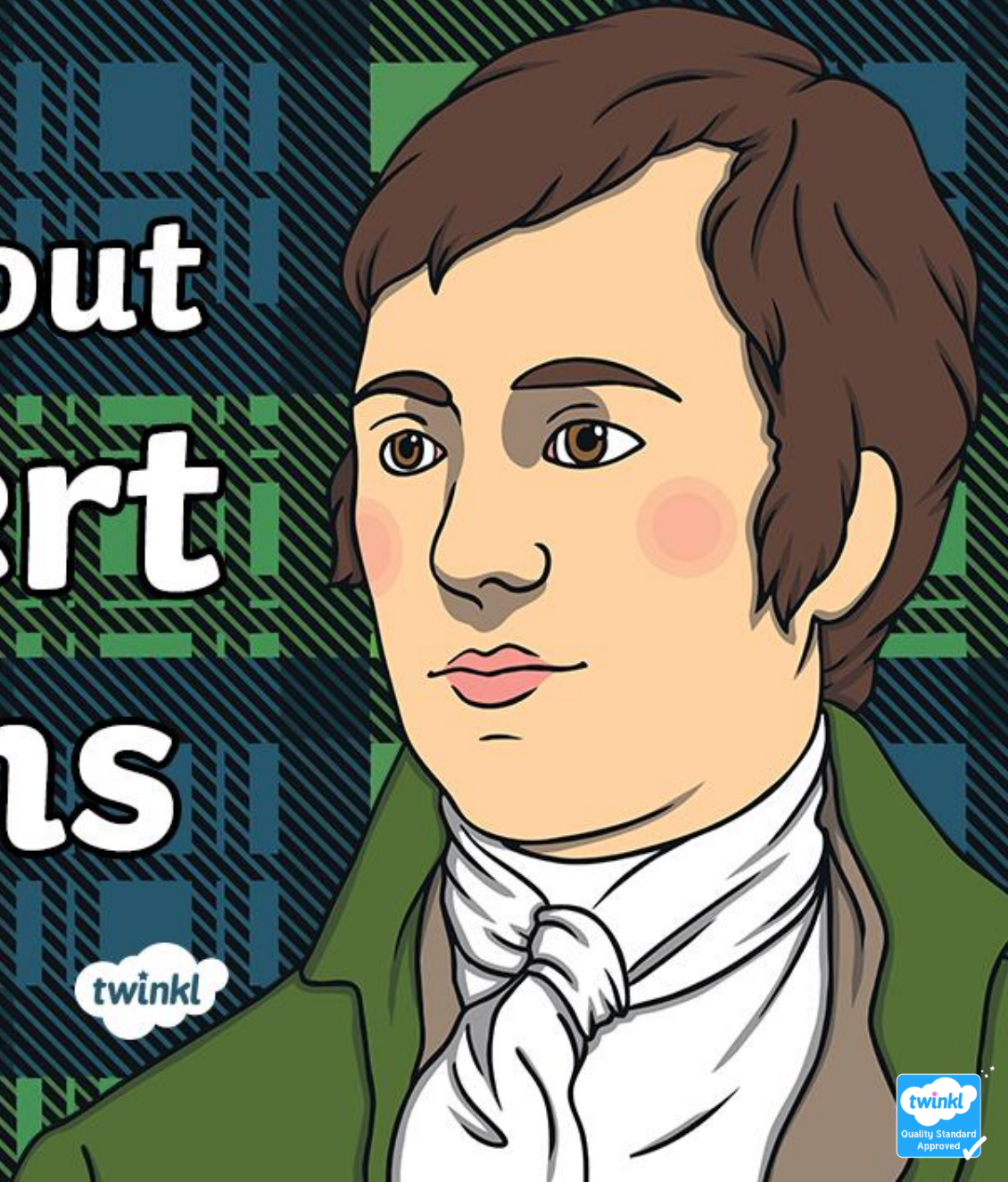


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My name is Robert Burns. I am a Scottish poet.
I lived in Ayrshire, Scotland, over 250 years ago.
Most of my poems were written in Scots and standard English.
My most famous poem, 'Auld Lang Syne',
is sung all over the world on Hogmanay.

