

1. Adam in Paradise

Father Adam

Eddie Butcher 1966



$\text{♩} = 170$

1 When Ad-am was in par-ad-ise In the first of re-cre - a - tion

Al-though he was in - plen-ti-ness He mur-mured at our - sta-tion;

Al-though he n-ev-er seen-- the fair But aye-- his no--tion- it was there

With- you, my dear, I'll part 'nd share And I'll hug you in my - bos-om.

Ref. Fill your gla-sses to the br-im, Toast a-bout the Jor-um-bo

That ev'-ry lad may get the l-ass That he loves in 'is- bos-om.

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In the first of recreation
Although he was in plenitiness
He murmured at our station;
Although he never seen the fair
But aye his notion it was there,
- With you, my dear, I'll part and share
And I'll hug you in my bosom.

*Fill your glasses to the brim,
Toast about the Jorumbo
That every lad may get the lass
That he loves in his bosom.*

- 2 When Adam he was all alone
A slumber it was granted him,
A rib was taken from his side
To make up what was wanting;

But when this rib became a maid
Just like a rose or blossom blown
Then Adam he began his trade
For to hug her in his bosom.

- 3 - Oh lassie, will you take a walk
To view fair Nature in its bloom
And see the corn growing from the stalk?
And so will I, my dearie.
To yonder bower we did prepare
In search of pleasure and fresh air
And the lassie said she was content
For to lie in his bosom.

Adam and Eve figure in many traditional songs. 'When Adam was first created' (see Dean-Smith) takes the subject seriously and indeed so solemnly that light-hearted treatments may have arisen as a reaction to it. The Irish 'New song called the Garden of Eden' expresses similar sentiments to Eddie's song, though without textual or formal similarity. 'Adam was king of all nations', from Cavan, has two perhaps fortuitously similar lines: see Notes to text. But Eddie's song remains uniquely expressive of innocence before temptation, and remained a unique version too until another fragmentary text turned up lately in a nineteenth-century MS, not unexpectedly Scots (A).