

BESS AND HER SPINNIN-WHEEL.

O LEEZE me on my fpinnin-wheel,
And leeze me on my rock and reel;
Frae tap to tae that cleeds me been,
And haps me fiel and warm at e'en.
I'll fet me down and fing and fpin,
While laigh descends the summer fin,
Blest wi' content and milk and meal,
O leeze me on my spinnin-wheel.

On ilka hand the burnies trot,

And meet below my thackit cot;

The scented birk and hawthorn white

Across the pool their arms unite;

Alike to screen the birdie's nest,

And little fishes callor rest;

The sun blinks kindly in the biel,

Where blyth I turn my spinnin-wheel.

On lofty aiks the cushats wail,
And Echo cons the doolfu' tale,
The lintwhites in the hazel braes,
Delighted, rival ither's lays;
The craik amang the claver hay,
The pairtrick whirrin o'er the lea,
The swallow jinkin round my shiel,
Amuse me at my spinnin-wheel.

Wi' fma' to fell, and lefs to buy,
Aboon diffrefs, below envy,
O wha wad leave this humble state
For a' the pride of a' the great?
Wi' a' their flairing idle toys,
Wi' a' their glitt'ring dinsome joys,
Can they the peace and pleasure feel
Of Bessy at her spinnin-wheel?