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# A Lowden Sabbath Morn



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### I

The clinkum-clank o' Sabbath  
bells  
Noo to the hoastin' rookery  
swells,  
Noo faintin' laigh in shady dells,  
Sounds far an' near,  
An' through the simmer kintry  
tells Its tale o' cheer.

### II

An' noo, to that melodious play,  
A' deidly awn the quiet sway —  
A' ken their solemn holiday,  
Bestial an' human,  
The singin' lintie on the brae,  
The restin' plou'man.

### III

He, mair than a' the lave o' men,  
His week completit joys to ken;  
Half-dressed, he daunders out an'  
in,  
Perplext wi' leisure;  
An' his raxt limbs he'll rax again  
Wi' painfū' plesure.

### IV

The steerin' mither strang afit  
Noo shoos the bairnies but a bit;  
Noo cries them ben, their Sindy  
shüit

To scart upon them,  
Or sweeties in their pouch to pit,  
Wi' blessin's on them.

## V

The lasses, clean frae tap to taes,  
Are busked in crunklin'  
underclaes;  
The gartened hose, the weel-filled  
stays,  
The nakit shift,  
A' bleached on bonny greens  
for  
days  
An' white's the drift.

## VI

An' noo to face the kirkward mile:  
The guidman's hat o' dacent style,  
The blackit shoon, we noo maun  
fyle  
As white's the miller:  
A waefü' peety tae, to spile  
The warth o' siller.

## VII

Our Marg'et, aye sae keen to  
crack,  
Douce-stappin' in the stoury  
track,  
Her emeralt gown a' kiltit back  
Frae snawy coats,  
White-ankled, leads the kirkward  
pack  
Wi' Dauvit Groats.

## VIII

A thocht ahint, in runkled breeks,

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