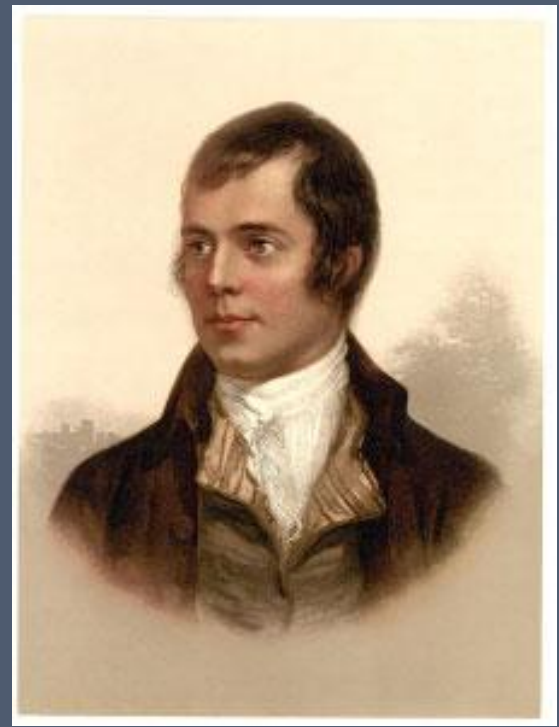


Robert Burns



January 25, 1759 – July 21, 1796

Robert Burns is the best known of the poets who have written in Scots. His poem *Auld Lang Syne* is often sung at Hogmanay.



**AULD
LANG SYNE**



Should auld ac- quaint-ance be for- got, And
nev- er brought to mind? Should
auld ac- quaint- ance be for- got. And
days of auld lang syne? For auld lang
syne, my dear, For auld lang syne, We'll
tak' a cup o' kind-ness yet, For auld lang syne

