

redeem her promise. It has been a favorite love song from that day to this. But few are aware that as a WAR SONG it contributed to the fall of Sebastopol. I was at Constantinople at the time when the troops were returning from that famous campaign, and heard from a soldier the story. Since that the song of "Annie Laurie" has been doubly attractive. He said that on the morning that the final assault was made on the Redan the troops were drawn up in line of battle, and while they were waiting for the signal to advance, the Highlanders struck up the song of "Annie Laurie," at first low and uncertain, but gaining strength as it rolled down the line, it rose from hill and valley in a volume of sound as terrible as it was sweet, for it spoke of men who could fight as well as sing in harmony. Ten thousand voices rang as one, ten thousand hearts throbbed as one; ten thousand weapons flashed as one; the foe withheld their fire and listened, with terror and astonishment, to the men who could sing on the eve of death, until the last echoes of the beautiful chorus had died away. A moment of silence, and then the terrible advance that caused the fall of Sebastopol, after a siege of three hundred and sixty-eight days."

