



ASCENDIT DEUS

Afore they war he saw the roses reid,
The Alpine heichts aa gowd wi sun an snaw;
He kent forbye fat God haed first decreed -
A race o men obeyin Luve an Law.

Afore aa things at ar haed genesis
Or this smaa airth gaed furlin roun the sun,
He líved, an wulled the glorie that wis his
He wad lay doon, sae be God's sons war won.

Bi wey o uplan toun at stank o sheep,
An stabill caul outside the croudit inn,
He cam intil his warl at wis ower deep
In aa its ain concerns tae walcum him.

He líved a vricht wi wid an tools an nails;
They took his tools an nailed him tae the tree,
An fan he díed, an riven the Temple veils,
Nane kent that men tae him wad bou the knee.

A secon time he cam tae save his ain,
Triumphant ower the mools, the Prince o Life,
Tae tell his fríens wi him they yet wad reign
In glory faur abeen aa mortal strife.

Syne as he spak upo them cam a cloud
That rase, an lo! he'd left the airthly scene;
The Son o God that deed upo the Rood
In glorie reigns ower aa his haill demesne.

Ivo Macnaughton Clark
(1883 -1950)

¹ 6th-7th cent, Saunt Catherine's Monasterie



ASCENSIOUN

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He cam tae men' the broken wheels o life,
A vricht fae roadside shop i Nazareth;
They stabbed his hert wi hate as cruel's a knife -
The arles o his luv the stang o death.

In caul mort-chaumer for three days he lay -
An en, they howped, tae aa his God-gien pours.
Syne furth he cam intil the gairden grey
Bi starn illumed an censed bi breath o flours.

He cam an gaed mang friens for twa score days;
They kentna faur at nicht he laid his heid;
He spak, een supped wi them; tae their amaze
They saw he wis alive that aince wis deid.

Syne on a roch hill-tap in Galilee
A cloud cam wraith-like ower dumfounert men,
An swirlin roun took him up bodilie
Richt out o sicht ayont aa mortal ken.

Upliftit war their lives tae Haliested,
Abeen wanhap an ocht at nicht befaa,
Upon his throne the King wi airms outspred
His bairns walcums hame baith ane an aa.

Ivo Macnaughton Clark
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¹c1300, Florentine

TWAL SCOTTISH IKONS

VRICHT

Makar o aa things,
Christ the vricht.

SMITH

Sorter o connached things,
Christ the smith.

FISHER

Redder o roch seas,
Christ the fisher.

HERD

Eident kenner,
Christ the herd.

PLOOMAN

Brakker o falla grun,
Christ the plooman.

TOUN-KEEPER

Gaird o the forhooiet,
Christ the toun-keeper.

GRIEVE

Rowster o sweirt chiels,
Christ the grieve.

ORRAMAN

Maister o aa traids,
Christ the orraman.

BAXTER

Banisher o aa want,
Christ the baxter.

MINER

Howker o braw seams,
Christ the miner.

DYKER

Bigger wi bare haunds,
Christ the dyker.

PIPER

Stirrer o hert's bluid,
Christ the piper.

David Ogston
(1945 - 2008)

JESUS ascends intil HEVIN

frae 'A Scots Gospel' bi Jamie Stuart
cf. Acts 1. 3-5,9; Luke 24.50-53

Jesus cam til his disciples monie times i the neist fowertie days, speakin about the Kingdom o God, an telling them tae bide near Jerusalem til they got a sign frae God. He said, 'John bapteezit wi watter, but ye will be bapteezit afore lang wi the Halie Speerit, an will be gien a special pour frae God.'

Syne Jesus led his disciples oot til Bethanie an, gaitherin them aroon him an haudin up his hauns, he blissit them. An een as he did sae, he ascendit intil Hevin, an they cuid see him nae mair.

An than, wi herts fu o joy, they gaed back intil Jerusalem, blythe o speerit, gíein praise tae God.



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¹ Ikon o the Ascension frae the Syriac Rabulla Gospel Buik o the saxt cent. (Florence, Biblioteca Mediceo Laurenziana)