

Unknown Artist, Haughs Of Cromdale

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As I came in by Auchendoon
Just a wee bit frae the toon
Tae the Hielands I was boon'
Tae view the haughs of Cromdale
I met a man in tartan trews
Speired at him what was the news
Quo' he the Hielan
d army rues
That e'er we cam' tae Cromdale
We were in bed sir, every man
When the English host upon us cam
Bloody battle then began
Upon the haughs of Cromdale
The English horse, they were sae rude
Bathed their hooves in Hieland blood
But
our brave clans they boldly stood
Upon the haughs of Cromdale
But alas we could no longer stay
And o'er the hills we cam away
Sair we did lament the day
That e'er we cam' tae Cromdale
Then up the great Montrose did say
John, hieland man show
me the way
I will o'er the hills this day
And view the haughs of Cromdale
They were at dinner every man
When the great Montrose upon them cam
A second battle then began
Upon the haughs of Cromdale
The Grant, Mackenzie and Mackay
As Montro
se they did espy
Twas then they fought most valiantly
Upon the haughs of Cromdale
The Macdonalds they returned again
The Camerons did their standards join
Mackintosh played a bloody game
Upon the haughs of Cromdale
The Gordons boldly did adv
ance
The Frasers fought wi' sword and lance
The Grahams they made the heids tae dance
Upon the haughs of Cromdale
Then the loyal Stewarts wi' Montrose
So boldly set upon their foes
Laid them low wi' hieland blows
Laid them low on Cromdale
Of twenty thousand Cromwell's men
A thousand fled tae Aberdeen
The rest o' them lie on the plain
There on the haughs of Cromdale
(This is an unskilled attempt at propaganda, but a good song nevertheless. The linking of the great Marquis of Montrose to a change in fortunes is nothing less than miraculous - he had been dead for years. There was no second battle.)