

MARY'S DREAM.



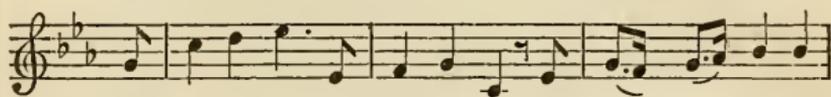
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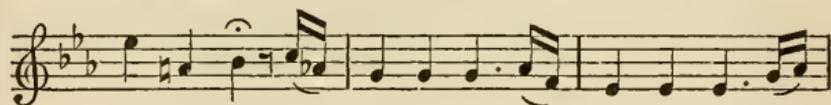
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The moon had climbed the highest hill,
 Which rises o'er the source of Dee,
 And from the eastern summit shed
 Her silver light on tower and tree :
 When Mary laid her down to sleep,
 Her thoughts on Sandy far at sea ;
 When soft and low a voice was heard,
 Say, Mary, weep no more for me.

She from her pillow gently raised
 Her head to ask, who there might be ;
 She saw young Sandy shiv'ring stand,
 With visage pale and hollow eye.
 O Mary dear, cold is my clay,
 It lies beneath a stormy sea ;
 Far, far from thee, I sleep in death ;
 So, Mary, weep no more for me.

Three stormy nights and stormy days
We tossed upon the raging main ;
And long we strove our bark to save,
But all our striving was in vain.
Ev'n then, when horror chilled my blood,
My heart was filled with love for thee ;
The storm is past, and I at rest ;
So, Mary, weep no more for me.

O maiden dear, thyself prepare,
We soon shall meet upon that shore
Where love is free from doubt and care,
And thou and I shall part no more.
Loud crowed the cock, the shadow fled,
No more of Sandy could she see ;
But soft the passing spirit said,
Sweet Mary, weep no more for me !

This elegant ballad was the composition of a young man, named Alexander Low, of humble extraction in Galloway, but who obtained a learned education, and became tutor in the family of Mr M'Ghie of Airds, an amiable country gentleman, who had a number of beautiful daughters. While he resided at the Airds, about 1771, the lover of one of the young ladies was lost at sea ; and upon this incident the ballad was composed. The young poet emigrated to America, where he kept an academy for some years, and died in 1798, aged about forty-eight.