

## **Douglas William**

### **"Annie Laurie"**

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ANNIE LAURIE

Maxwellton's braes are bonnie,

Where early fa's the dew,

And it's there that Annie Laurie

Gave me her promise true

Gave me her promise true,

Which ne'er forgot will be,

And for bonnie Annie Laurie

I'd lay me doon and dee.

Her brow is like the snowdrift,

Her throat is like the swan,

Her face 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.

Like dew on the gowan lying

Is the fa' o' her fairy feet.

And like winds in the summer sighing,

Her voice is low and sweet.

Her voice is low and sweet,  
And she's a' the world to me,  
And for bonnie Annie Laurie,  
I'd lay me doon and dee.

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The original poem was written by William Douglas of  
England,

1685, who was in love with Annie Laurie, the beautiful  
daughter

of Sir Robert Laurie, first baronet of Maxwellton. The  
song with

the version of the poem used here was published in  
1838. It was

immensely popular with the British troops during the  
Crimean War.

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