Have you heard the
song 'Auld Lang
Syne'?



Did You Know...?



Auld Lang Syne is in the Guinness Book of World Records.

It is one of the three most popular songs sang in the English language.

Can you guess which song is first?

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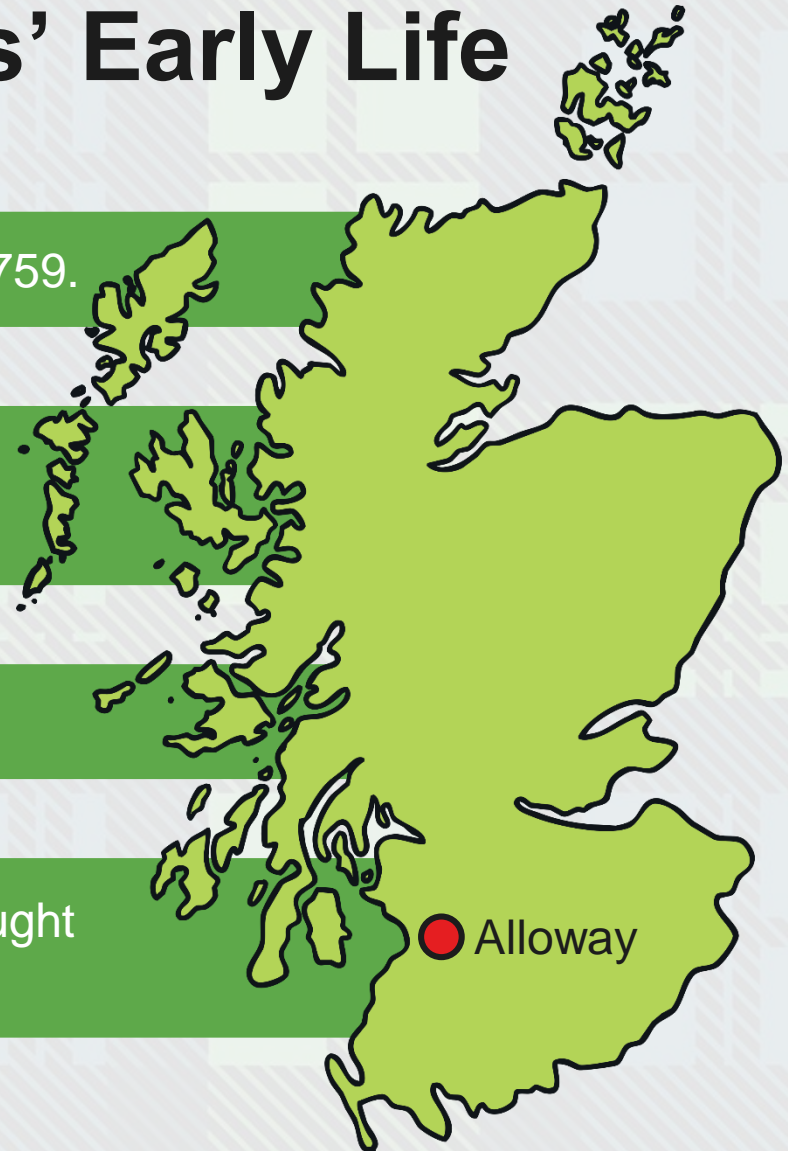
Robert Burns' Early Life

I was born in Alloway, Ayrshire, in 1759.

My parents were called William and Agnes.

I was the eldest of seven children.

