**LADY DIAMOND (A)**

**There was a king and a glorious king**

**A king of noble fame**

**And he had daughters only one,**

**Lady Diamond was her name**

**And he had a boy and a kitchen**

**A boy of muckle scorn**

**She loved him long, she loved him aye,**

**Till the grass grew o’er the corn**

**When twenty weeks had gone and past**

**Oh she began to greet**

**For her petticoats grew short before**

**And her stays they would not meet**

**It fell upon a winter’s night**

**The king couldn’t get no rest**

**He came unto his daughter dear**

**Just like some wandering ghost**

**He came into her bed chamber,**

**Pulled back the curtains long**

**What aileth thee my daughter dear**

**I fear you have done wrong**

**Oh if I have, despise me not**

**For he is all my joy**

**I will forsake both dukes and earls**

**And marry your kitchen boy**

**Oh bring to me my merry men all**

**By thirty and by three**

**Oh bring to me my kitchen boy,**

**We’ll murder him secretly**

**There was not a sound into the hall**

**And ne’er a word was said**

**Until they had him safe and sure**

**Between two featherbeds**

**Oh cut the heart from out of his breast**

**And put it in a cup of gold**

**And present it to his Diamond dear**

**For she is both stout and bold**

**INSTRUMENTAL**

**Oh come to me, my hinny, my heart**

**My comfort and my joy**

**Oh come to me, my hinny, my heart**

**My father’s kitchen boy**

**She took the cup from out of their hands**

**And set it at her bed head**

**She washed it with tears that fell from her eyes**

**Next morning she was dead**

**Oh where were you my merry men all**

**Whom I gave meat and wage**

**That you didn’t stay my cruel hand**

**When I was in a rage?**

**For gone is all my heart’s delight**

**And gone is all my joy**

**For my dear Diamond, she is dead**

**Likewise my kitchen boy**