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What's the spring breathing jasmine and rose What's the summer with all its gay train What's the splendour of autumn to those Who've bartered their freedom for gain.

(chorus)

Let the love of our land's sacred rights
To the love of our people succeed
Let friendship and honour unite
And flourish on both sides the Tweed.

No sweetness the senses can cheer Which corruption and bribery bind No brightness the sun can e'er clear For honour's the sum of the mind.

(repeat chorus)

Let virtue distinguish the brave Place riches in lowest degree Think them poorest who can be a slave Them richest who dare to be free.

(repeat chorus)

This is a beautiful ballad and was composed by Dick Gaughan. The version I have is by Capercaillie on their Sidewaulk album.