

Kon's Wife

George Short (1881-1962) **George Short** (1881-1962) was born in Newington, Scotland. He taught music in Edinburgh and conducted the Edinburgh select choir. He served as organist at Bruntsfield Church for 60 years. After his death, the church merged with Barclay Viewforth Church where a section of stained glass in the church vestibule is dedicated in his memory

Roy's wife of Aldivalloch, Roy's wife of Aldivalloch, Wat ye how she cheated me, As I cam' o'er the braes of Balloch?

She vow'd, she swore she wad be mine; She said she lo'ed me best o' onie; But ah! the fickle, faithless quean, She's ta'en the carle, and left her Johnnie!

O, she was a cantie quean,
Weel could she dance the Highland walloch,
How happy I, had she been mine,
Or I been Roy of Aldivalloch.

Her hair sae fair, her een sae clear, Her wee bit mou' sae sweet and bonnie; To me she ever will be dear, Though she's for ever left her Johnnie.

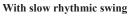
Elizabeth Grant of Carron (1745-1814), near Elchies, on the river Spey. [Sometimes erroneously ascribed to Mrs. Grant of Laggan.] In a letter dated 1793, Burns wrote that he had original words for Roy's Wife by "the lady who composed it."

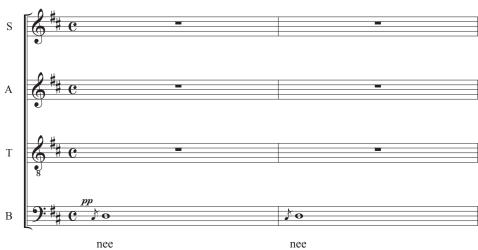
The tune for *Roy's Wife* is *Ruffian's Rant*, traditional Scots melody. The air is attributed to Niel Gow, the famous Scottish piper and musician.

This Part song should be begun very softly; as if sung at a distance, followed by a gradual *crescendo* up to *forte*. Afterwards the marks of expression should be closely attended to. Towards end a gradual *diminuendo* should be observed, the last few bars being almost inaudible as if dying away in the distance.

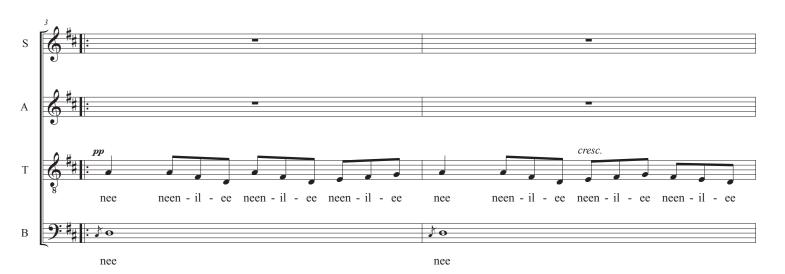
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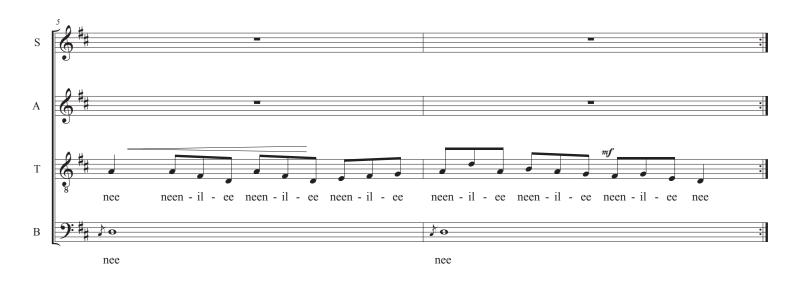
To be sung nasally to the syllables marked, in imitation of Bag-pipes.



