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Early and fairly the moon shines above,  
A' the lads in our town are dying for love,  
Especially [Jamie Anderson], for he's the youngest man,  
He courts [Helen Simpson] as fast as he can.  
He kisses her, he claps her, he ca's her his dear;  
And they're to be married before the next year.  
Oh! oh! [Helen], don't you be cross,  
For you're to be married on a white horse.  
[Helen Simpson] lies sick,  
Guess ye what'll mend her?  
Twenty kisses in a clout,  
Which [Jamie Anderson] sends her.  
Half an ounce o' green tea,  
A pennyworth of pepper,  
Take ye that, my bonny dear,  
And I hope you'll soon be better.

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Chambers PRS (1847), 273; (1870), 137, "A Courtship  
Dance". On 9-12, cf. "Cockie-bendie had a wife".

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