

The Nicht is Near Gane

NOU THE DAY DAWIS

Scots Traditional (15th cent?) - arr. Douglas Galbraith

The musical score is arranged in three systems, each with a treble and bass clef. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with a supporting bass line in the bass clef. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

- 1 Hey! nou the day dawis,
Nou Christ on us caais,
Nou walth on our waais
 Appearis onane:
Nou the Wurd o God ringis
Whilk is King o aa kingis;
Nou Christis flock singis,
 "The nicht is near gane."
- 2 Out the mirk, merk, a horn min!
Out its wame, conjoint warnin,
Ae Starn o the Mornin
 Appearis onane:
The aul spaemen hae liftit;
For ilk gift tae be giftit
Th'iv niffert an coft it;
 The nicht is near gane.
- 3 In winter it's simmer;
A yeld yowe's a gimmer;
Til Elspeth her kimmer
 Appearis onane:
Syne the boy til her born,
I the muirs, e'en an morn,
"Repent, aa ye lorn!
 The nicht is near gane."
- 4 The Tup i th' ascendent,
Til Dauvit's descendant
An angel resplendent
 Appearis onane:
Aul Joseph syne takis
Yung Mary whase back is
Boued backart; the crack is,
 "The nicht is near gane."
- 5 [repeat stanza 1]

Stanzas 1 & 5 frae the Wedderburns'
Gude an Godlie Ballatis' (1567);
stanzas 2 – 4 bi Robin Ree (b.1950)