

The Banks o' Doon/ Ye Banks and Braes

Traditional

More commonly now known as 'Ye Banks and Braes', this famous Robert Burns song is based on a true story of a girl from the Carrick area, which is now part of Ayrshire. She fell in love with a wealthy Wigtownshire lad, became pregnant, was deserted by him and died of a broken heart. The River Doon forms the boundary between these two areas.

D A D A D G
Ye banks and braes o' bon - nie Doon_ How can_ ye bloom_ sae
7 Em A D G D A
fresh - and fair? How can ye chant_ ye lit - tle birds_ And
13 D G A D D Bm
I_ sae wea - ry full_ o' care? Ye'll break my heart_ ye
19 G D Bm D/F# G A D
war - bling birds That wan - ton through the flo - we - ry thorn Ye - 'mind me
26 A D A Bm G A D
o' - de par - ted joys_ De - par - ted ne - ver to_ re - turn.

Lyrics

Ye banks and braes o' bonnie Doon
How can ye bloom sae fresh and
fair?
How can ye chant ye little birds
And I sae weary full o' care?

Ye'll break my heart ye warbling
birds
That wanton through the flowery
thorn
Ye 'mind me o' departed joys
Departed never to return

Oft hae I roved by bonnie Doon
To see the rose and woodbine twine
And ilka bird sang o' its love
And fondly sae did I o' mine

Wi' lightsome heart I pulled a rose
Full sweet upon its thorny tree
And my false lover stole my rose
But ah he left the thorn wi' me

Words

sae - so
hae - have
ilka = every

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