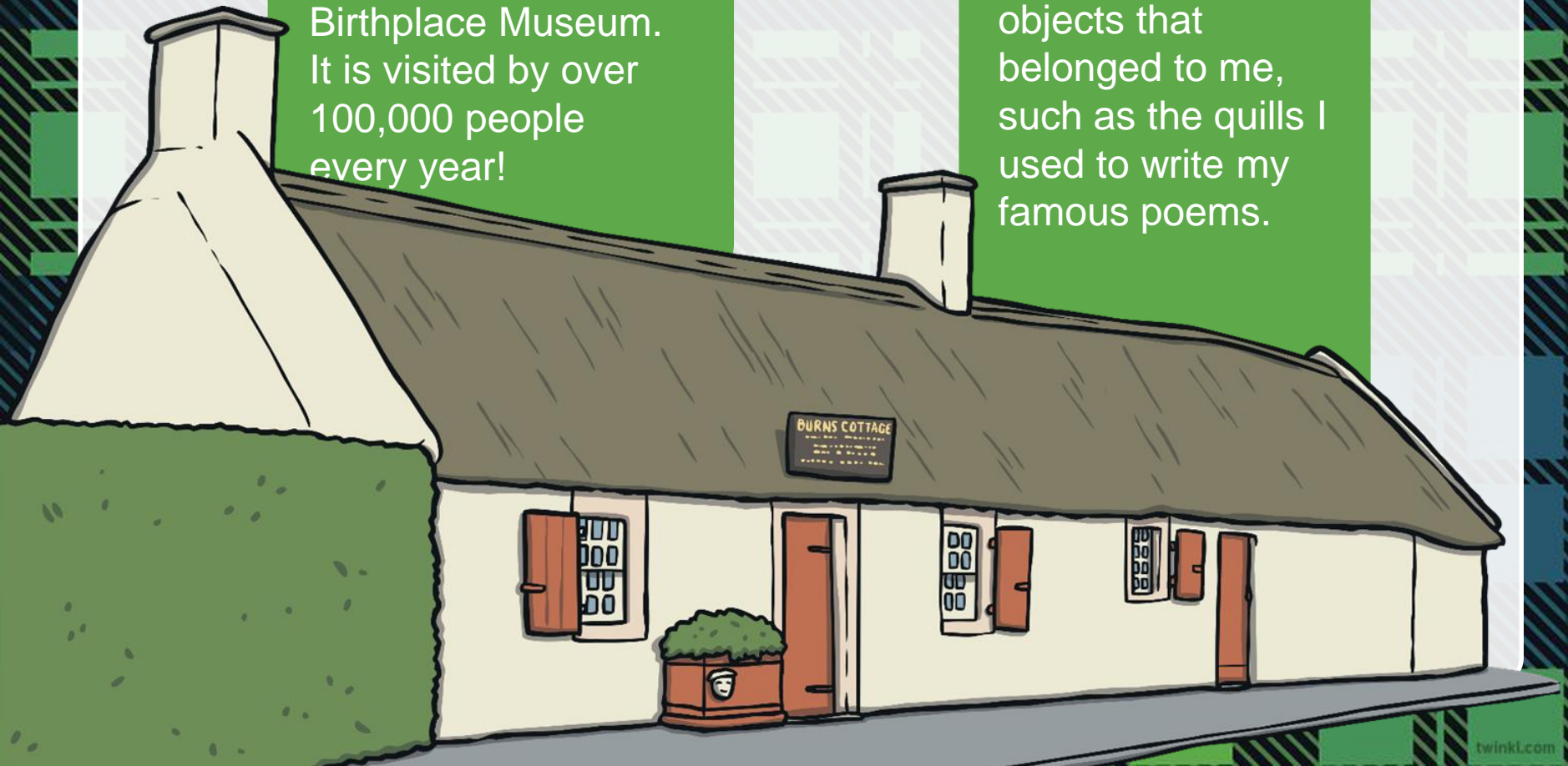
My family were poor, but my father taught us how to read and write.



Did You Know...?

The house I was born in is now the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum. It is visited by over 100,000 people every year!

