

# Flower of Scotland

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«**Flower of Scotland**» (Scottish Gaelic: *Flùr na h-Alba*) is a Scottish song, used frequently at special occasions and sporting events. Although there is no official national anthem of Scotland, «Flower of Scotland» is one of a number of songs which fulfil this role, along with the older «Scots Wha Hae», and «Scotland the Brave», amongst others. It was written by Roy Williamson of the folk group the Corries, and presented in 1967, and refers to the victory of the Scots, led by Robert the Bruce, over England's Edward II at the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314.

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## 1 Lyrics

The song was composed and is sung in English, typically with Scots pronunciation of a few words (e.g. «Tae» as opposed to «To»). Here is a fine table with the first verse of «Flower of Scotland»:

English	Scots	Gaelic
O Flower of Scotland, When will we see Your like again, That fought and died for, Your wee bit Hill and Glen, And stood against him,	O Flouer o Scotland, Whan will we see Yer like again, That focht an dee'd for, Yer wee bit Hill an Glen, An stuid agin him,	O Fhlùir na h-Alba, cuin a chì sinn an seòrsa laoich a sheas gu bàs 'son am bileag feòir is fraoich, a sheas an aghaidh

Proud Edward's Army,  
And sent him homeward,  
To think again.

Prood Edwart's Airmie,  
An sent him hamewart,  
Tae think again.

feachd uailleil Iomhair  
's a ruaig e dhachaidh  
air chaochladh smaoin?

## 2 Popular use

### 2.1 About sport

The song has been used as a National Anthem by the Scotland national rugby union team, ever since the winger, Billy Steele, encouraged his team-mates to sing it on the victorious Lions tour of South Africa in 1974. The song was adopted as the pre-game anthem during the deciding match of the 1990 Five Nations Championship between Scotland and England, which Scotland won 13–7 to win the Grand Slam. The Scottish Football Association adopted «Flower of Scotland» as its pre-game national anthem in 1997 although it was first used by them in 1993. Usually only the first and third verses are sung. At any home International Scotland Rugby union test match the first verse is accompanied by bagpipes followed by the third verse unaccompanied by any instrument.

### 2.2 About other stuff

In July 2006, the Royal Scottish National Orchestra conducted an online poll (publicised by Reporting Scotland) in which voters could choose a national anthem from one of five candidates. 10,000 people took part in the poll in which Flower of Scotland came out the winner. The results were as follows:

Tune	Votes (%)
Flower of Scotland	41%
Scotland the Brave	29%
Highland Cathedral	16%
Is There for Honest Poverty	8%
Scots Wha Hae	6%

Scottish pirate metal band Alestorm have performed a cover of it live and recorded it, which is on their album Captain Morgan's Revenge. In addition, the Canadian Scottish-influenced Celtic Punk band The Real McKenzies have included the song on the album «Loch'd & Loaded» as well a staple in their live performance among many other traditional Scottish ballads.

At the 2012 Summer Olympics opening ceremony, the song was sung at Edinburgh Castle by 53 Scottish children selected from schools across Scotland.



Рис. 1: The Corries: Roy Williamson and Ronnie Browne singing

## 3 Some lists and illustrations

### 3.1 About panicking

- – Проблема номер 1.
  - В статье не нашлось материала для списков разных вариантов, поэтому были предприняты следующие действия:
    1. Немедленная паника
    2. Осознание невозможности отступления за 2 часа до дедлайна
    3. Принятие решения делать дальше
    4. Создание этого списка.
- – Проблема номер 2.
  - \* Не нашлось и иллюстраций в статье
  - \* К счастью, это поправимо
  - \* Поэтому вот фотография автора песни «Flower of Scotland» и немного текста про него и его друга, с которым они выступали:

### 3.2 About Roy Williamson



Рис. 2: Roy Williamson, the author of the song

Roy Murdoch Buchanan Williamson (25 June 1936 – 12 August 1990) was a Scottish songwriter and folk musician, most notably with The Corries. Williamson is best known for writing «Flower of Scotland», which has become the de facto national anthem of Scotland used at international sporting events.

### 3.3 About Ronnie Browne and «The Corries»

Ronnie Browne («The Voice») (born Ronald Grant Browne, 20 August 1937 in Edinburgh, Lothian, Scotland), is a Scottish folk musician and founding member of The Corries.

Browne's musical career began when he met Roy Williamson and multi-instrumentalist Bill Smith at Edinburgh College of Art in 1955 and formed the Corrie Folk Trio in 1962. The group was expanded the following year with the addition of female singer Paddie Bell.

Shortly after releasing three albums in 1965, Bell left to begin a solo career. With the departure of Smith, the following year, Browne and Williamson continued to perform as a duo now known as The Corries.