

# 21. Annie Laurie

"Annie Laurie" was a real person, born in 1682, daughter of Sir Robert Laurie. The words were written by William Douglass as a tribute to Annie's beauty and an expression of his devotion to her. His original words, for the first two stanzas only, were in Scotch dialect, which have been rendered in the common version here printed. The music was written in 1847 by Lady John Scott who it is said, but not authoritatively, also wrote the words for the third stanza.

Douglas of Fingland

*Andante mp*

Scotch Tune

Max - well ton's braes are bon - nie, Where ear - ly fa's the dew, And it's

5 *mf*

there that An - nie Lau - rie, Gave me her prom - ise true. Gave me her prom - ise

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true, Which ne'er for - got will be, And for bon - nie An - nie

14 *mp*

Lau - rie I'd lay me doon and dee.

2. Her brow is like the snowdrift,  
Her throat is like the swan,  
Her face it is the fairest  
That e'er the sun shone on.  
That e'er the sun shone on,  
And dark blue is her e'e,  
And for bonnie Annie Laurie  
I'd lay me doon and dee.

3. Like dew on the gowan lying,  
Is the fa' o' her fairy feet,  
And like winds in summer sighing,  
Her voice is soft and sweet.  
Her voice is soft and sweet,  
And she's a' the world to me,  
And for bonnie Annie Laurie  
I'd lay me doon and dee.