

ALLIE.

The world below is cold and bare,
Up yon's the place for prayer;
There the vision on my soul will break clearer,
My friends will little miss me,
And there's only One can bless me,
To Him on the hill-top I'll be nearer.

SHEPHERD.

Schihallion's sides sae solid and steep.
And his snow drifts heap on heap,
What mortal would dream the nicht o' scaling?
Gin the heart pray below,
From nae mountain-top will go
Your prayer to heaven with cry more prevail-
ing.

ALLIE.

Weak am I and frail, I ken,
But there's might that's not of men,
To bear me up—sae na mair entreat me;
Be the snow-drifts ne'er sae deep,
I have got a tryst to keep
Wi' the angels that up yonder wait to meet
me.

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The Shepherd home is gone,
And she went on alone;
Night cam, but she cam not to Bohalie;
They socht her west and east,
Neist day, and then the neist,
On Schihallion's head they found pair Allie.
Stiff with ice her limbs and hair,
And her hands fast closed in prayer,
And her white face to heaven meekly turning;
Down they bore her to her grave,
And they knew her soul was safe
In the home for which sae long she had been
yearning.

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