

Robert Burns (1759-96)

9 *A Red, Red Rose*

O my luvè's like a red, red rose,  
That's newly sprung in June:  
O my luvè's like the melodie,  
That's sweetly played in tune.  
As fair art thou, my bonnie lass, 5  
So deep in luvè am I:  
And I will luvè thee still, my dear,  
Till a' the seas gang dry.

Till a' the seas gang dry, my dear,  
And the rocks melt wi' the sun; 10  
I will luvè thee still, my dear,  
While the sands o' life shall run.  
And fare thee weel, my only luvè!  
And fare thee weel awhile!  
And I will come again, my luvè, 15  
Though it were ten thousand mile.

1794

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