Man, wasna' yon a kittle throw,
The working man sent hame yon blow,
But fate is sure, tho' maybe slow,
And Vengeance sure;
We ken the way, or may be no,
Their pride to cure.

But Jamie lad, tak' my advice,
Be wary, when you skate on ice:
Your whistle's hardly worth the price,
You're payin' for't:
They'll trip ye up, man, in a trice,
They're just the sort.

Tak' nae heed o' their girnin' spite,
The folk ken brawly wha tae wyte,
And in the end you'll win the fight
As sure's a gun;
Grup weel the reins, ye'll haud them tight,
Ere a be dune.

What though they slicht you wi' a jeer:
Man, better folk's haen mair to bear,
Just gi'e them rope, and there's nae fear
The knot they'll tie;
And dangle yet, or I'm a lecar,
Like cloots tae dry.

What though the Broad Street Organ blaw,
And slaver owre its fav'rites a',
They did their best, they canna craw,
In paragraph:
"Let him wha wins," cry, ha! ha! ha!
In hearty laugh.

But what a waste o' win' was there!
O' time and ink they'd lots tae spare,
And mony letters gat the air,
That wadna got it;
The "basket" wad hae been their share,
Tae lie, and rottit.