

Ye Jacobites by name

Em G D
Ye Jacobites by name, lend an ear, lend an ear.
Em D Em
Ye Jacobites by name, lend an ear.
G D
Ye Jacobites by name, your fautes I will proclaim.
Em D Em Am
Your doctrines I maun blame, you shall hear, you shall hear.
Em D Em
Your doctrines I maun blame, you shall hear.

Em G D
What is right and what is wrong, by the law, by the law?
Em D Em
What is right and what is wrong, by the law?
G D
What is right and what is wrong, a short sword and a long,
Em D Em Am
a weak arm and a strong for to draw, for to draw,
Em D Em
a weak arm and a strong for to draw.

Ye Jacobites...

What makes heroic strife famed afar, famed afar?
What makes heroic strife famed afar?
What makes heroic strife, to whet the assassin's knife,
or hunt a parent's life with bloody war, bloody war,
or hunt a parent's life with bloody war.

Ye Jacobites...

Then leave your schemes alone in the state, in the state.
Then leave your schemes alone in the state.
Then leave your schemes alone, adore the rising sun,
and leave the man alone to his fate, to his fate
and leave the man alone to his fate.

Ye Jacobites...

I 1688 forlod James VII af Skotland, tronen i England. Han var af Stuart (Stewart) klanen som blev startet i Skotland af kongen Robert II i 1371. Skotland og England havde fra 1603 haft fælles konge. Så James VII af Skotland var også James II af England. Mange betragtede stadig James VII af Scotland som deres rette konge og disse kaldte sig Jakobitter. Dennes søn, James VIII som i Jakobitternes øjne var deres rette konge, kom tilbage til Skotland for at generobre tronen i 1715, hvilket mislykkedes. Han prøvede igen i 1719, men med samme resultat. Opstanden i 1745 blev ledt af dennes søn, Prins Charles Edward Stuart, også kendt som Bonnie Prins Charles. En Jacobit var en der støttede James II af England eller Stuart klanen efter 1685.