



DUNFERMLINE'S PETITION TO THE DEIL

From The Harvest Kirn. by James Walker, Carnock. 1869.

In the Scottish Dialect.

Dweller in yon dungeon grim,
Wi; cloven hoofs and crooked limb;
And to the damned thy cauldrons toom
O' brumstone kail;
Come prick thy lung in listening trim,
And hear my tale.

There's certain folks I winna name,
Whom common sense disdains to claim,
Hae doubts about thy lowin' hame
And thy black sel';
And faith they're spreadin' far their fame
Ower dale and hill.

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In thy big ha', where gay Apollo
Aft times his harp for jig and solo,
There weekly meet this crew unholy
To my amaze;
And bauldly shaw their heedless folly
And purpose base.

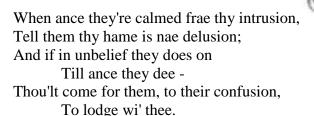
For to denounce the creed o' Calvin,
And depths of heresy to delve in;
That's said to hae a downward shelvin'
To thy black ha';
And faith the billies are resolvin'
To brave us a'.

Thy priests, douce men, are sadly grievin'
To see at stake their honest livin';
For gif their flocks their creed believe in,
Like senseless stirks,
Frae them their stipends will be riven,
And glebes and kirks.

But thee to leave, I sairly urge,
Thy lowin loch, baith deep and large;
Thou to thy deils can gie the charge
And sovereign law The brimstane on puir souls to spairge
While thou'rt awa.

Swift through thy sulphurous ether sail, And to auld *terra firma* steal On soughin' wings, like leaden hail Frae musket's bore; And bold present thy fearful' sel' Among the core.

Wi' horror-started e'en they'll stare,
And bristling stand like stakes their hair;
But thou, Auld Cloots, ne'er have a care
For their alarm,
But tak' to thee a solemn air
And stretch thine arm.



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## THE LOWER BRIDGE

Rhyming History of Dunfermline By D Patton



There's the towr bridge that is hard by at the back of pittencreeff There witches and divel caught and hang'd him like a thief.

They tied a rop about his neck and throw him ore the side Contented to there homes they went thinking he ow'd till morning bide

Then next morning there they thought to find old blatty dead They fownd the rop hung o'er the pend and in'd a lusty peat

This bridg most gothic in like appears it is of ancent date
I'm sure it is some hundred year since the same was built

I'm sure it is of early date as soon's the town was built I cannot find do as I will which of them was first.





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