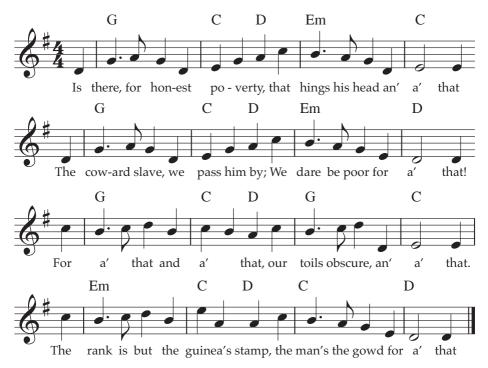
## A Man's a Man



What though, on hamely fare we dine Wear hoddin grey, an' a ' that? Gie fools their silks and knaves their wine A man's a man for a' that For a' that, an' a' that Their tinsel show, and a' that The honest man, tho' e'er sae poor Is King o' men for a' that

Ye see yon birkie ca'd a Lord Wha struts, an' stares, an' a' that, Tho' hundreds worship at his word, He's but a coof for a' that

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For a' that, an' a' that, His ribband star, an' a' that The man o' independent mind He looks an' laughs at a' that A prince can mak a belted knight,

A marquis, duke, an' a' that! But an honest man's aboon his might Guid faith, he mauna fa' that For a' that an' a' that Their dignities, an' a' that The pith o' sense an' pride o' worth Are higher rank than a' that

Then let us pray that come it may As come it will for a' that, That sense and worth o'er a' the earth Shall bear the gree an' a' that. For a' that, an' a' that It's coming yet for a' that That man to man the Warld o'er Shall brithers be for a' that.

By Robert Burns. Inspired by contemporary 18th Century ideals of equality and fraternity. In recent times it was memorably sung by Sheena Wellington at the opening of the Scottish Parliament in 1999.