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"Aodann Srath Bhain"

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S mi ri imeachd nam aonar anns an og-mhadaim
Mhaigh
Feadh leantaichean uaine mar fhear-fuadain gun stah,
nuair a chunnaic mi a' ghruagach an taobh shuas
dhiom a'tamh
's i ri nigh' a culd aodaich mach air aodann Srath
Bhain.

An sin dhi
ich mi suas far 'n robh gruagach mo ghraidh
is labhair mi rithe gu siobhalta tiah;
"Tha bliadhn' agus co
r bhon a thoisich an gradh,
is ma bhitheas tu deo
ach ni sinn posadh gun dail."

"Gu posadh, gu posadh ro og tha mi 'n drasd'-
gu bheil teang' aig do sheo
sa dheanadh fogradh 's gach ait;
gurn biodh m'athair 's mo mhahair gam chaindeadh gu
brah
nam posainn do leithid, O fhieasgaich gun stah."

Ach a nionagan oga tha gun phosadh 's gach ait',
na dluaibh fir oga le mo
chuis no tair.
Nach muldach dhomhsa bhith gun phosadh gu brah-
's fheudar fulreach nam aonar mach air aodann Srath
Bhain.

(Translation) The Slopes Of Strath Ba

Walking out early alone on a morning in May
among green fields, an outcast and purposeless,
I saw a maiden who lived some way above me
as she washed her clothes out on the slopes of Strath
Ba

I then climbed upwards to the maiden I loved
and courteously and mildly I spoke to her:

"It's over a year since our love began,
and if you are willing we shall marry at once."

"Marry? I'm too young to marry just now-
your sort has a tongue that could cause trouble
anywhere;
my father and mother would scold me forever more
if I were to marry the likes of you, you feckless young
man."

But you young girls everywhere who are still unmarried,
don't go turning young men down through pride or
contempt
How sad for me to be unmarried forever more-
I'll have to live alone, out on the slopes of Strath Ba

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