

# Nigel Gatherer's Scottish Collection

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## King Robert the Bruce (2) (Archibald Morrison)

*pastoral*

The musical score is written for ukulele in 4/4 time and the key of D major (one sharp). It consists of seven systems of music. Each system includes a treble clef staff with a melodic line and a ukulele staff with chordal accompaniment. Chords are indicated above the treble staff. The score includes various rhythmic patterns, including triplets and sixteenth notes. A portrait of King Robert the Bruce, wearing a golden crown and a blue cape, is positioned to the right of the middle systems of the score.

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### 1310 King Robert the Bruce

On this day in 1310 was the Declaration of the Clergy and the People in favour of King Robert Bruce from the Church of the Friars Minor in Dundee. Over the following years he controlled much of Scotland, thanks to a series of successful battles, especially in 1314 when, at the Battle of Bannockburn he defeated Edward II's English army.

It wasn't until 1320 after the Declaration of Arbroath that Scotland's independence took a larger step, and in 1324 the Pope recognised Robert as the king of an independent Scotland. Robert died in 1329.