

544. **the hollow way.** The path in the valley.
556. **brain-sick.** Insane.
559. **pitched a bar.** Put the stone, in sports.
567. **batten.** Grow fat.
590. **toils.** Nets. **stakes.** For holding the nets.
593. **Hunters.** The song is intended to warn Fitz-James of his danger. The hunters are Roderick and his followers; the stag is Fitz-James; the wounded doe is Blanche herself.
594. **a stag of ten.** "Having ten branches on his antlers."—(*Scott*).
- 606-7. The reason Ellen's fears and hints were lost on him was that he was carried away by his emotions.
617. **thrilled.** Quivered.
622. His fate depends on whether he wins or loses in the race.
624. **kindred ambush.** The place where your kindred lie in ambush.
642. **Daggled.** Wet.
657. **shred.** Cut off.
665. **knighthood's honoured sign.** The belt and spurs of the knight.
672. **wreak.** Avenge.
686. **favour.** A token of his lady's favour.
687. **imbrue.** Soak.
722. **summer solstice.** The heat of summer, when the sun is highest in the heavens.
745. Though we give the *stag* space to run, and allow him a fair start before letting the dogs loose, no one ever cares how the prowling *fox* is killed.
- law.** This is a technical term to denote the distance which the stag is allowed to go before the hounds are set free from the *slips* or nooses which hold them back.
761. **cheer.** Food.
787. **Coilantogle.** The ford across the Teith, to the west of Loch Vennachar.
788. **warrant.** Right to pass in safety.
794. **the wreath.** The circle of heather.