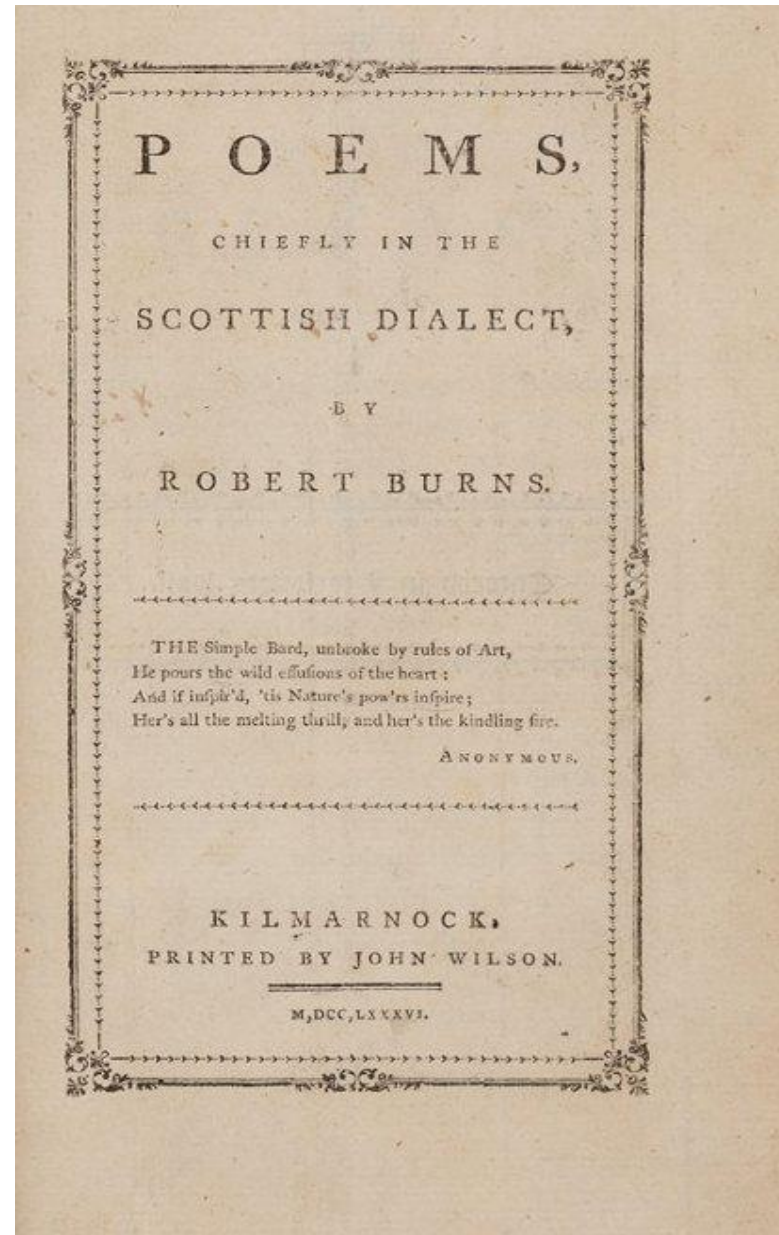


Born in Alloway, Ayrshire, Scotland to a poor farming family, his parents made sure that he was well educated as a child.

In 1783 he started composing poetry in a traditional style using the Ayrshire dialect of Scots.



These poems were well received locally and in 1786 they were published in the volume. This volume made him famous in Scotland overnight and as a result he spent several years in Edinburgh society.



In 1788 he and his wife, Jean Armour, settled in Ellisland. He began to help James Johnson to collect folk songs for the music Museum of Scotland, worked on well-known songs as “my Luve is like a red Red rose,” and “the Good old days.”

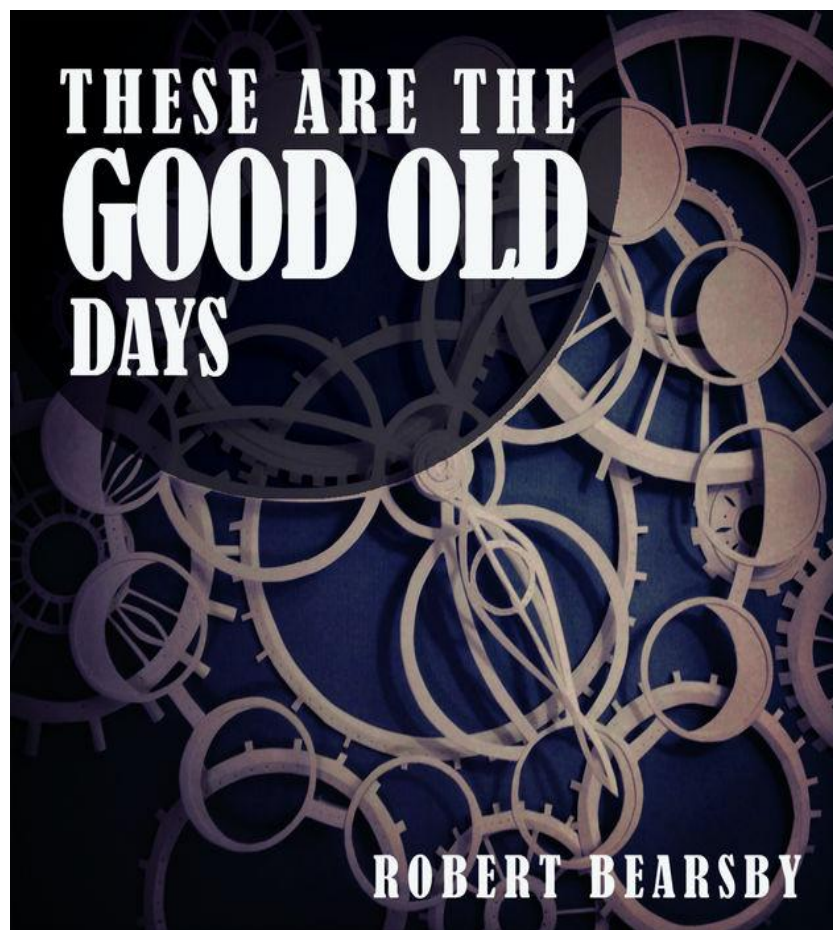
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However the fame was not accompanied by money and he found it necessary to return to farming. Also that too proved unprofitable and in 1789 he entered government service working for the Customs and Excise service.



Ellisland farm in the time of Robert Burns

He died at the age of 37 as a result of a weak heart brought on by years of poor working conditions on the farm dating back to his childhood. Within a short time of his death, money started pouring in from all over Scotland to support his widow and children.

Robert Burns Mausoleum at St. Michael's churchyard in Dumfries

