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The Scots

I am a bonny Scot Sir, my name is Mickle John
Twas I was in the Plot sir, when first the war begun
I left the court one thousand six hundred forty one
But since the flight at Worcester fight wee are all undone;
I serv'd my Lord and Master, when as he ligg'd at home
Our cause did shrink, Gods bread I think
The Deel's got in his room
Hee no man fears, but stamps and stares
Through all christendome.
I have travel'd mickle ground
Since I came from Worcester pound
I have gang'd a gallant round
Through all our neighbouring Nations;



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And what their opinions are
Unto you I shall declare
Of the Scotch and English war
And their approbations
wee were beaten tag and rag
Foot and leg, wem and crag
Heark I hear the Ditch-men brag
And begin to bluster.

The Dutch

Gods Sacrament, shall Hogen Mogen States strike down their Top-sails unto puny powers
Ten hundred tun of Devil damme the fates if all their ships and goods do not prove ours,
Since that bloody wounds delight them tantara rar let the Trumpet sound,
Let Vantrump go out and fight them
Eldest states should first be crown'd
English Schellums fight not on Gods side
But alas they gave given our Flemish whats such a broad side,
That wee shall bee forced to retreat,
See the French-man commeth in compleat.

The French

Begar Mounsieur, 'tis much in vain
For Dutchland, France, or Spain,
To cross the English Nation
They are now grown so strong,
The Devil er't bee long
Must learn the English tongue
'tis better that we should combine
And sell them Mine,
And learn of them to make a Lady fine
Wee'l learn of them to trip and mince
To kick and wince,
For by the sword wee never shall convince
Since every Brewer there can beat a Prince.

The Spaniard

What are the English so quarrelsome grown That they cannot of late let their Neighbours alone And shall a great and a Catholic King



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Let's Scepter be contrul'd by a sword or a fling Or shall Austrial endure such affronts for to bee No wee'l tumble down their power as you shall Senior see.

The Welch

Taffy was once a Coddy Mighty of Wales but her Cousin O.P. was a Creature Come into her Country Cods splutter-anails her take up her Welch Hook and beat her Her eat up her Sheese, her turky and Geese her Pigge and her Capon did dye for't, As Robert, ap Evan, ap Morgan, ap Stephan, but Shinking and Powel did flie for't

The Irish

O hone, O hone, poor Irish shan
must howle and cry
Aint Patrick help thy Country-man
or faith and troth wee dye;
The English still do us pursue
and wee are forc'd to flee
Saint Patrick help, we have no Saint but shee
Let's cry no longer O hone, a Cram a Cree.

The English

A Crown, a crown, make roome
The English man doth come
Whose valour is taller than all Christendome.
The Spanish, French, and Dutch, Scots, Welch, and Irish grutch
Wee fear not, wee care not for wee can deal with such
When yee did begin in a Civil war to waste
Hee thought that our Tillage you pillage should bee at last,
and when that we could not agree, you did think to share our fall
But yee finde it worse nere stir, for wee shall noose yee all.