In the museum, there are hundreds of objects that belonged to me, such as the quills I used to write my famous poems.



Robert Burns' Early Life

My father was a tenant farmer and I had to help him on the farm from a young age.

This inspired me to write poems about the different things I saw.
During this time, I wrote my famous poems about a mouse and a woodlouse!

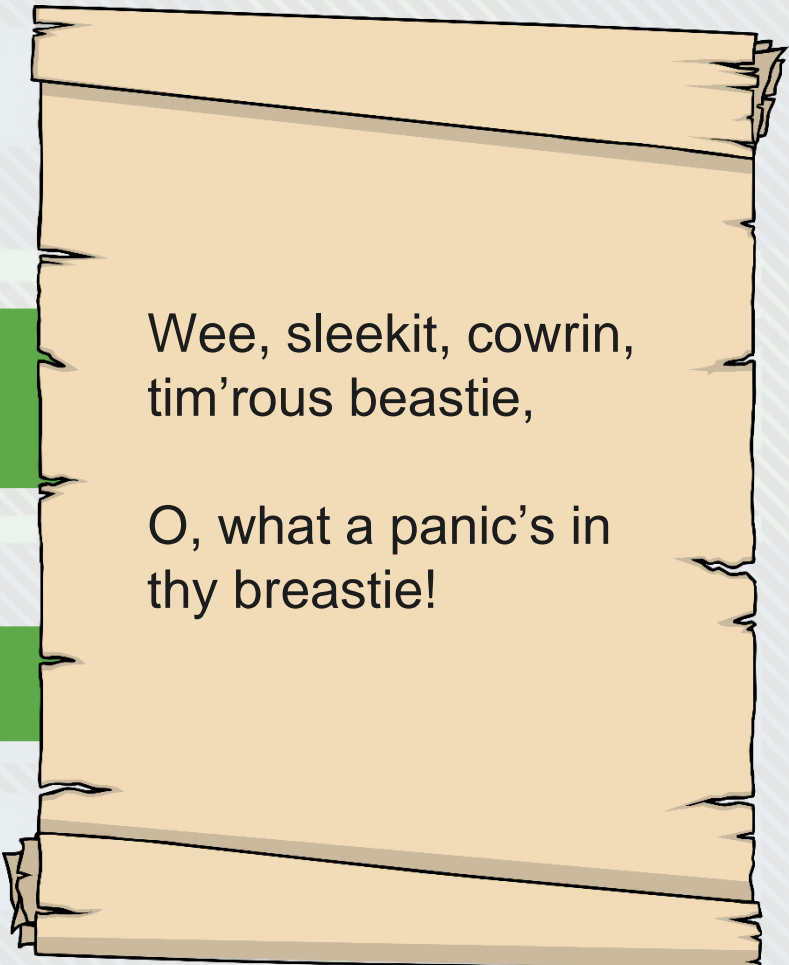


To a Mouse

In 1785, I wrote 'To a Mouse' after I turned over a tiny field mouse's nest with my plough.

Can you guess what the first two lines of the poem mean?

Who is the beastie?

A scroll with a light beige background and a dark brown border. The scroll is slightly curved and has a small piece of tape at the top right corner. The text is written in a simple, black, sans-serif font.


Wee, sleekit, cowrin,
tim'rous beastie,

O, what a panic's in
thy breastie!

