

Comin' Thro' The Rye

Scotland (Robert Burns, 1759-1796)

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1. **G** **D** **G** **C** **G**
1. Gin a bo - dy meet a bo - dy, com - in' thro' the rye;
G **D** **G** **C** **G**
gin a bo - dy kiss a bo - dy, need a bo - dy cry?
G **Em** **Am** **D** **G** **Em** **C**
Il - ka las - sie has her lad - die, nane, they say, ___ hae I. Yet ___
G **D7** **G** **D7** **G** **D7** **G**
a' the lads they smile ___ at ___ me, when com - in' thro' the rye.

2. Gin a body meet a body comin' frae the town;
gin a body greet a body, need a body frown?
Ilka lassie has her laddie, nane, they say, hae I.
But a' the lads they lo'e me weel, an' what the waur am I?
3. Gin a body meet a body comin' frae the well;
gin a body kiss a body, need a body tell?
Ilka lassie has her laddie, ne'er a ane hae I,
but a' the lads they smile on me when comin' thro' the rye.
4. Amang the train there is a swain, I dearly lo'e mysel';
but what his name, or where his hame, I dinna care to tell.
Ilka lassie has her laddie, nane, they say, hae I,
yet a' the lads they smile on me when comin' thro' the rye.