
Which moves the warld tae heights or depths
apart.

Prophetic powers they make believe reside
In this or that to draw the veil aside,
To show to each their matrimonial fates
And give the measure of their coming mates ;
Or kail, or nits, whate'er the test may be,
They breathless wait their visioned destiny.
When this they see, if fair or foul they deem,
Then gay or douce the tested ones may seem ;
In feignèd mood the others may condole,
Or merry laughter warmly flood the whole.
While this or that some try for sake of fun,
In other minds a serious faith may run ;
Their heart's desire, should it with sign agree,
Well pleased are they to help the prophecy.
When a' together they a test may try,
Nae special need tae bravely spooks defy ;
But if alane, in outer darkness tried,
Wi' eery fears which canna be denied,
Imagination then wild pranks may play
With those who dare their futures thus assay.
They lift the veil and things then seen or heard
Most wondrous seemèd when told by those who
dared ;
Fu' oft they ran frae barn, or burn, or stack,
As if the deil himsel' were at their back.
Sma' wonner, this, when fairy fouk were there,
Or walkin' roun', or flyin' through the air.