



The Bonnie Brier Bush

Traditional Scottish Air

Henry A. Lambeth
(1822-1895)

Henry Albert Lambeth (1822-1895) was born at Alverstoke, Hampshire, England, and studied under the notable musicians Samuel Sebastian Wesley, Thomas Adams, Sterndale Bennett, Henry Smart, and Sir George Smart. He held a number of organist positions in the Portsmouth area before becoming city organist at Glasgow, Scotland, after the Corporation installed a Gray & Davison organ at the City Halls. He also served as organist at St. Mary's Episcopal Church and Park Parish Church. He became the conductor of the Glasgow Choral Union and was founder/conductor of the Glasgow Select Choir, which became known as the Balmoral Choir after twice performing at Balmoral by royal command of the Queen. His choirs traveled throughout Britain and his music was well received with reviews published throughout the country commending "H. A. Lambeth's choirs." He was also editor of "The Scottish Book Of Praise." About 2/3 of the songs are Scottish folk songs with many arranged for four voices. Besides his part-songs, his compositions are mostly for organ and piano, some songs and chants, and hymn tunes. He died in Glasgow.

There grows a bonnie brier bush in our kail-yard,
And white are the blossoms o't in our kail-yard,
Like wee bit white cockauds to deck our Hieland lads,
And the lasses lo'e the bonnie bush in our kail-yard.

But were they a' true that were far awa'?
Oh! were they a' true that were far awa'?
They drew up wi' glaikit Englishers at Carlisle ha',
And forgot auld frien's that were far awa'.

"Ye'll come nae mair, Jamie, where aft ye have been,
Ye'll come nae mair, Jamie, to Atholl's green;
Owre weel ye lo'ed the dancin' at Carlisle ha',
And forgot the Hieland hills that were far awa'."

"I ne'er lo'ed a dance but on Atholl's green,
I ne'er lo'ed a lassie but my dorty Jean,
Sair, sair against my will did I bide sae lang awa',
And my heart was aye in Atholl's green at Carlisle ha'."

The brier bush was bonny ance in our kail-yard;
That brier bush was bonny ance in our kail-yard;
A blast blew owre the hill, that ga'e Atholl's flowers a chill,
And the bloom's blawn aff the bonnie bush in our kail-yard.

Carolina Oliphant, Lady Nairne (1766-1845)

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H. A. Lambeth

S There grows a bon - nie bri - er bush in our kail - yard, And
A There grows a bon - nie bri - er bush in our kail - yard, And
T There grows a bon - nie bri - er bush in our kail - yard, And
B in our kail - yard,

S white are the blos - soms o't in our kail - yard, Like wee bit white coc - kauds to
A white are the blos - soms o't in our kail - yard, Like wee bit white coc - kauds to
T white are the blos - soms o't in our kail - yard,
B in our kail - yard,

S deck our Hie - land lads, And the lass - es lo'e the bon - nie bush in our kail - yard.
A deck our Hie - land lads, And the lass - es lo'e the bon - nie bush in our kail - yard.
T And the lass - es lo'e the bon - nie bush in our kail - yard.
B And the lass - es lo'e the bon - nie bush in our kail - yard.

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S But were they a' true that were far a - wa'? Oh!

A But were they a' true that were far a - wa'? Oh!

T But were they a' true that were far a - wa'? Oh!

B were far a - wa'?

11 S were they a' true that were far a - wa'? They drew up wi'glai - kit Eng - lish-ers at

A were they a' true that were far a - wa'? They drew up wi'glai - kit Eng - lish-ers at

T were they a' true that were far a - wa'?

B were far a - wa'?

14 S Car - lisle ha', And for - got auld frien's that were far a - wa'.

A Car - lisle ha', And for - got auld frien's that were far a - wa'.

T And for - got auld frien's that were far a - wa'.

B And for - got auld frien's that were far a - wa'.

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S "Ye'll come nae mair, — Ja - mie, where aft ye have been, Ye'll

A "Ye'll come nae mair, — Ja - mie, where aft ye have been, Ye'll

T "Ye'll come nae mair, Ja - mie, where aft ye have been, Ye'll

B where aft ye have been,

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S come nae mair, — Ja - mie, to Ath - oll's green; Owre weel ye lo'ed the danc - in' at

A come nae mair, — Ja - mie, to Ath - oll's green; Owre weel ye lo'ed the danc - in' at

T come naemair, Ja - mie, to Ath - oll's green;

B to Ath - oll's green;

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S Car - lisle ha', And for - got the Hie - land hills — that were far a - wa'."

A Car - lisle ha', — And for - got the Hie - land hills — that were far — a - wa'."

T And for - got the Hie - land hills that were far — a - wa'."

B And for - got the Hie - land hills — that were far — a - wa'."

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S "I ne'er lo'ed a dance but on Ath - oll's green, I

A "I ne'er lo'ed a dance but on Ath - oll's green, I

T "I ne'er lo'ed a dance but on Ath - oll's green, I

B on Ath - oll's green,

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S ne'er lo'ed a lass - ie but my dor - ty Jean, Sair, a - gainst my will did I bide

A ne'er lo'ed a lass - ie but my dor - ty Jean, Sair, a - gainst my will did I bide

T ne'er lo'ed a lass - ie but my dor - ty Jean,

B my dor - ty Jean,

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S sae lang a - wa', And my heart was aye in Ath - oll's green at Car - lisle ha'."

A sae lang a - wa', And my heart was aye in Ath - oll's green at Car - lisle ha'."

T And my heart was aye in Ath - oll's green at Car - lisle ha'."

B And my heart was aye in Ath - oll's green at Car - lisle ha'."

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S The bri - er bush was bon - ny ance in our kail - yard; That

A The bri - er bush was bon - ny ance in our kail - yard; That

T The bri - er bush was bon - ny ance in our kail - yard; That

B in our kail - yard;

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S bri - er bush was bon - ny ance in our kail - yard; A ___ blast blew owre the hill, ___ that ga'e

A bri - er bush was bon - ny ance in our kail - yard; A ___ blast blew owre the hill, ___ that ga'e

T bri - er bush was bon - ny ance in our kail - yard;

B in our kail - yard;

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S Ath - oll's flow'rs a chill, And the ___ bloom's blawraff the bon - nie bush in our kail - yard.

A Ath - oll's flow'rs a chill, ___ And the bloom'blawn aff the bon - nie bush in our ___ kail - yard.

T And the ___ bloom'blawn aff the bon - nie bush in our ___ kail - yard.

B And the ___ bloom'blawn aff the bon - nie bush in our ___ kail - yard.

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