

The Braes of Balquither

The musical score is written in G minor (three flats) and 2/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above a bracket) in the first, third, and fourth staves. The lyrics are: Will you go, las-sie, go to the braes of Bal - qui-ther, Where the high moun - tains row 'mid the bon - nie bloom - ing hea - ther, Where the roe and the deer they go bound - ing on to - geth - er, Spend the long sum - mer day near the braes of Bal - qui-ther?

Oh no, oh no, kind sir, I'm too young to be a lover,
For my age is scarce sixteen and I dare not for my mother
And besides being too young, I'm afraid you're some deceiver
Who has come to charm me here to the braes of Balquither.

Then fare you well, proud maid, for your beauty soon will alter,
I'll deprive you of this chance and live happy with some other.
I will roam this wide world till I find a maid of honor
Who will go along with me to the braes of Balquither.

Oh, come back, oh come back, for I think you no deceiver.
Oh, come back, oh come back, and I'll never love another.
I will leave all my friends, father, mother, sister, brother,
And I'll go along with you to the braes of Balquither.

Oh, now they have gone to the bonnie highland mountains
For to view the green fields and likewise the silvery fountains,
Oh, now they are united and live in peace together;
Spend their long summer days near the braes of Balquither.