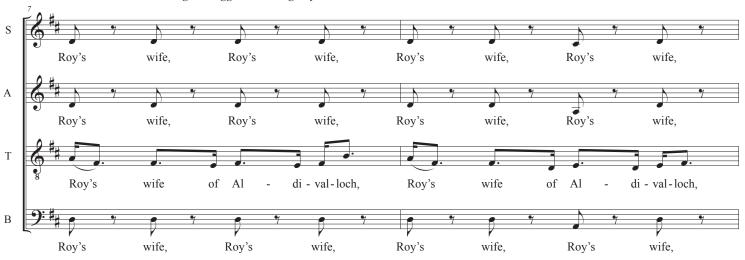


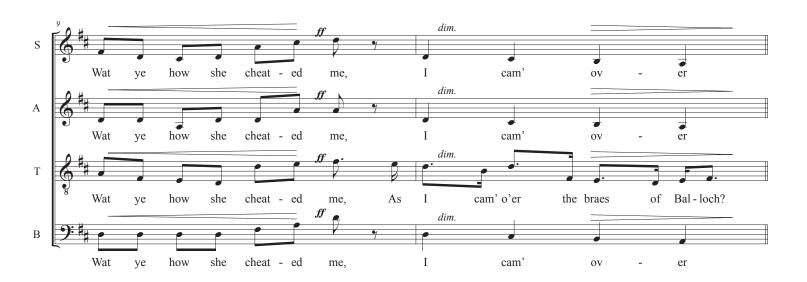
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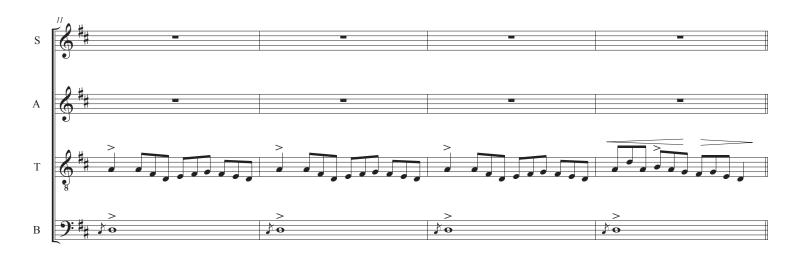
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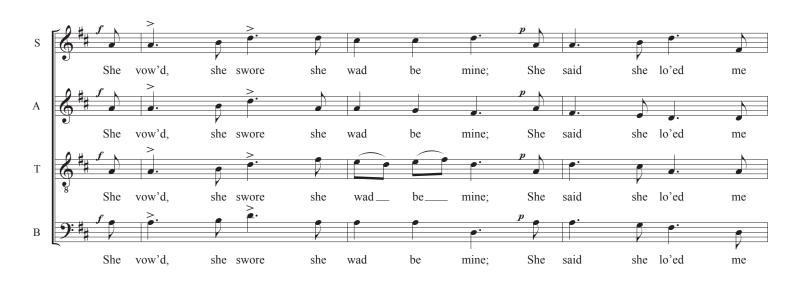


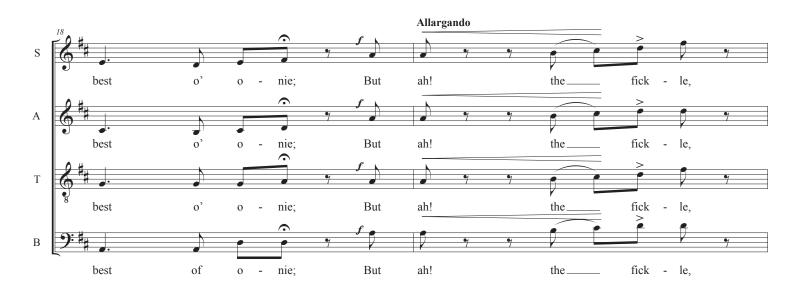
S A & B Parts loud enough to suggest marching Rhythm



