

Our Ain Bonnie Laddie

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Our Ain Bonnie Laddie: This is an old tune, used by James Hogg, the Ettrick Shepherd, in his great collection *The Jacobite Relics of Scotland: being the Songs, Airs and Legends of the Adherents to the House of Stuart* (1819-1821). The words Hogg used are by William Meston of Aberdeen, one of the fiercest satirical poets to come out of the North-East, but the tune has a very “Border-ish” feel, like several used by Hogg who was a traditional fiddle player and composer as well as a poet and novelist. “Our ain bonnie laddie” was one of several typical by-names used to indicate the Young and Old Chevaliers, the “kings over the water.”



James Hogg (1770-1835)