## JENNY O' THE BRAES

## **ALAN REID**

THE PEOPLE CRIED HER JENNY O' THE BRAES cried=called

AND SHE WAS WEEL KENT TAE US A' weel kent etc =well known to us all

HER GANGLIN' BODY HINGIN' OOT HER CLAES hingin'=hanging,claes=clothes

MADE HER STAUN OOT WHEN SHE STRODE DOON THE BRAE staun=stand,brae=hill

TWA DAYS A WEEK SHE'D COME VISITIN' THE TOON
SHE'D TAK THE BRAES RAIN,HAIL OR SHINE tak=take
HER SILVER HAIR WID BE FLEEIN' IN THE WIN' fleein'=flying
AND FOLK THOCHT HER A CREATURE MAD OR WILD thocht=thought

WHEN ICE AND SNAW GRIPPED A' THE COUNTRY YE'D SEE THE SMOKE RISE FAE HER CHIMNEY THE FOLK ABLOW COULD THEN REST EASY FOR JENNY O' THE BRAES

ablow=below

THE WIN' BLEW A' WEYS ROON THE MUIR IT RATTLED ON HER COTTAGE WINDAE SHE SAT INSIDE CLOSE BY THE FIRE SHE WIS CONTENT IN HER AIN COMPANY a'weys=everywhere,muir=moor

AND YOU ASKED HER IF SHE WIS WEEL SHE'D SAY 'AH'M GRAND SIR, HOW'S YERSEL?' AND THEN SHE'D TRUDGE ON UP THE HILL JENNY O' THE BRAES

SHE WISNAE BOTHERED OWER WANT O' GEAR want o 'gear= lack of possessions SHE LIVED ON CHEESE, BREID. OATS AND BARLEY breid=bread SHE WISNAE FASHED WI' TROUBLE OR CARE fashed=agitated SHE'D SPURN THE KNOCK THAT BROCHT A HELPIN' HAND

SOMETIMES SHE'D WANDER OWER THE MUIR COLLECTIN' HEATHER, PLANTS AND FLOOERS AND SINGIN' SOFTLY TAE HERSEL JENNY O' THE BRAES

LAST YEAR SHE BIDET MAIR AT HAME
HER COTTAGE DOOR WIS SELDOM OPEN
AND WHEN THE SPRING FLOOERS CAM TAE BLOOM
SHE HARDLY EVER VENTURED DOON THE BRAE

bidet etc= stayed more at home

ONE DAY WHEN SOMEONE WIS OUT WALKIN'
THEY SAW HER CHIMNEY WISNAE SMOKIN'
THEY FUN HER SITTIN' IN THE KITCHEN
A SMILE UPON HER FACE
JENNY O' THE BRAES

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