

Rantin', Rovin' Robin

Robert Burns (1759-1796)

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1. There— was a lad was born in Kyle, but what-na day or— what-na style, I
doot— it's hard - ly worth— the while to— be sae nice— wi'— Ro— bin.
Ro - bin was— a— rovin'— in'— boy, rant— in', rovin'— in', rant— in', rovin'— in',
Ro— bin— was— a rovin'— in'— boy, (wi' a) rant— in', rovin'— in'— Ro— bin.

2. Our monarch's hindmost year but ane / was five-and-twenty days begun,
'twas then a blast o' Janwar' win' / blew hansel in on Robin.
Robin was a rovin' boy...
3. The gossip keekit in his loof, / quo' she, "Wha lives will see the proof,
this waly boy will be nae coof: / I think we'll ca' him Robin."
Robin was a rovin' boy...
4. "He'll hae misfortunes great an' sma', / Bbut aye a heart aboon them a',
he'll be a credit till us a', / we'll a' be proud o' Robin."
Robin was a rovin' boy...
5. "But sure as three times three mak nine, / I see by ilka score and line,
this chap will dearly like our kin', / So leeze me on thee, Robin!"
Robin was a rovin' boy...
6. "Guid faith," quo, she, "I doubt you gar / the bonie lasses lie aspar;
but twenty fauts ye may hae waur, / so blessins on thee, Robin!"
Robin was a rovin' boy...