

Brave Men o' Scotland

CHORUS : Brave men o' Scotland, heed my call, heed my call
Will ye fight for freedom, or remain fore'er in thrall?
Will ye swear your fealty, will ye ride with me?
Brave men o' Scotland, stand ye tall.

Gather round, ye clans and chieftains, gather round, ye hieland men
Come ye now fra brae and balloch, come ye now doon to the glen.
On the morrow we must arm and fight to challenge England's reign
Shall we kneel doon to their King, or shall we call this land our ain?
CHORUS

The road that lies afore us is a road that no mon can yet see,
The road that lies behind shows that we willna bow to tyranny.
Ye wouldna wear an English yoke, so liberty has brought ye here.
The Saxons fight for mastery, but we for a' that we hold dear.
CHORUS

Think upon your manhood, and the deeds of valor to be done.
Think upon the joy that will await if victory is won.
Bear yourselves with bravery, to meet your foe with steadfast gaze
Bear yourselves with honour, for 'tis your hands hold our cause this day

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Notes: The time is the 23rd of June, in the Year of Our Lord 1314. The place is Bannockburn, where the English are poised in the bend of the river to attack the Scots in the morning. The singer is Robert the Bruce. Parts of this song are taken from his address to his countrymen on the eve of this battle.