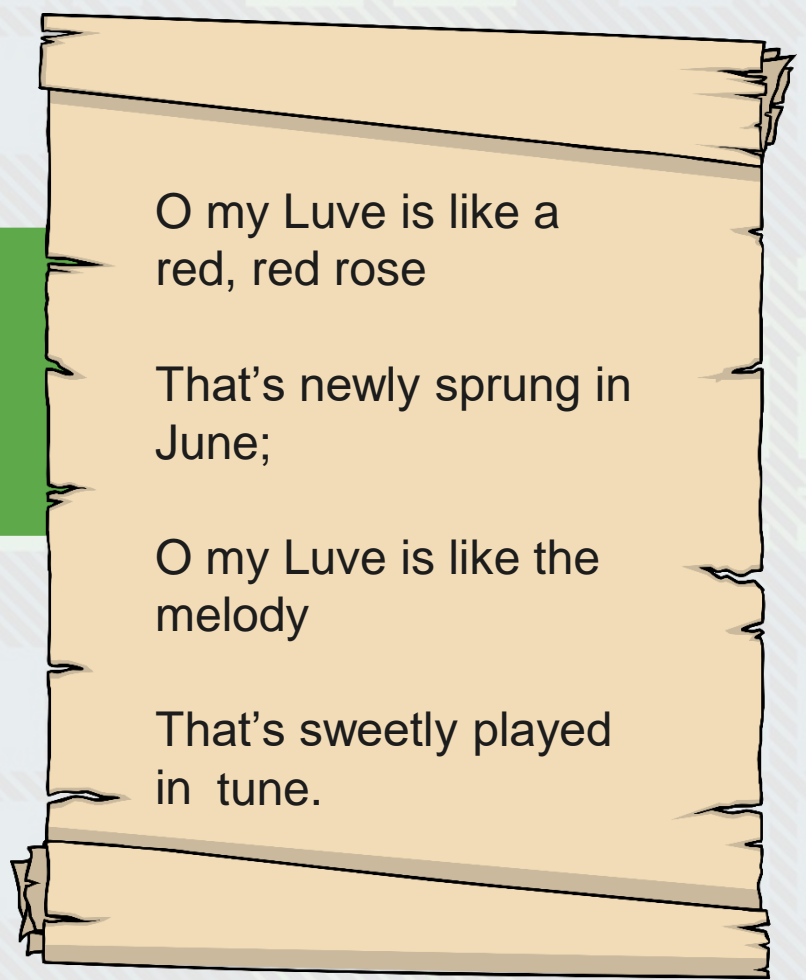
A Red, Red Rose

The inspiration for many of my poems and ballads was about falling in love.

A ballad is a type of poem, often a story set to music. Usually the second and fourth lines in each stanza rhyme.



Is 'A Red, Red Rose' a ballad?



O my Luve is like a
red, red rose

That's newly sprung in
June;

O my Luve is like the
melody

That's sweetly played
in tune.

