

A letter from Nolochickie to his brother to an uncle

From silvan scenes
of evergreens
in Nolochickie's grove
I do intend
To thee to send
This token of my love

We are all well
in peace do dwell
free from reproach & blame
hoping that these
few lines thee send
may find thee in the same

I hope that thee
will come and see
this pleasant fruitful land
for in this place
is no disgrace
as thee may understand

Here thee may eat
the best of wheat
or Indian Corn or rye
beef Pork & Peas
milk butter & Cheese
and peach or apple pie

The deserts here
feeds many deer
and turkeys everyday
Squirrels & hares
but savage bears
are banish quite away

The weather's warm
the rivers swarm
with many fish to fry
barley grows here
to make good beer
to drink when we are dry

The land is good
here's lofty wood
enough for any use
plenty of fruits
good herbs & roots
the hills & valleys produce

Sweet mountain vales
flow from the hills
and waters every vale
when summer glows
then zephyr blows
a sweet & cooling gale

Young lovers roves
through verdant groves
of aromatic flowers
and harmless maids
repose in shades
of fragrant cooling bower

Dear uncle Come
see us at home
and we shall all rejoice
to see thee here
all free from care
in this new paradise E.

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Answer to a letter that was sent from
Wloskucky to South Carolina

- 1 Dear Cousin know
these lines below
thy loving uncle writes
for to express
my thankfulness
thy letter much invites
- 2 Being glad to see
these lines from thee
when I did understand
you were all well
in place did dwell
in a sweet pleasant land
- 3 My Joy thus
increased when
I in thy letter sees
the best of wheat
may there be eat
with butter beef & Cheese
- 4 That Corn and rye
abundantly
and barley to make beer
was in that land
at thy command
rejoice, me much to hear
- 5 That many fruits
good herbs & roots
that Country did supply
that there I may
without delay
eat peach or apple pie
- 6 That land is good
and lofty wood
on hills and vallys grow
likewise that there
a pleasant air
in summer time did blow
- 7 All choose delights
and much invites
so have a place to see
where harmless maids
in pleasant shades
much recreated be
- 8 And as thee writes
to thee invites
me to that pleasant place
and dont forbear
for to declare
that there is no disgrace
- 9 I hope I may
beg leave to say
(let no affront be taken)
if no disgrace
be in that place
I greatly am mistaken
- 10 So I'll express
my mind in this
and let thee understand
where rogue & whores
are seen by scores
disgraced any land

11. Where villains ride
and Thieves provide
to hunt & catch their game
Such doing must
among the just
a country much defame
12. Dear Cousin now
I'll tell thee how
our Country's sore annoy'd
our lives doth lie
in Jeopardy
our Country much destroy'd
13. Our enemies
do us surprise
our towns besieged told
by hiland Scots
and Irish Scots
and English many fold
14. Our men they wound
unhappy ground
receives the blood they shed
Some morns & cry
Some quickly dies
Some from their home are fled
15. Some Captives they
are led away
and of all things bereft
wives in distress
and fatherless
Poor little Children left
16. A heart of stone
mild sigh & groan
the bitter cries to hear
where husband parts
with aking hearts
from wives & Children dear
17. I have not time
nor can my hymn
express nor pen can write
the dreadful scene
that here was seen
Amazing dreadful sight
18. I'll say no more
but to implore
the all sufficient hand
that doth correct
for to protect
his people in this land
19. That they may praise
his name alwaye
due reverence gave him thus
to fear our God
and kiss the rod
that has corrected us
20. That he in love
may from above
pity our wretched case
and turn his hand
to bless the land
With plenty joy & peace ~

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Postscript to the former letter

When I had written what's above
thy granny bid me send her love
To thee, and this example tell
There did in former ages dwell
A man who left his friends & country too
To dwell in foreign parts like you
A son he had of tender age
Whom he did oftentimes engage
Not for to groan in any land
With the rile daughters of the land.
At length he does his servant call
that had the oversight of all
that he possessed, and bid him run
to mesotamia with his son
And chose for him a helmeet fair
among his loving kindred there
The servant quickly doth obey
and sets himself out on his way
And marches on a gentle pace;
When he came near unto the place
he thought his masters kindred was,
before the lord he spread his cause
And from him did for assistance look
to prosper what he had undertook
The lord then answered with a sign
and sent the one he did design
for his young master's wife, & she
was a young maid of high degree.
And near of kin which pleased him well;
he doth his present errand tell
To which her father doth consent
and she being willing also, went
to her young master's house straightway
who took her for his bride. — I'll say

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Let this example be the guide
when thee goes to look for a bride,
go to thy fathers kin by grace
and seek a helpmeet in that place

Of this example more I'll tell
this man did live and prosper well
Two sons he had but one we find
did much against his fathers mind
he married with his neighbours near
which grieved his antient parents dear
who seeing now what he had done
Calls up the heir but youngest son
For fear he likewise should offend
he doth him with much blessing send
with intent

To choose a helpmate; so he went
Unto his uncle for a wife

Served fourteen years a painful life
but still did prosper and increase
under affliction in that place

Till twenty years expired & then
went to his fathers house agen
With wealth and riches in his hand
With sons and daughters at command
With flocks & herds & other store;
Let this example now therefore
encourage thee although it may
present some trouble in thy way

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