A Man's a Man for a' That

Then let us pray that come it may,
As come it will for a' that,
That Sense and Worth, o'er a' the earth
Shall bear the gree an' a' that.
For a' that, an' a' that,
It's comin yet for a' that,
That Man to Man the warld o'er
Shall brithers be for a' that.
A Red, Red 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.

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Design pattern for Tudor Rose carpet by Stoddard International plc, (c.1983).
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To a Mountain Daisy

Wee, modest, crimson-tippèd flow'r,
Thou's met me in an evil hour;
For I maun crush amang the stoure
Thy slender stem:
To spare thee now is past my pow'r,
Thou bonie gem.

Burns Window

Robert Burns is depicted in a stained glass windows in the Bute Hall. The window was designed in 1893 by Sir Edward Coley Burne-Jones.

It depicts Burns holding a small posy of daisies in a reference to one of his best-known poems, "To a Mountain Daisy".

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To a Mouse

Wee, sleekit, cowrin, tim'rous beastie,
O, what a panic's in thy breastie!
Thou need na start awa sae hasty,
Wi' bickering brattle!
I wad be laith to rin an' chase thee,
Wi' murdering pattle!

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Woodcut of a mouse from Conrad Gesner’s Historia Animalium (Zurich: 1551-1587)
Ref: Hunterian Bh5-b.3
To a Louse

O wad some Pow’r the giftie gie us
To see oursels as others see us!
It wad frae monie a blunder free us
    An’ foolish notion:
What airs in dress an’ gait wad lea’e us,
    And ev’n Devotion!

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