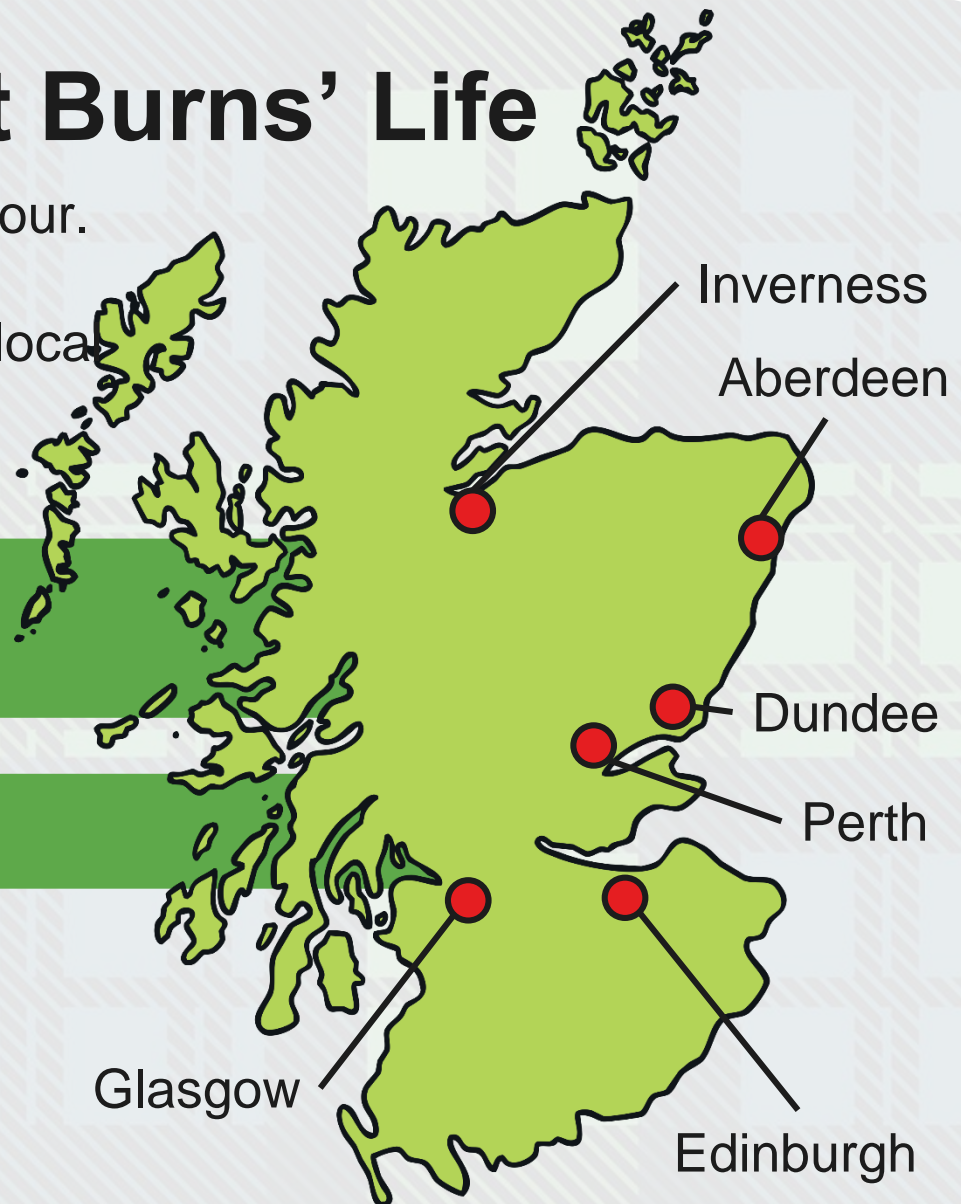
Robert Burns' Life

In 1788 I married Jean Armour.
That year, I also travelled
around Scotland collecting local
songs and writing
about my travels.

Here are just some of the
places I travelled to.

Can you name them?

