#### MY HEART'S IN THE HIGHLANDS

MY heart's in the Highlands, my heart is not here;
My heart's in the Highlands a-chasing the deer;
Chasing the wild deer, and following the roe—
My heart's in the Highlands wherever I go.
Farewell to the Highlands, farewell to the North,
The birthplace of valour, the country of worth;
Wherever I wander, wherever I rove,
The bills of the Highlands for ever I love.

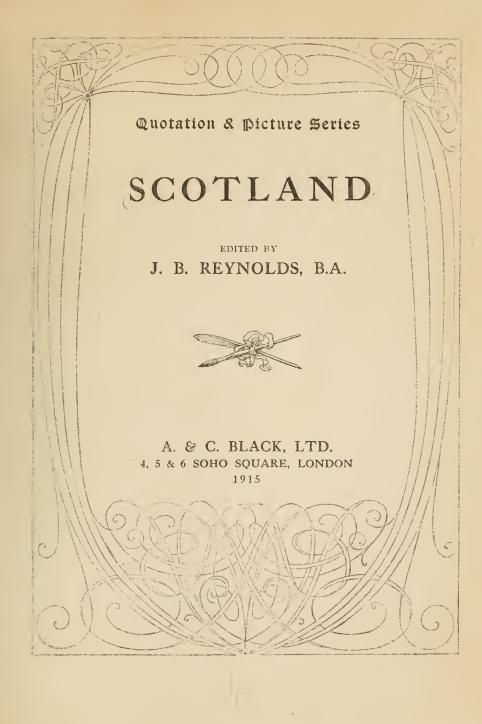
Farewell to the mountains high cover'd with snow; Farewell to the straths and green valleys below: Farewell to the forests and wild-hanging woods; Farewell to the torrents and loud-pouring floods. My heart's in the Highlands, my heart is not here; My heart's in the Highlands a-chasing the deer: Chasing the wild deer, and following the roe—My heart's in the Highlands wherever I go.

BURNS.



LOCH MAREE, ROSS-SHIRE.

Sutton Parmer.



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# EDINBURGH

EDINA! Scotia's darling seat!
All hail thy palaces and towers,
Where once beneath a monarch's feet
Sat Legislation's sov'reign powers!
From marking wildly-scatter'd flowers,
As on the banks of Ayr I stray'd,
And singing, lone, the lingering hours,
I shelter in thy honour'd shade.

Here wealth still swells the golden tide,
As busy Trade his labour plies;
There Architecture's noble pride
Bids elegance and splendour rise;
Here Justice, from her native skies,
High wields her balance and her rod;
There Learning, with his eagle eyes,
Seeks Science in her coy abode.

There, watching high the least alarms,
Thy rough, rude fortress gleams afar;
Like some bold vet'ran, gray in arms,
And mark'd with many a seamy scar;
The pond'rous wall and massy bar,
Grim-rising o'er the rugged rock;
Have oft withstood assailing war,
And oft repelled the invader's shock.

Address to Edinburgh, Burns.



EDINBURGH CASTLE FROM HERIOT'S HOSPITAL.

#### HOLYROOD

THE moon held court in Holyrood last night
—ten thousand stars

By ancient tower and archway climbed and kissed the window bars;

The night wind knelt upon the hill, the crouching lion lay

With shoulder to the Capital and blind eyes to the Bay.

The moon held court in Holyrood, and, as she entered in,

On damask fringe and tapestry the spider ceased to spin;

The slow moon slipped across the floor and bowed a queenly head

To greet the train that passed her by—a thousand sleepless dead!

She drifted down the storied halls and touched with spread white wings

The gallery of the Hundred Dead, the Corridor of Kings;

She smiled upon a rebel prince and stretched white hands to shrive

The gallant men, the peerless maids, that danced in 'Forty-five.

She crossed a sleeping chamber hung with trappings rich and rare,

And kissed them softly one by one—it was a queen lay there!

