

body further. This strange incident produced much astonishment, and the monks fasted and prayed for three days to know by revelation what to do. At length it was revealed to one of them that the body should be carried to Dunholm. They were again in great distress not knowing where Dunholm lay; but as they proceeded a woman wanting her cow called aloud to her companion to know if she had seen it? she answered it was in Dunholm. This was a happy sound to the distressed Monks, they followed the woman, and when she found her Cow they laid down their precious burthen. A temporary covering and support for the ark of St. Cuthbert was made of branches of trees, upon the place where the church of Saint Mary le bow stands, the adjunct le bow is derived from the boughs of which the building was made. They now laid the foundation of an abbey, in three years the work was nearly finished, and the body of St. Cuthbert was enshrined within the walls; this fabric after standing ninety eight years, was pulled down and the present magnificent pile was erected, into which the body of St. Cuthbert was removed from the temporary shrine on the Cloister green, to the right of the High Alter, in 1106.

When the rude Danes burn'd their pile,
 The Monks fled forth from Holy Isle,
 Oe'r northern mountain, marsh, and moor,
 From sea to sea, from shore to shore,
 Seven years Saint Cuthbert's corpse they bare,
 They rested them in fair Melrose ;