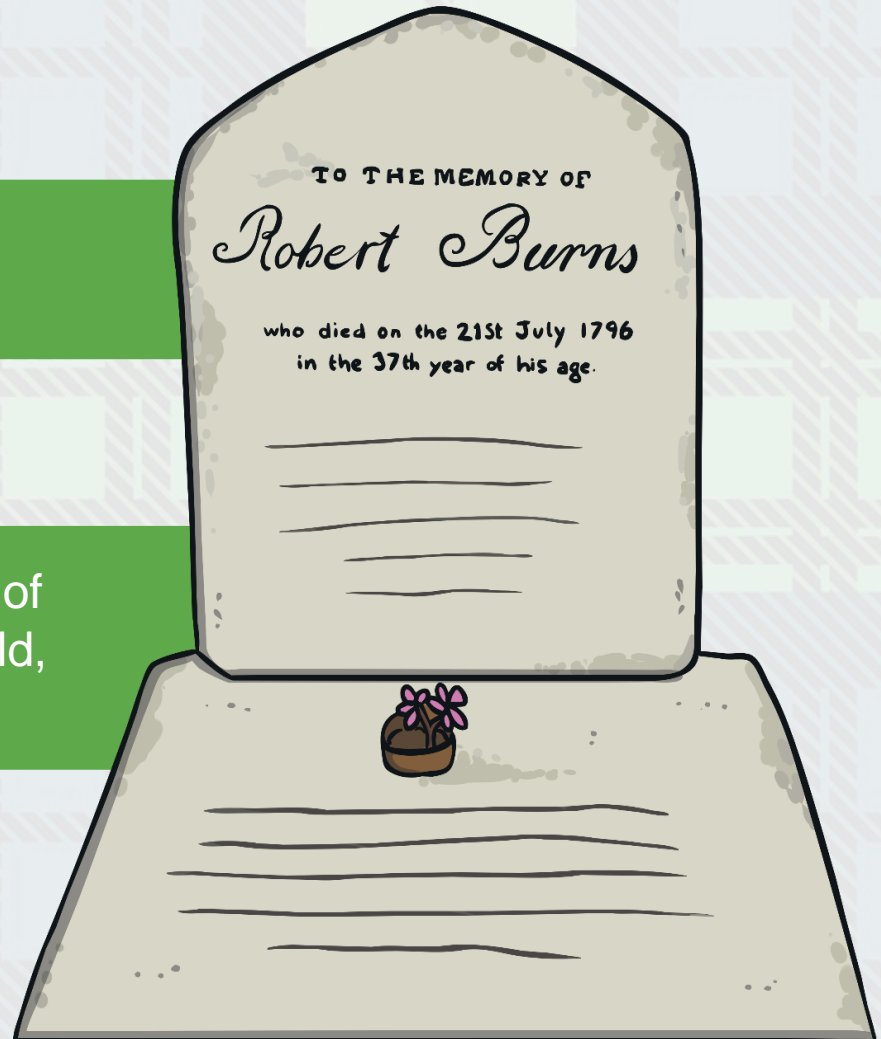
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reveal the place name!



Robert Burns' Death

I died on 21st July 1796,
at the age of 37.

My funeral took place on the 25th of
July, the same day my twelfth child,
Maxwell, was born.



Did You Know...?

After Queen Victoria and Christopher Columbus, there are more statues of me around the world than any other non-religious person.

Guess how many there are?

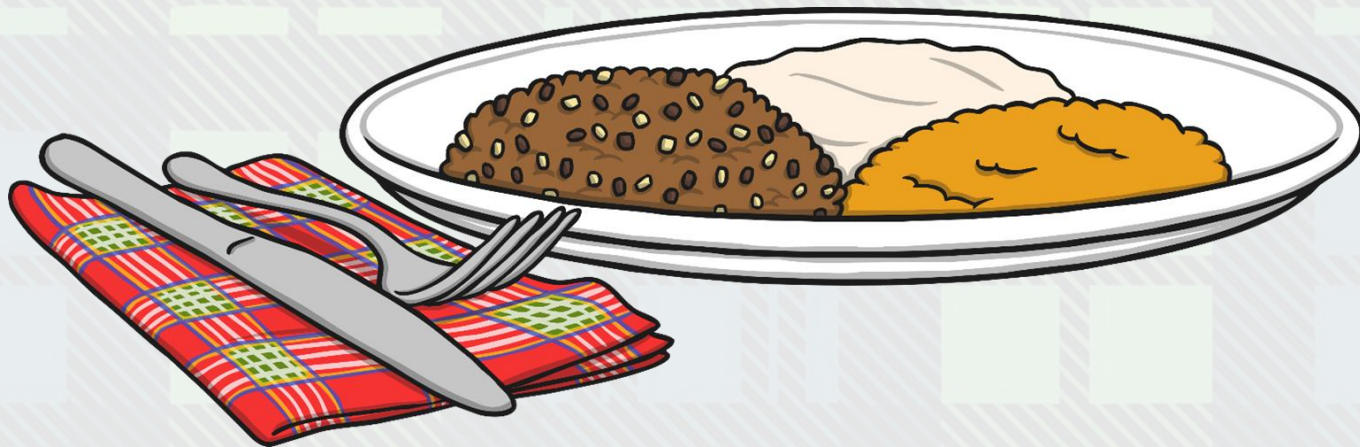
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Burns Night