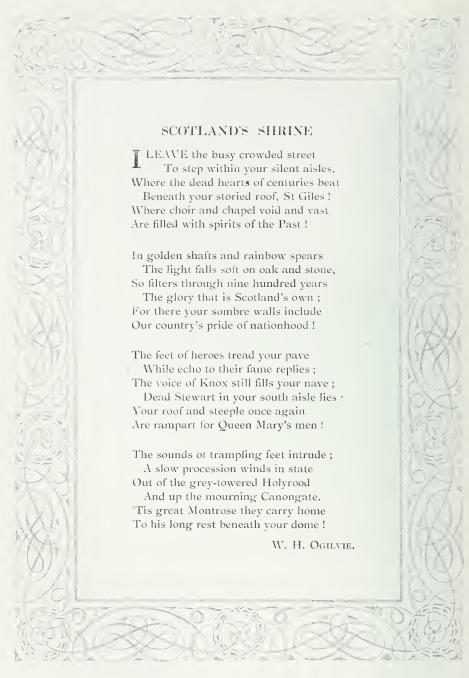
She heard the lute notes rise and fall, and watched the dagger sped,

While underneath her trembling wings the brown stain turned to red!

W. H. OGILVIE.



HOLYROOD PALACE FROM THE PUBLIC GARDENS UNDER CALTON HILL EDINBURCH. Behind Holyrood Palace are Arthur's Seat and Salisbury Crags.





THE CHURCH OF ST GILES, EDINBURGH, WITH THE STATUE OF CHARLES II. IN THE FOREGROUND.

### JOHN KNOX

IN the history of Scotland I can find properly but one epoch: we may say it contains nothing of world interest at all but this Reformation by Knox. . . . It was not a smooth business; but it was welcome surely, and cheap at that price, had it been far rougher. On the whole, cheap at any price;—as life is. The people began to live: they needed first of all to do that, at what cost and costs soever. Scotch literature and thought, Scotch industry; James Watt, David Hume, Walter Scott, Robert Burns: I find Knox and the Reformation acting in the heart's core of every one of these persons and phenomena; I find that without the Reformation they would not have been. . . . He is the one Scotchman to whom, of all others, his country and the world owe a debt. He has to plead that Scotland would forgive him for having been worth to it any million "unblamable" Scotchmen that need no forgiveness! He bared his breast to the battle; had to row in French galleys, wander forlorn in exile, in clouds and storms; was censured, shot at through his windows; had a right sore fighting life: if this world were his place of recompense, he had made but a bad venture of it.

> Heroes and Hero Worship, THOMAS CARLYLE.



JOHN KNOX'S HOUSE, HIGH STREET, EDINBURGH.

The west front of the house shows to the left of the square stone water-conduit.

### THE OLD TOWN

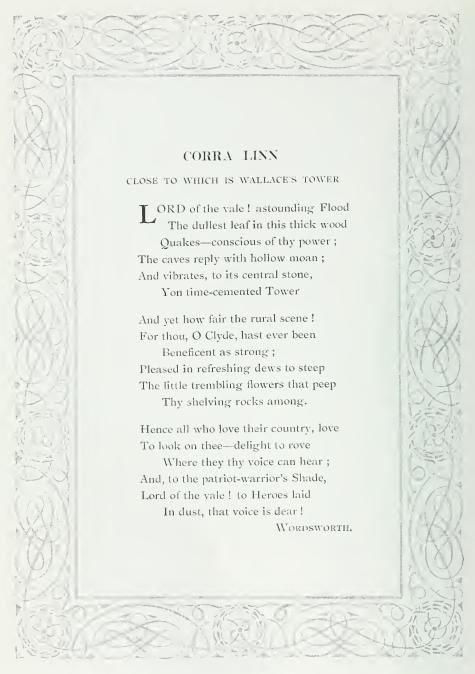
ND what a picturesque world remains untouched! You go under dark arches, and down dark stairs and alleys. The way is so narrow that you can lay a hand on either wall; so steep that, in greasy winter weather, the pavement is almost as treacherous as ice. Washing dangles above washing from the windows; the houses bulge outwards upon flimsy brackets; you see a bit of sculpture in a dark corner; at the top of all, a gable and a few crowsteps are printed on the sky. Here you come into a court where the children are at play and the grown-up people sit upon their doorsteps, and perhaps a church spire shows itself above the roofs. Here, in the narrowest of the entry, you find a great old mansion still erect, with some insignia of its former state—some scutcheon, some holy or courageous motto, on the lintel. The local antiquary points out where famous and wellborn people had their lodgings; and as you look up, out pops the head of a slatternly woman from the countess's window.

