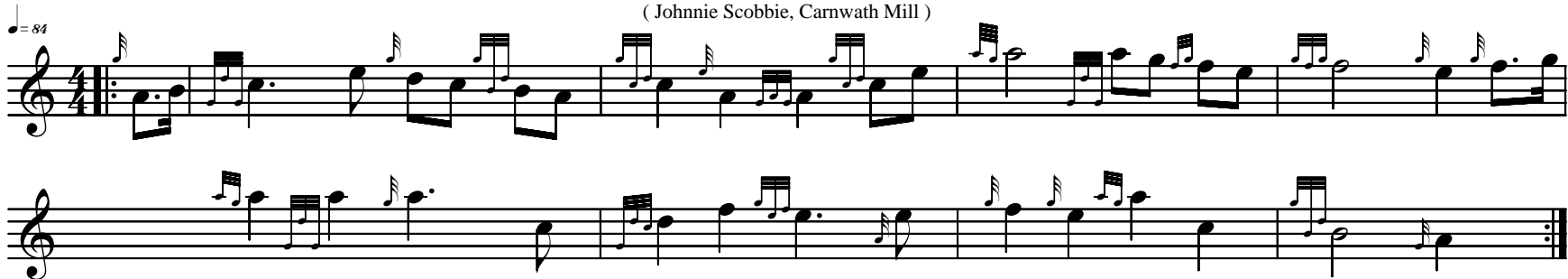


We're No' Awa' Tae Bide Awa'

Traditional

(Johnnie Scobbie, Carnwath Mill)



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http://www.rampantscotland.com/songs/blsongs_bide.htm

Originally a drinking song, this is the archetypal "farewell" song, played by pipers on the quayside when many a ship has left port. There are a number of variations of the words - though most people only know the chorus.

Chorus

For we're no' awa' tae bide awa',
For we're no' awa' tae le'e ye,
For we're no' awa' tae bide awa',
We'll aye come back an' see ye.

Verse 1

As I gaed doon by Wilsontoon
I met auld Johnnie Scobbie,
Says I to him will ye hae a hauf,
Says he, "Man! That's ma hoabbie!"
(chorus)

Verse 2

So we had a hauf an' anither hauf,
And then we had anither,
When he got fou' he shouted
"Hoo! It's Carnwath Mill for ever."
(chorus)

Verse 3

We wandered doon the street again
We cleekit unco cheery,
When John got hame his wife cried shame,
I see you're enjoyin' your hoabbie.
(chorus)

Verse 4

Of a' the friens that ere I kenned,
There's nane like Johnnie Scobbie,
His hert is leal, he's true as steel,
An' a hauf is aye his hoabbie.
(chorus)

Verse 5

So whenever friendly friens may meet,
Wherever Scots foregather,
We'll raise our gless, we'll shout
"Hurroo! It's Carnwath Mill for ever."
(chorus)

Meaning of unusual words

tae bide awa' - to stay away
aye - always
gaed - went
hauf - a measure of alcohol
fou' - drunk
cleekit - walk arm in arm
unco - extremely
kenned - knew
leal - loyal