

Nigel Gatherer's Scottish Collection

The Auld Hoose (Oliphant)

song air



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Oh, the auld hoose, the auld hoose,
 What the' the rooms were wee !
 Oh ! kind hearts were dwelling there,
 And bairnies fu' o' glee ;
 The wild rose and the jessamine
 Still hang upon the wa',
 How many cherish'd memories
 Do they, sweet flowers, reca' !

Carolina Oliphant, later Lady Nairne, was born in 1766 in "the auld hoose" at Gask, Perthshire. She appears to have had an extremely happy childhood, which is reflected in her songs, in which she waxed lyrical about her family, the auld hoose where they lived, and the rowan tree she used to play around. The Auld Hoose was demolished in about 1801 (the ruins are pictured above, photographed in 1899).

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