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John Anderson, my jo, John, ye were my first conceit,
I think nae shame to own, John, I lo’ed ye ear’ and late:
They say ye’re turning auld, John, and what though it be so,
Ye’re ay the same kind man to me, John Anderson, my jo.

John Anderson, my jo, John, when we were first acquaint,
Your locks were like the raven, your bonny brow was brent;
But now your brow is bald, John, your locks are like the snow
Yet blessings on your frosty pow, John Anderson, my jo.

John Anderson, my jo, John, we clamb the hill thegither,
And mony a canty day, John, we’ve had wi’ ane anither;
Now we maun totter down, John, but hand in hand we’ll go,
And sleep thegither at the foot, John Anderson, my jo.

HOW CRUEL ARE THE PARENTS.

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THE SAME AIR.

How cruel are the parents
Who riches only prize,
And to the wealthy booby
Poor woman sacrifice:
Meanwhile the hapless daughter,
Has but a choice of strife,
To shun a tyrant father’s hate,
Become a wretched wife!

The rav’ning hawk pursuing,
The trembling dove thus flies,
To shun impelling ruin
A while her pinions tries;
’Till of escape despairing,
No shelter or retreat,
She trusts the ruthless falconer
And drops beneath his feet.