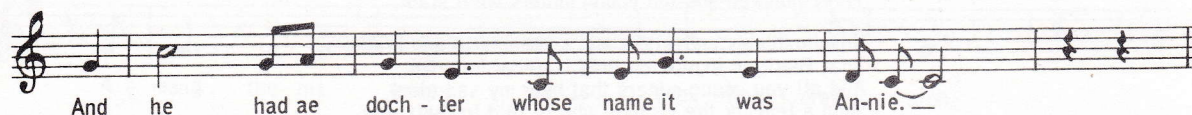
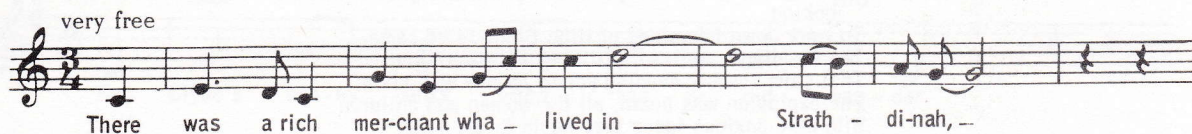


Bonnie Annie (Child24)

Jonah ballads have not the wide currency in Scotland that they have south of the border. Gavin Greig was able to report only two fragmentary Scottish texts of 'Bonnie Annie' against the nine versions collected in England by Cecil Sharp.



a) sometimes expanded thus into two bars:



There was a rich merchant wha lived in Strathdinah,
And he had ae dochter whose name it was Annie.

There was a rich merchant wha cam' frae Dumbarton,
And he's got this bonnie lassie big, big wi' bairn.

"Ye'll tak' ship wi' me and ye'll be my honey;
What more could a woman do than I'll do for ye?"

"O captain, tak' gold, O captain, tak' money,
And steer for dry land for the sake of my honey".

"How can I tak' gold, how can I tak' money?
There's fey folk on my ship, she winna sail for me."

"Tak' me by the fingers and lift me up heely,
And throw me owre board and hae nae pity on me."

He's ta'en her by the fingers and did lift her up heely,
And thrown her owre board though she was his ain dearie.

Her goon it was wide and her pettycoat narrow,
And she swam afore them till they cam' to Yarrow.

His love she was there when they ca'd to dry land,
And her lyin' deid on the saut-sea strand.

Her baby was born and lying at her feet,
For the loss of his bonnie love sair did he greet.

He's caused mak' a kist o' the gowd sae yellow,
And they a' three sleep i' the braes o' Yarrow.

