



# Alistair MacAlpine's Lament

Ralph Vaughan Williams  
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The lowlands o' Scotland will ne'er be my hame,  
Tho' fresh and fair is the gowany lea,  
The lowlands o' Scotland will ne'er be my hame,  
It will ne'er be like my ain countrie.

In the lowlands o' Scotland nae hills are seen  
Rising wi' snaw-white taps sae hie,  
And the heather is burmt, and the rose it is fa'en,  
That bloomed sae sweet in my ain countrie.

The lowlands o' Scotland will ne'er be my hame,  
And there's no a hame on earth for me,  
The clans are a' broken and I am alane,  
Thinking upon my ain countrie.

Robert Allan (1774-1841)

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Largo

S *p* The low - lands o' Scot - land will ne'er be my hame, Tho'

A *p* The low - lands o' Scot - land will ne'er be my hame, Tho'

T *p* The low - lands o' Scot - land will ne'er be my hame, Tho'

B *p* The low - lands o' Scot - land will ne'er be my hame, Tho'

S <sup>3</sup> *pp* fresh and fair is the gow - an - y lea, The low - lands o' Scot - land will

A *pp* fresh and fair is the gow - an - y lea, The low - lands o' Scot - land will

T *pp* fresh and fair is the gow - an - y lea, The low - lands o' Scot - land will

B *pp* fresh and fair is the gow - an - y lea, The low - lands o' Scot - land will

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S ne'er be my hame, It will ne'er be like my ain coun - trie, My

A ne'er be my hame, It will ne'er be like my ain coun - trie, My

T ne'er be my hame, It will ne'er be like my ain coun - trie, My

B ne'er be my hame, It will ne'er be like my ain coun - trie, My

*f* *dim.* *p* *pp*

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S ain coun - trie, my ain coun - trie, It will ne'er be like my

A ain, my ain coun - trie, It will ne'er be like my

T ain coun - trie, my ain coun - trie, It will ne'er be like my

B ain, my ain coun - trie, It will ne'er be like my

*dim.* *dim.* *dim.* *dim.*

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S (wait for the basses) *pp* (accompany the basses)  
ain coun - trie. nae hills are seen

A (wait for the basses) *pp* (accompany the basses)  
ain, my ain coun - trie. nae hills are seen

T (wait for the basses) *pp*  
ain coun - trie.

B *mp cantabile*  
ain coun - trie. In the low - lands o' Scot - land nae hills are seen

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S Ris - ing wi' taps sae hie, And the heath - er is

A Ris - ing wi' taps sae hie, And the heath - er is

T *mp cantabile* Ris - ing wi' snaw - white taps sae hie, *mp cantabile* And the heath - er is burnt, and the

B Ris - ing wi' snaw - white taps sae hie, *p* And the heath - er is burnt, and the

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S burnt That bloomed sae sweet in my ain coun - trie, My *f appassionato*

A burnt That bloomed sae sweet in my ain, my ain coun - trie, My *f appassionato*

T rose it is fa'en, That bloomed sae sweet in my ain coun - trie, My *f appassionato*

B rose it is fa'en, That bloomed sae sweet in my ain coun - trie, My *f appassionato*

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S ain coun - trie, my ain coun - trie, That bloomed sae sweet in my *pp* (accompany the tenors)

A ain coun - trie, my ain coun - trie, That bloomed sae sweet in my *pp* (accompany the tenors)

T ain coun - trie, my ain coun - trie, That bloomed sae sweet in my *mp cantabile*

B ain, my ain coun - trie, That bloomed sae sweet in my *ff dolce p*

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S *ppp* (accompany the altos) My

A *pp cantabile* The low - lands o' Scot - land will

T *ppp* (accompany the altos) My

B *ppp* (accompany the altos) My

ain coun - trie. My

ain coun - trie. The low - lands o' Scot - land will

ain coun - trie. My

ain coun - trie. My

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S *ppp* *mp cantabile* ain coun - trie, there's no hame for me, The

A *p* *3* ne'er be my hame, And there's no a hame on earth for me, for

T *ppp* *p* ain coun - trie, my ain, my

B *ppp* *p* ain coun - trie, my ain, my

ain coun - trie, there's no hame for me, The

ne'er be my hame, And there's no a hame on earth for me, for

ain coun - trie, my ain, my

ain coun - trie, my ain, my

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S clans are a' brok - en and I am a - lane, Think - ing up - on my

A me, my ain, my ain, my

T ain coun - trie, O, I am a - lane, Think - ing up - on my

B ain coun - trie, my ain, my

clans are a' brok - en and I am a - lane, Think - ing up - on my

me, my ain, my ain, my

ain coun - trie, O, I am a - lane, Think - ing up - on my

ain coun - trie, my ain, my

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33 *f sostenuto*

S ain coun - trie, My ain coun - trie, my ain coun - trie,

A ain coun - trie, My ain coun - trie, my ain coun - trie, \_\_\_\_\_

T ain coun - trie, My ain coun - trie, my ain coun - trie, \_\_\_\_\_

B ain coun - trie, My ain coun - trie, my ain coun - trie, \_\_\_\_\_

36 *pp* *rall.* *ppp*

S Think - ing up - on my ain coun - trie. \_\_\_\_\_

A Think - ing up - on my ain, my ain coun - trie. \_\_\_\_\_

T Think - ing up - on my ain coun - trie. \_\_\_\_\_

B Think - ing up - on my ain, my ain coun - trie. \_\_\_\_\_

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