

the house of Buccleuch, who had been defeated by Earl Douglas in their attempt to free the king from the control of the Douglas family. It is not clear whether the expression as used here refers to the Percies or to the Buccleuchs.

waned. Their power having declined.

506. **Blantyre.** A monastery, opposite Bothwell Castle, on the river Clyde.

513. What I have lost seems poor and beggarly in comparison with this.

518. **shame-faced.** Bashful, modest.

525. **unhooded.** The falcon was a species of hawk, used in hunting. It was usually chained to the wrist and its eyes were covered with a hood, which was, of course, removed when the falcon was set free to pursue its prey.

526. **trust.** You may well believe.

527. **Goddess.** Diana, who was a huntress.

533. **enthusiast.** Lover.

536. **belted plaid.** The plaid bound in by a belt.

541. **ptarmigan.** A game bird, whose plumage changes from black or dark gray to white in winter.

549. **a sob.** The panting of the runner.

550. **accorded with.** Was in harmony with.

552. **till Ellen came.** His heart was less blithe after Ellen came, because it was tamed by love.

563. **quail to.** Yield to.

568. **the rest.** She was surprised that he had brought Malcolm with him, since Malcolm and Roderick Dhu were enemies.

571-2. "All of Douglas I have left would be (were) left, with that noble pastime." If that pastime were taken from me, I should have lost everything that remains to me of my former self.

**reft.** Taken away. See *reave*, l. 170.

574. **Glenfinlas.** A valley between Ben An and Benledi.

577. **a royal ward.** Malcolm was under age, and the king as his feudal lord held his lands in trust.

578. Since Douglas was an outlaw, any one who protected him did so at his own risk.

582. **spleen.** Anger. See ll. 319-20.