Edinburgh, Chapter II., R. L. STEVENSON.



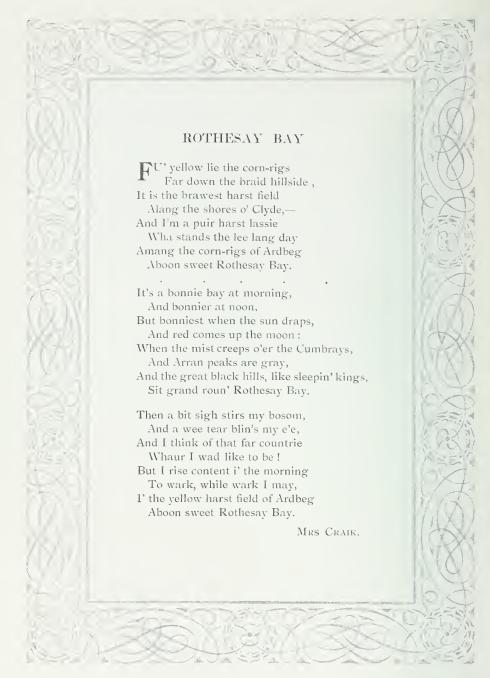
LADY STAIR'S CLOSE, EDINBURGH.

On the extreme right, in the foreground, is the house of Eleanor, Dowager Countess of Stair, In Baxter's Close near here Robert Burns once lodged.





THE FALLS OF CORRA LINN ON THE CLYDE.





CKAIGMORE AND ROTHESAY BAY.

## IONA

St Columba is said to have landed on Iona about 563 A.D. and laid the foundations of a monastery.

HOMEWARD we turn. Isle of Columba's

Where Christian piety's soul-cheering spark
(Kindled from Heaven between the light and dark
Of time) shone like the morning-star, farewell!

WORDSWORTH.

THE bard who rose at herald's call
Was wont to sing in Highland hall,
Where the wild chieftain of M'Lean
Upheld his dark Hebridian reign;
Where floated crane and clamorous gull
Above the misty shores of Mull;
And evermore the billows rave
Round many a saint and sovereign's grave.
There, round Columba's ruins gray,
The shades of monks are wont to stray,
And slender forms of nuns, that weep
In moonlight by the murmuring deep,
O'er early loves and passions crost,
And being's end for ever lost.

The Queen's Wake,
James Hogg.



IONA CATHEDRAL.

#### STAFFA

MERRILY, merrily, goes the bark
On a breeze from the northward free;
So shoots through the merning sky the lark,
Or the swan through the summer sea.
The shores of Mull on the eastward lay,
And Ulva dark and Colonsay,
And all the group of islets gay
That guard famed Staffa round.

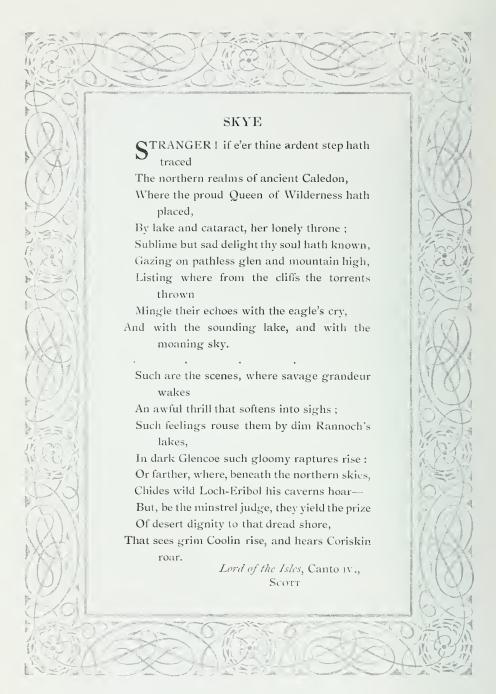
That guard famed Staffa round. Then all unknown its columns rose, Where dark and undisturb'd repose

