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THE SONG WRITTEN IN 1795,

BY BURNS.

AIR. - RISE UP AND BAR THE DOOR.

The Symphonies and Accompaniments new, and first united to the Song in 1822.

Does haughty Gaul invasion threat?
Then let the loons beware, Sir!
There's wooden walls upon our seas,
And Volunteers on shore, Sir!
The Nith shall run to Corsincon,*
And Criffel + sink in Solway,
Ere we permit a foreign foe
On British ground to rally!

O, let us not, like snarling tykes,
In wrangling be divided,
Till, slap! come in an unco loun,
And wi' a rung decide it!
Be Britain still to Britain true,
Amang oursels united!
For never but by British hands
Maun British wrangs be righted!

* A high Hill at the source of the Nith.
+ A Mountain at the mouth of the same river on the Solway Firth.

THE OLD SONG TO THE SAME AIR.

In the following Song the interjection O is commonly put at the end of the second and fourth lines of each verse by the Singer, as the Air requires the addition of a monosyllable to those lines.

It was about the Martinmas time;
And a gude time it was then,
When our gudewife had puddings to make,
And she boil'd them in the pan.
The wind it blew baith cauld and raw,
And it blew into the floor;
Quoth our gudeman to our gudewife,
"Get up and bar the door."

"My hand is in my hussyfskap,*
"Gudeman, as ye may see;
"Should it nae be barr'd this hunder year,
"It's nae be barr'd for me."

They made a paction 'tween them twa,
They made it firm and sure,
That the first of them that spake a word,
Shou'd rise and bar the door.

Then by there came twa gentlemen,
At twelve o' clock at night,
And they could see nor house nor ha',
Nor coal nor candle light.

Up then started our gudewife,
Gied three skips on the floor;
"Gudeman, you've spoke the foremost word
"Get up and bar the door!"

* Hussyfskap, - Housewifery