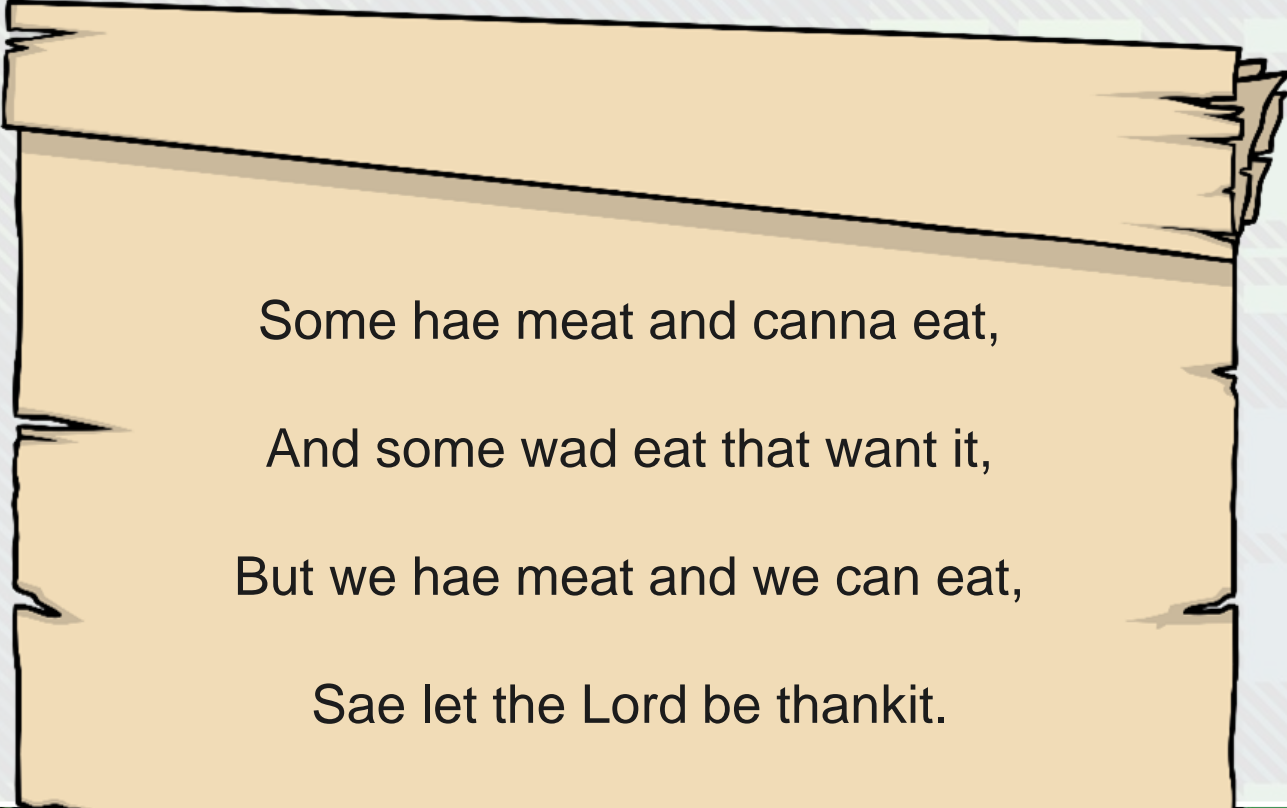
The first Burns Supper was organised by my friends.
They wanted to celebrate my life and read my poems.

Today, every year on what would have been my birthday,
people all around the world celebrate Burns Night.
They eat haggis, neeps and tatties and recite my poems!



Selkirk Grace

Now it's your turn to recite one of my famous poems.
It is read at a Burns Night before people eat their haggis,
neeps and tatties. It is called the Selkirk Grace.



Some hae meat and canna eat,
And some wad eat that want it,
But we hae meat and we can eat,
Sae let the Lord be thankit.



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