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## Souter Gaed the Soo a Kiss

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The souter gaed the soo a kiss,  
Tantiriorum.  
Fie, ye rogue, it's for my birss,  
Taran-antiorum.

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Paul, Past & Present of Aberdeenshire (1881), 158 (no. 34).

This is a fugitive verse from the slightly unsavoury song "The Souter's Feast", of which a somewhat abridged version is in Greig FSIB (1905), 24 (and FSNE xii,1), missing however this stanza; the fuller version is in Peter Buchan's MS. of "high-kilted" songs Secret Songs of Silence (1832), 1 (at Harvard). It begins "There came a Soutter out o' Ein", and the relevant stanza runs "The Soutter gaed the sow a kiss,/ Tum, tirry, arum;/ Grumph! said he, it's for my birse,/ Sing--Adli, umpti, arum, &c." [the he of line 3 should be she]. Greig's burden is "Tanteerie orum/ The eedle and the orum" [bis]; "Thee-a-noddle, thee-a-num,/ The eedle and the orum." The tune is related to Maggie Lauder/The Forfar Sodger.

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