

Robert Burns (1759-96)

5 *Lady Mary Ann*

Tune — *Craigston's growing*.

I.

O, Lady Mary Ann  
Looks o'er the castle wa',  
She saw three bonnie boys  
Playing at the ba';  
The youngest he was 5  
The flower amang them a'—  
My bonnie laddie's young,  
But he's growin' yet.

II.

O father! O father!  
An ye think it fit, 10  
We'll send him a year  
To the college yet:  
We'll sew a green ribbon  
Round about his hat,  
And that will let them ken 15  
He's to marry yet.

III.

Lady Mary Ann  
Was a flower i' the dew,  
Sweet was its smell,  
And bonnie was its hue; 20  
And the langer it blossom'd  
The sweeter it grew;  
For the lily in the bud  
Will be bonnier yet.

IV.

Young Charlie Cochrane 25  
Was the sprout of an aik;  
Bonnie and bloomin'

And straught was its make:  
The sun took delight  
To shine for its sake, 30  
And it will be the brag  
O' the forest yet.

V.

The simmer is gane  
When the leaves they were green,  
And the days are awa 35  
That we hae seen;  
But far better days  
I trust will come again,  
For my bonnie laddie's young,  
But he's growin' yet. 40

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