

The Battle of Pots and Pans

The Auld Thorn Tree

They've been strippin' doon the bodies
'roon the Hawthorn Tree
and oor wummenfolk are a' bedecked
in King's livery

In the field of new-cut stubble
Where the redcoats ran from trouble
There the only bush for miles aroond's
The Auld Thorn-Tree

Gallant Gardiner
He was felled abune the Hawthorn Tree
By a claymore or a sickle-
It was hard tae see

Why he stood there at the last-
Tae meet his future and his past!
At the only bush for miles aroond-
The Auld Thorn Tree

And his faithful servant took him
From The Hawthorn Tree
Tae the Manse above the Brae
And he wis left tae dee

And the brave auld Gardiner's wife
Wasn't there tae see his life
Ebb sae slowly from his body
After the Hawthorn Tree

In the future all ye'll have's
The stump o' the Auld Thorn Tree
Where the Colonel stood
And carved his name in history

He was felled by Hielan' blades-
His Dragoons had run like Knaves
Whiles the Colonel knew that he had deed
For King and Loyalty.

The Lady Frances Gardiner's Lament

Oh cam ye doon by Bankton Hoose
Whaur my fine James was slain?
And did ye see his Erse Dragoons
Flee cowardly frae the plain?

But I was safe in Stirling Keep
And lo'ed my mannie dear
Oh cam ye doon by Bankton Hoose
Whaur my man James was slain?

He never thocht his men wad fecht
And made that unco clear
Tho' his pallor on the battle's eve
Wis painted no by fear

My Colonel said:- "I'll face them a'
Could I inspire my men!"
Yet on the morn they fled like hares
And wadnae stand again!

Yet I wis no at Bankton Hoose
On that dread day I fear
Tae see my fine auld Jamesie slain-
Oh how I lo'ed my Dear!

Prestoun's Walls

Men of Appin, Perth and Ranald,
Cam ye doon by Prestoun early?
Eident for the sake o' Cherlie
Did ye fell by Prestoun's walls?

*Chorus: Brave Lochiel and bold MacGregor
Charged the scarlet ranks and squarely
Saw them off wi' dirk and broadsword
Did ye ca' by Prestouns walls?*

Atholl Ranald and Glengarry
Broke the Hanoverian army
Cowed them a' and beat them squarely
Did ye fell by Prestoun's walls?

Chorus

Saw their Colonel standing bravely
Like a rock 'mang cowardly knavery
Ca'ed him doon and wounded sairly
Did ye fell by Prestoun's walls?

Chorus

Now the rammie's ower an' by wi'
Will ye tell your hielan' laddies
How ye fought for Bonnie Cherlie
How ye ca'ed by Prestoun's walls?

Chorus

