

The Burns Collection



Auld Lang Syne (traditional)

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Auld Lang Syne is an old Scots song to which Burns added two verses (the third and fourth). He didn't think much of the original tune, so another tune - this one - was used in Thomson's collection.

Auld Lang Syne

Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to min'?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and days of auld lang syne?

Chorus: For auld lang syne, my dear, for auld lang syne,
We'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet, for auld lang syne.

And surely ye'll be your pint-stowp, and surely I'll be mine;
And we'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet, for auld lang syne. [*Chorus*]

We twa hae run about the braes,
And pu'd the gowans fine;
But we've wander'd mony a weary fit,
Sin' auld lang syne. [*Chorus*]

We twa hae paidl'd in the burn,
Frae morning sun till dine;
But seas between us braid hae roar'd
Sin' auld lang syne. [*Chorus*]

And here's a hand, my trusty fiere!
And gie's a hand o' thine!
And we'll tak' a right gude-willie waught,
For auld lang syne. [*Chorus*]

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