

And stop the tear, and check the sigh ;
For though such pleasure cannot last,
Yet Time may still renew the scene
Where so gay as we have been !



OLD HARRY'S RETURN.²

THE wars are all o'er and my Harry's at hame,
What else can I want now I've got him again !
Yet I kenna how 'tis, for I laugh and I cry,
And I sigh, and I sab, yet it maun be for joy ;
My Harry he smiles, and he wipes aff the tear,
An' I'm doubtfu' again gin it can be he's here,
Till he takes wee bit Janet to sit on his knee,
And ca's her his dawty, for oh ! she's like me.

Then the neighbours come in and they welcome him hame,
And I fa' a greeting, though much I think shame ;
Then I steal ben the house while they talk o' the war,
For I turn cauld as death when he shows them a scar.
They tell o' ane Elliot, an' brave he maun be,
But I ken a poor soldier as brave yet as he ;

¹ This song has long been exceedingly popular in Cumberland, and is generally sung at the social parties in and about Carlisle.

² Harry Macdowal.—Mrs Brown. This seems some incident which Miss Blamire had met with while resident in Scotland, as appears from the name Macdowal.

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For when that the Spaniards were wreck'd on the tide—
“ They are soldiers, my lads, let us save them,” he cried.¹

The neighbours being gane, and the baorns on his knee,
He fetch'd a lang sigh, and he look'd sair at me ;
Poor woman, quo' he, ye'd hae muckle to do
To get bread to yoursel, and thir wee bit things too !
It is true, my dear Harry, I tol'd verra hard,
Sent Elspa to service, and Jocky to herd ;
For I knew unca weel 'twas an auld soldier's pride
Aye to take frae his King, but frae nae ane beside !

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¹ At Gibraltar the English soldiers risked their lives in saving the Spaniards when their floating batteries were on fire.—Mrs Brown.