

'Twas in that place in Scotia's boun',
 Where meikle mirth an' fun gaes roun',
 That bears the name, amang us a',
 Of "On the Hill," or "At the Ha",
 Twa dogs, wham for my ain guid piasure
 I'll ane ca' Luath, tother Cesar,
 Forgathered ance, fast friends together,
 Tao chatter gossip or the weather,
 An' talk o'er what each got for eatin'
 An' where their fare could bear repletin'.
 O' apple pie, the ane tyke boasted;
 The tother, eggs just newly roasted;
 Till each dog tint his appetite
 For his ain food, an' longed to bite
 An' feast upo' his neebor's denty,
 Wi' dreepin' chops, tho' baith had plenty,
 Said Caesar, wi'an air sae jauntie,
 (They'd baith them blethered lang an' vauntie)
 I prae ye no will hand hastie
 But wha'll ye tak an' sell your pastie.
 Sae twixt their nainsels they arranged it,
 (The sient will ither say he changed it).
 That each shud prio his neebors vivers:
 An' baith thoct nainsels better livers.
 Sae a' gaed weel until aie eenin,
 When Luath thoct himsel recein'
 Nae half the eggs which he had boughtit,
 An' sae wi' worretin' they foughtit.
 Each ca'ed the t'ither blackguard tyke,
 An' thief an' cheat an' a' sic like:
 They scratched they tore they jowled they blethered
 An' i' the dust they rolled an' swithered,
 Chewed ither lugs to their destruction
 Black Hornie's sel wad see the ruction.
 Sae when they found that nither pairty,
 (For baith were sturvy dogs an' hairy)
 Could hao his weel, they baith agree't,
 To arbitration they wad lea it.
 Sae in they ca'ed five brither messens,
 An' baith them tried by bribe or blessins
 Tao gain the arbitrators favor;
 At that, each ane was unco' clever.
 The five sat roun' upo' a cummock,
 (While wi' an egg each cheered his stomech)
 An' heard the case wi' solemn faces
 As if their nainsels were "The Graces."
 Sae after lang deliberation
 O'er pros an' cons i' lawfu' fashion,
 They a' declared (judicial wonners)
 Baith eggs an' pie wi' out their owners.
 Then spak a towzio light hair'd tyke,
 I spier if e'er ye saw his like,
 His mou, his hair, his e'en, his lugs
 Showed he was not like ither dogs:
 Said he, wholl for our our fashin' feo us

Or recompense, as judges, gie us.
 Sae mang their nainsels 'twas agreeit
 The pie an' eggs shud be divedit;
 Then each sprang oup wi' motion hr stie
 Wi' waggin' jaws ower Luath's pastie.
 Now baith the dogs wi' mournfu' air
 Content themsels wi' plainer fare.

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