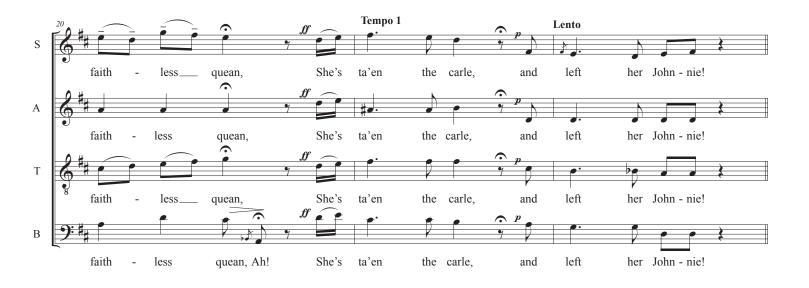


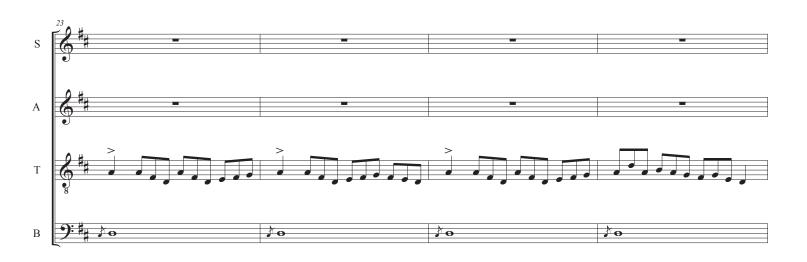


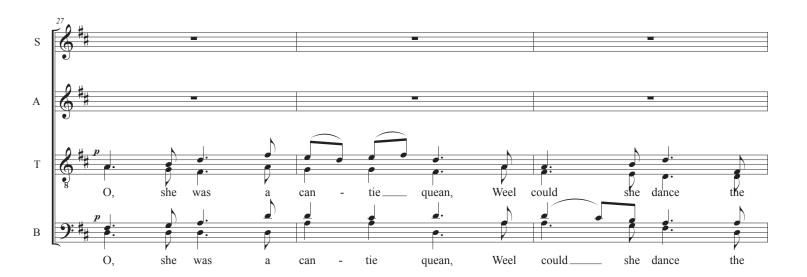




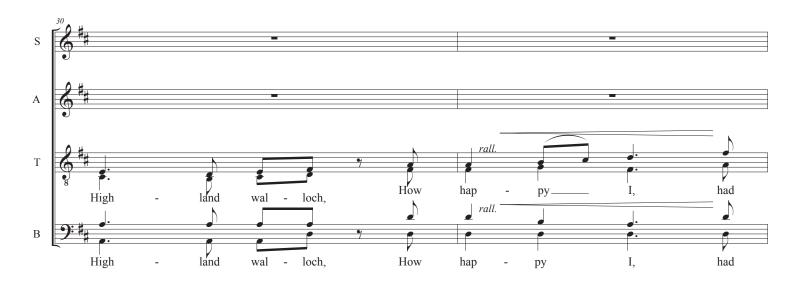
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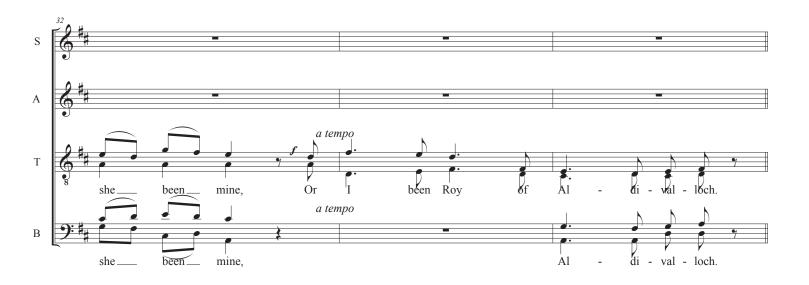


