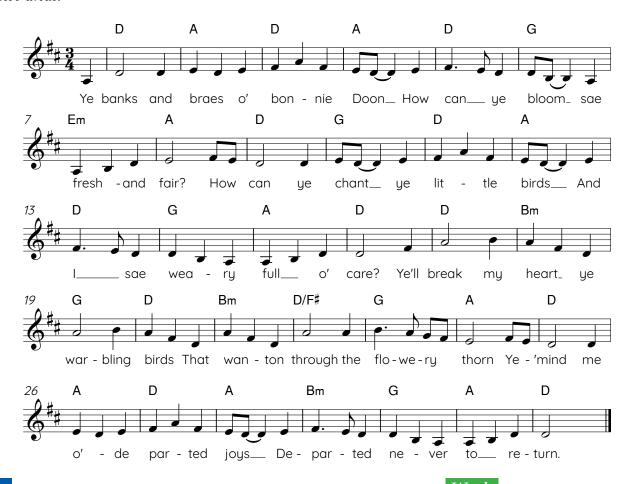
The Banks o' Doon/ Ye Banks and Braes

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.



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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