the rocks, rocks like i - ci-cles melt, Ere our

The MacGregors' Gathering

40

S wrongs be for - got or our ven - geance un - felt. Then, hal - loo, hal - loo, hal -

A wrongs be for - got or our ven - geance un - felt. Then, hal - loo, hal - loo, hal -

T wrongs be for - got or our ven - geance un - felt. Then, hal - loo, hal - loo, hal -

B wrongs be for - got or our ven - geance un - felt. Then, hal - loo, hal - loo, hal -

43

S loo, Grig - a - lach! O hal - loo! If they

A loo, Grig - a - lach! O hal - loo, hal - loo! If they

T loo, Grig - a - lach! O hal - loo, hal - loo! If they

B loo, Grig - a - lach! O hal - loo! If they

fiercely declaimed *pp* *Slower very distant* *f* *a tempo*

46 *espress.*

S rob us of name, and pur - sue us with bea - gles, Give their roofs to the flame, and their

A rob and pur - sue with bea - gles, Give their roofs to the flame, their

T rob and pur - sue with bea - gles, Give their roofs to the flame, their

B rob and pur - sue with bea - gles, Give their roofs to the flame, their

The MacGregors' Gathering

49 *ten.* *p* *molto cresc.*

S flesh to the ea - gles! Then, gath - er, gath - er, gath - er,

A flesh to the ea - gles! Then, gath - er, gath - er, gath - er,

T flesh to the ea - gles! Then, gath - er, gath - er, gath - er, gath -

B flesh to the ea - gles! Then, gath - er, gath - er, gath - er, gath -

52 *ff*

S gath - er, gath - er, gath - er! And

A gath - er, gath - er, gath - er! And

T - er, gath - er, gath - er! While there's leaves in the for - est, and

B - er, gath - er, gath - er! While there's leaves in the for - est, and

55 *utmost vigor* **Grandioso** *ten.* *poco*

S foam on the riv - er, Mac - Greg - or, de - spite them, shall flour-ish for - ev - er!

A foam on the riv - er, Mac - Greg - or, de - spite them, shall flour-ish for - ev - er!

T foam on the riv - er, Mac - Greg - or, de - spite them, shall flour-ish for - ev - er!

B foam on the riv - er, Mac - Greg - or, de - spite them, shall flour-ish for - ev - er!

Sir Hugh Stevenson Robertson (1874–1952) was born in Glasgow, Scotland, son of a Funeral Undertaker and Carriage Hirer, and served as an assistant in the family enterprise, eventually becoming manager. He first established his musical career as conductor of the Toynbee House Choir in Glasgow. He took leadership of the Toynbee Musical Association and transformed it, founding the Glasgow Orpheus Choir. He was director of the Orpheus choir for almost fifty years, leading it to national and international recognition. The Orpheus Choir had no equal in Britain and toured widely. He is recognized as one of the most significant British coral directors in history. He was also active as teacher, composer, adjudicator, critic, poet, playwright, essayist, and lecturer. He died at his home in Cathcart, Glasgow. His son was the Australian politician and diplomat Hugh Robertson. His compositions include a significant number of part-songs, especially settings of Scottish folk songs.

Poem in setting altered from Scott's original

The Moon's on the lake, and the mist's on the brae,
And the Clan has a name that is nameless by day;
Then, gather, gather, gather, Grigalach!
Gather, gather, gather.

Our signal for fight, which from monarchs we drew,
Must be heard but by night in our vengeful halloo!
Then, halloo, Grigalach! halloo, Grigalach!
Halloo, halloo, halloo, Grigalach.

Glen Orchy's proud mountains, Coalchurn and her towers,
Glenstrae and Glen Lyon, no longer are ours:
We're landless, landless, landless, Grigalach!
Landless, landless, landless.

If they rob us of name, and pursue us with beagles,
Give their roofs to the flame, and their flesh to the eagles!
Then, vengeance, vengeance, vengeance, Grigalach!
Vengeance, vengeance, vengeance.

While there's leaves in the forest, and foam on the river,
MacGregor, despite them, shall flourish forever!
Come then, Grigalach, come then, Grigalach!
Come then, come then, come then.

Through the depths of Loch Katrine the steed shall career,
O'er the peak of Ben Lomond the galley shall steer,
And the rocks of Craig Royston like icicles melt,
Ere our wrongs be forgot or our vengeance unfelt.
Then, gather, gather, gather, Grigalach!
Gather, gather, gather.

Sir Walter Scott (1771–1832)

TERMS OF USE

These editions are available as a service to the choral community, offering inexpensive access to public domain literature. Choir resources can purchase other literature still under copyright, especially to support those creating and publishing new compositions and arrangements. These editions have been created using public domain sources under U. S. copyright law. Out of respect to the research, time and effort invested:

- please print and issue an edition in its entirety, retaining notices, attributions, and logos.
- please do not consider this edition a source for creating another edition.

If recorded, notification and attribution would be appropriate professional courtesies.

For a full description of these requests and more scores, visit:
www.shorchor.net