The cormorant had found,
And the shy seal had quiet home,
And welter'd in that wondrous dome,
Where, as to shame the temples deck'd
By skill of earthly architect,
Nature itself, it seem'd, would raise
A Minster to her Maker's praise!
Not for a meaner use ascend
Her columns, or her arches bend;
Nor of a theme less solemn tells
That mighty surge that ebbs and swells,
And still, between each awful pause,
From the high vault an answer draws,
In varied tone prolong'd and high,
That mocks the organ's melody.

The Lord of the Isles, Canto IV., Scott.



STAFFA.





LOCH CORUISK, SKYE.

# THE TROSSACHS

BUT, when the sun his beacon red Had kindled on Benvoirlich's head, The deep-mouth'd bloodhound's heavy bay Resounded up the rocky way, And faint, from farther distance borne, Were heard the clanging hoof and horn,

As Chief, who hears his warder call, "To arms! the foemen storm the wall,"-The antler'd monarch of the waste Sprung from his heathery couch in haste. But, ere his fleet career he took, The dewdrops from his flanks he shook; Like crested leader proud and high, Toss'd his beam'd frontlet to the sky; A moment gazed adown the dale, A moment snuff d the tainted gale, A moment listen'd to the cry, That thicken'd as the chase drew nigh; Then, as the headmost foes appear'd, With one brave bound the copse he clear'd, And, stretching forward free and far, Sought the wild heaths of Uam-Var.

> The Lady of the Lake, Scott.



LOCH KATRINE, THE TROSSACHS.

#### HIELAN HEATHER

HEY for the Hielan' heather!
Hey for the Hielan' heather!
Dear to me, an' aye shall be,
The bonnie braes o' Hielan' heather!

The moss-muir black an' mountain blue,
Whare mists at morn an' gloamin' gather;
The craigs an' cairns o' hoary hue,
Whare blooms the bonnie Hielan' heather!
Hey for the Hielan' heather!

Whare mony a wild bird wags its wing, Baith sweet o' sang an' fair o' feather; While cavern'd cliffs wi' echo ring Amang the hills o Hielan' heather! Hey for the Hielan' heather.

The broom an' whin, by loch an' lin,
Are tipp'd wi' gowd in simmer weather;
How sweet an' fair! but meikle mair
The purple bells o' Hielan' heather!
Hey for the Hielan' heather!

Whare'er I rest, whare'er I range,
My fancy fondly travels thither;
Nae country charms, nae customs change
My feelings frae the Hielan' heather!
Hey for the Hielan' heather!

JOHN IMLAH.



THE GRAMPIANS FROM BOAT OF GARTEN, INVERNESS-SHIRE.





THE VALLEY OF THE DEE NEAR MAR LODGE.

# LACHIN Y GAIR "CHADES of the dead! Have I not heard your voices Rise on the night-rolling breath of the gale?" Surely the soul of the hero rejoices, And rides on the wind, o'er his own Highland Round Loch na Garr while the stormy mist gathers, Winter presides in his cold icy car: Clouds there encircle the forms of my fathers; They dwell in the tempests of dark Loch na Garr. "Ill-starr'd, though brave, did no visions foreboding Tell you that fate had forsaken your cause?" Ah! were you destined to die at Culloden, Victory crown'd not your fall with applause: Still were you happy in death's early slumber, You rest with your clans in the caves of Braemar; The pibroch resounds, to the piper's loud number, Your deeds on the echoes of dark Loch na Garr. Years have roll'd on, Loch na Garr, since I left you, Years must elapse ere I tread you again: Nature of verdure and flow'rs has bereft you, Yet still you are dearer than Albion's plain. England! thy beauties are fame and domestic To one who has roved o'er the mountains afar! Oh for the crags that are wild and majestic! The steep frowning glories of dark Loch na Garr! Byron.



DARK LOCHNAGAR, ABERDEENSHIRE.





BALMORAL CASTLE.