

The Burns Collection



A Rosebud By My Early Walk (traditional)

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A Rosebud By My Early Walk

A Rose-bud by my early walk,
 Adown a corn-enclosed baw,
 Sae gently bent its thorny stalk,
 All on a dewy morning.
 Ere twice the shades o' dawn are fled,
 In a' its crimson glory spread,
 And drooping rich the dewy head,
 It scents the early morning.

Burns wrote this song about Miss Cruikshanks, the daughter of William Cruikshanks, in whose house Burns stayed while he was in Edinburgh in 1787. The original air was different, but in the mid-18th century it was supplanted by a setting of The Shepherd's Wife, to which it is sung today.



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