And o' unkindest cut o' a',
When Mr. C—k took up the ba',
Man, yon was an uncanny ca'
Frae sic a han',
Hoo ye can stan't, beats me ava'
To understan'.

But mind, you bizness ye maun settle,
Pit the contractors on their "metal,"
They'll land us in a pretty kettle
Ere a' be dane;
A chip's a chip, be't big or little,
A stane's a stane.

Nae doot they'll try your gab tae muzzle,
But faith, I think they'll get a puzzle;
Keep ye awake when at a guzzle,
Or water pairty;
And let nae them your wits bedezzle,
Or coup your cairty.

Lord, but they hae a deal o' cheek,
To slur you sae frae week to week,
Hoo they wi' ane anither cleek,
And hob and nob;
But haud a wee, they'll eat the leek,
The clannish mob.

But steady noo, my kittle Muse, Ye surely hinna heard the news, They've set 'neath Jamie's seat a fuse O' dynamite; And hae prepared a wily noose, Fairplay! Good-night.

A bankrupt James? is that the sin
That raises a' this shamefu' din;
Man, but they micht pit in the pin,
And trade nae mair;
The wa' 'tween them and you is thin,
And unco bare.