

168. **retribution.** Punishment or revenge against the Saxons, who had robbed the Gael of his land. See ll. 142-5.

174. It is a reward (or punishment) due to you for your rashness.

182. **augury.** A prophecy; in reference to the Taghairm. See Canto IV.

198. **the curlew.** A species of snipe.

225. **How say'st thou now?** What do you say now?

253. **jack.** A leather coat.

263. **doubt not.** Do not mistrust me or suspect anything from this warlike display.

271. **the reed on which you leant.** How weak a thing you trusted in.

277. **wont and tempered.** Accustomed and regular.

288. **plover.** A species of wild bird.

298. **three mighty lakes.** Lochs Katrine, Achray, and Vennachar.

300. **mines.** Undermines.

300-3. "The torrent which discharges itself from Loch Vennachar, the lowest and eastmost of the three lakes which form the scenery adjoining to the Trosachs, sweeps through a flat and extensive moor, called Bochastle. Upon a small eminence called the *Dun* of Bochastle, and indeed on the plain itself, are some intrenchments which have been thought Roman."

325. **atone.** Settle.

329-30. Referring to Brian. See Canto III., Sections v. and vi.

334. The riddle of the augury is already explained.

356. **carpet knight.** One who is made a knight, not because of deeds of courage, but because he has been able to ingratiate himself at court.

361. **it steels my sword.** It hardens my sword, i.e., it takes away any pity I might have.

364. **ruth.** Pity.

380. **targe.** "A round target (shield) of light wood, covered with strong leather and studded with brass or iron, was a necessary part of a Highlander's equipment. In charging regular troops they received the thrust of the bayonet in this buckler, twisted it aside, and used the broadsword against the encumbered soldier."—(Scott).

383. **trained abroad.** In France.

385. **ward.** Position of defence.