21. Annie Laurie

"Annie Laurie" was a real person, born in 1682, daughter of Sir Robert Laurie. The words were written by WilliamDouglass as a tribute to Annie's beauty and an expression of his devotion to her. His original words, for the first two stanzas only, were in Scotch dialect, which have been rendered in the common version here printed. The music was written in 1847 by Lady John Scott who it is said, but not authoritatively, also wrote the words for the third stanza.

Douglas of Fingland

Andante mp

Maxwell ton's braes are bonnie, Where early fā's the dew, And it's there that Annie Laurie, Gave me her promise true. Gave me her promise true, Which ne'er forgot will be, And for bonnie Annie Laurie I'd lay me doon and dee.

2. Her brow is like the snowdrift, Her throat is like the swan, Her face it is the fairest That e'er the sun shone on. That e'er the sun shone on, And dark blue is her e'e, And for bonnie Annie Laurie I'd lay me doon and dee.

3. Like dew on the gowan lying, Is the fa' o' her fairy feet, And like winds in summer sighing, Her voice is soft and sweet, Her voice is soft and sweet, And she's a' the world to me, And for bonnie Annie Laurie I'd lay me doon and dee.

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