THE BIRKS OF INVERMAY.



Behold the hills and vales around,
With lowing herds and flocks abound;
The wanton kids, and frisking lambs,
Gambol and dance about their dams;
The busy bees, with humming noise,
And all the reptile-kind rejoice:

Let us, like them, rejoicing, stray About the birks of Invermay.

Hark! how the waters, as they fall,
Loudly my love to gladness call;
The wanton waves sport in the beams,
And fishes play throughout the streams;

The circling sun does now advance,
And all the planets round him dance;
Let us as jovial be as they,
Amang the birks of Invermay.

For soon the winter, of the year,
And age, life's winter, will appear;
At this thy living bloom will fade,
As that will strip the verdant shade:
Our taste for pleasure then is o'er,
The feather'd songsters are no more,
And when they droop, and we decay,
Adieu the birks of Invermay.