

Rankin Family

"Farewell To Lochaber"

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(Traditional)

Farewell to Lochaber,
Farewell to my Jean
Where heartsome with her I have many days been
For Lochaber no more
Lochaber no more
We'll maybe return to Lochaber no more
These tears that I shed
They are all for my dear
And no for the dangers attending on wier
Tho' born on rough seas
To a far distant shore
Maybe to return to Lochaber no more
Tho' hurricanes rise
Tho' rise every wind
No tempest can equal the storm in my mind
Tho' loudest of thunders
On louder waves roar
There's nothing like leaving my love on that shore
To leave thee behind me
My heart is so pained
But by ease that's inglorious no fame can be gained
And beauty and love's
The reward of the brave
And I maun deserve it before I can crave
The glory, my Jeannie,
Maun plead my excuse
Since honour commands me, how can I refuse
Without it I ne'er
Can have merit for thee
And losing thy favour I'd better not be
I go then, my lass,
To win honour and fame
And if I should chance to come glorious home,
I'll bring a heart to thee
With love running o'er
And then I'll leave the and Lochaber no more

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