

THE DROOKIT ROAD

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I DAUNDERT DOON A DROOKIT ROAD
YIN DARK AND STORMY MORN
IN HOPES TAE CLEAR A STOOR O' MIST
THAT ADDLET IN MY BRAIN
A GANG O' CLOUDS FAE OOT THE EAST
COME SKITIN' OWER THE SKY
AND CAUGHT ME IN A DWAM AND A' AT SEA
WHILES VEXIN' ON THE ONE I LOVE, THE ONE THAT'S DEAR TAE ME

I SAT AFORE A SULLEN TIDE
THAT LUMBERT TAE THE SHORE
A WIND THAT BLEW NAE COMFORT
CHILLED ME LIKE IT'S DONE BEFORE
A SKIRLIN' SEAGULL MOCKED ME
DIVIN' LOW AND HIGH AND NEAR
AND THIRLT ME WI' ITS THRAWN AND DARTIN' E'EE
WHILE I VEXED OWER THE ONE I LOVE, THE ONE THAT'S DEAR TAE ME

AH FELT LIKE I'D BE SUMMONED AND PRESENTED WI' A BILL
LISTING A' MY DEEDS AND FAILINS' ON THE ONE THAT I'D PLAYED ILL
AND TRUE SHE HAD THE RIGHT TO SPURN THE ONE WHO'D PROVED UNKIND
IT LEFT ME IN A DOWIE STATE O' MIND

I TRAIPSED ALANG A CITY WYND
WHAUR CURTAINS A' WERE DRAWN
WHAUR BLACKENED WA'S CAST SHADOWS
THAT SHUT OOT THE SETTIN' SUN
I HEARD A DISTANT SIREN WAIL
THAT ROUSED ME WI' A START
I SHOOK MYSELF AND TURNED RESOLVED TO SEE
ONCE MORE THE ONE I CARE FOR, THE ONE THAT'S DEAR TAE ME
THE ONE I CARE FOR MOST OF ALL, THE ONE THAT'S DEAR TAE ME

Glossary:

daundert= wandered, strolled aimlessly

drookit=drenched,rain soaked stoor=cloud, a turmoil or commotion

skitit'= skated,skimmed

dwam= stupor, dreamy state of mind skirlin'=shrieking cry

thirlt= pierced thrawn= crooked, perverse or malevolent

e'ee=eye dowie=dismal, sad

traipse=move wearily or trudge in a purposeless manner

wynd= a narrow street or alley