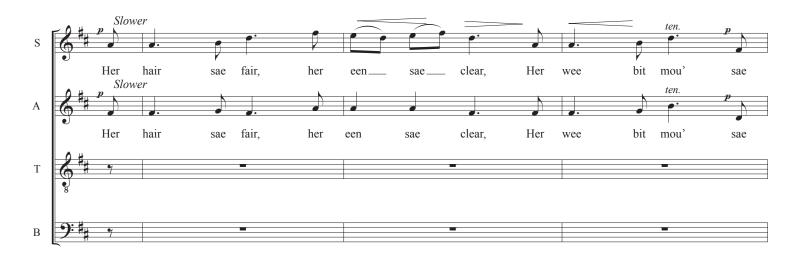


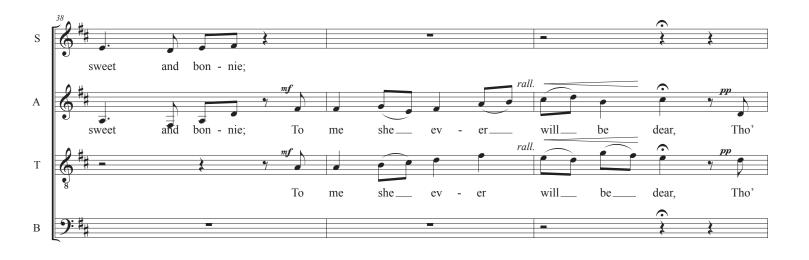


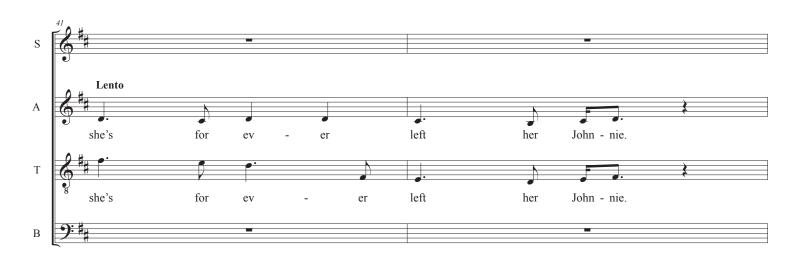
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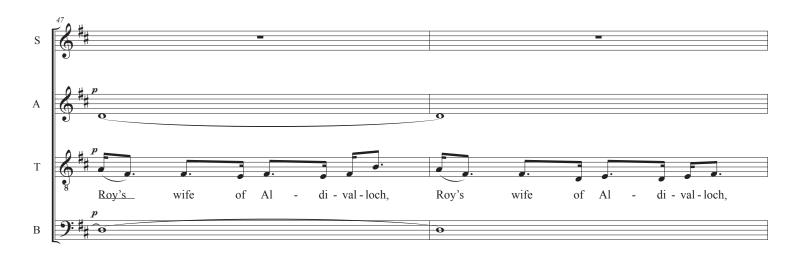


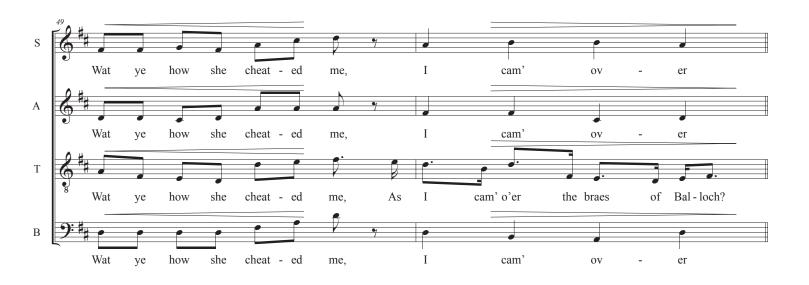






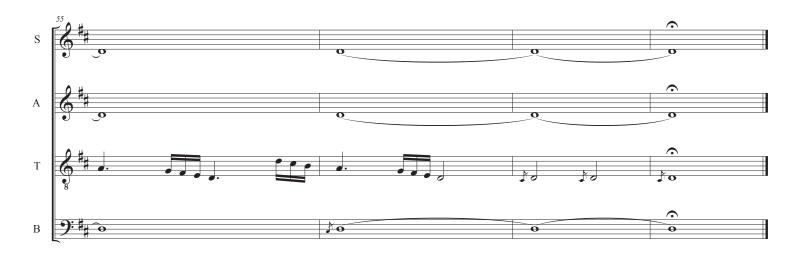








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