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Robert Burns was a Scottish poet and lyricist. He is widely regarded as the national poet of Scotland and is



He is the best known of the poets who have written in the Scots language, although much of his writing is also in English and a light Scots dialect.





As well as making original compositions, Burns also collected folk songs from across Scotland, often revising or adapting them.



He is regarded as a pioneer of the Romantic movement, and after his death he became a great source of inspiration to the founders of both liberalism and socialism



His poem (and song) "Auld Lang Syne" is often sung at Hogmanay (the last day of the year), and "Scots Wha Hae" served for a long time as an unofficial national anthem of the country.



Auld Lang

Syne

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to mind?

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And auld lang syne?

For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne,
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

And surely ye'll be your pint-stowp,
And surely I'll be mine!
And we'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne,
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

We twa hae run about the braes,
And pu'd the gowans fine;
But we've wandered mony a weary fit
Sin' auld lang syne.

For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne,
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

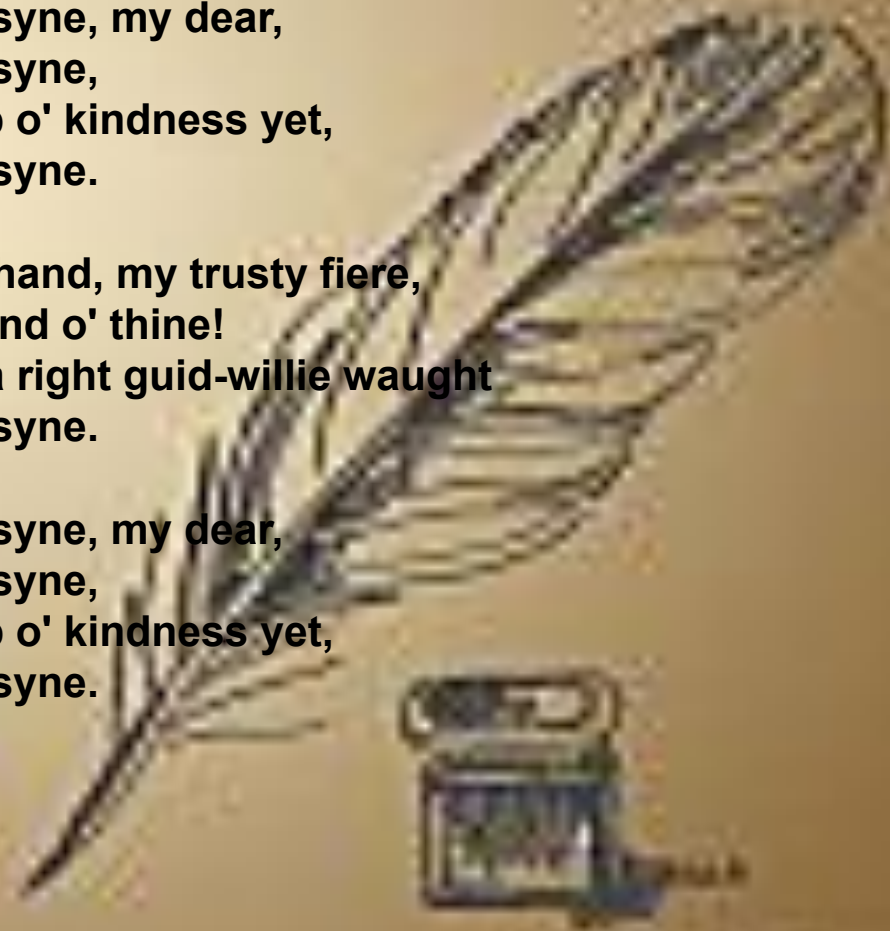
We twa hae paidled i' the burn,
Frae morning sun till dine;
But seas between us braid hae roared
Sin' auld lang syne.

For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne,
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

And there's a hand, my trusty fiere,
And gie's a hand o' thine!
And we'll tak a right guid-willie waught
For auld lang syne.

For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne,
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

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Meaning of Auld Lang Syne and Cup O' Kindness

'Lang Syne ' is "Long Since"

"We'll take a cup o' kindness yet" refers to the tradition of raising a glass

A cup o' kindness meaning with "good will, friendship and kind regard" and in remembrance of "noble deeds".

This song is traditionally accompanied by people joining hands in friendship and pledging that whatever changes life may bring that old friends will not be forgotten.



Other poems and songs of Burns that remain well known across the world today include :

- . "A Red, Red Rose"**
- . "A Man's a Man for A' That"**
- . "To a Louse"**
- . "To a Mouse"**
- . "The Battle of Sherramuir"**
- . "Tam o' Shanter"**
- . "Ae Fond Kiss"**



A Red, Red (1794)

Rose

O my Luve's like a red, red rose
That's newly sprung in June;
O my Luve's like the melodie
That's sweetly play'd in tune.

As fair art thou, my bonnie lass,
So deep in luve am I:
And I will luve thee still, my dear,
Till a' the seas gang dry:

Till a' the seas gang dry, my dear,
And the rocks melt wi' the sun:
I will luve thee still, my dear,
While the sands o' life shall run.

And fare thee well, my only Luve
And fare thee well, a while!
And I will come again, my Luve,
Tho' it were ten thousand mile.

