

William Dunbar

1460-1520

A Medieval Makar, William Dunbar wis court poet for James IV. He wrote aboot the people o his time like Damiano who thocht he could fly. Dunbar's maist famous poem is *Lament for the Makaris*.

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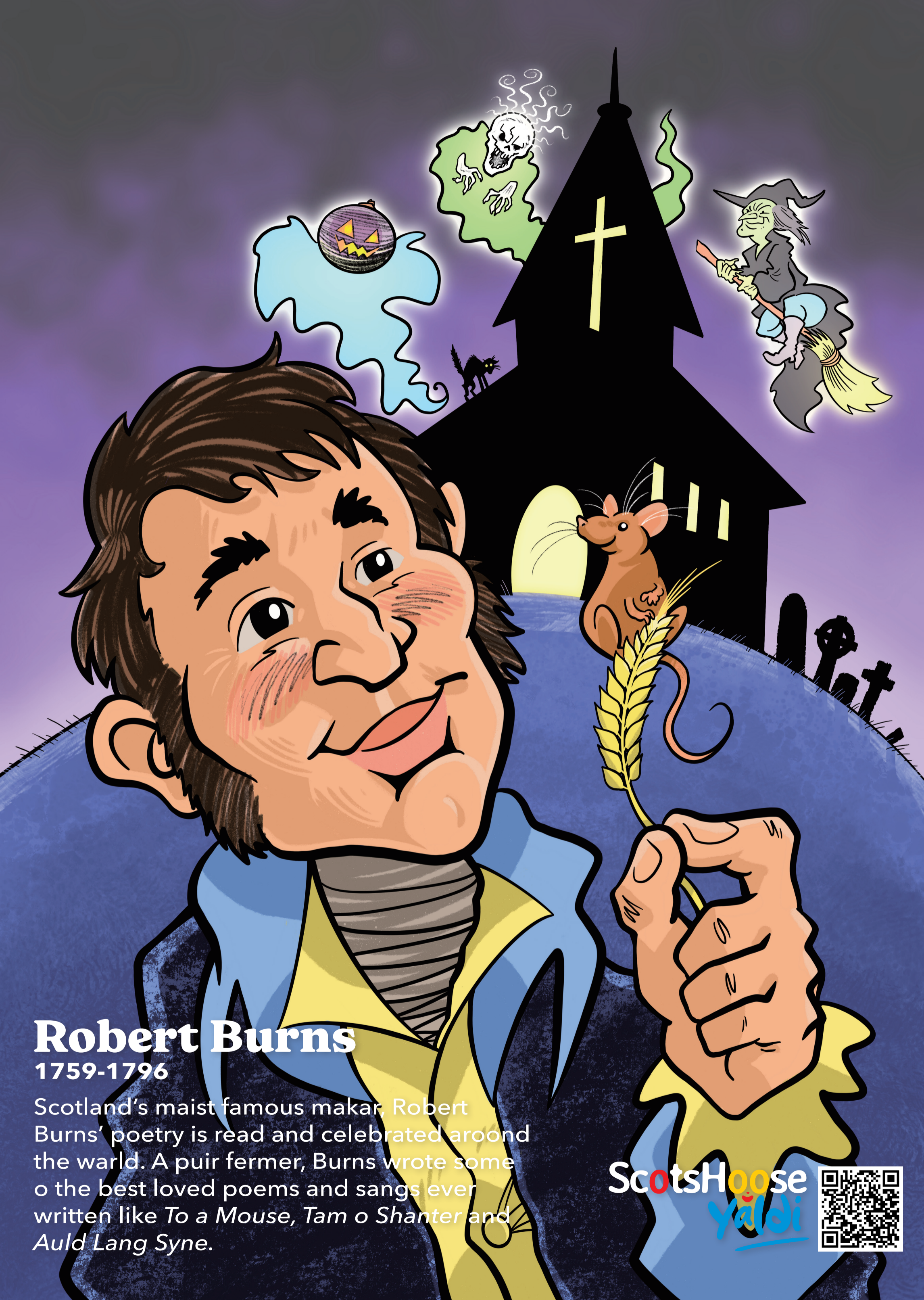
Robert Fergusson

1750-1774

Robert Fergusson was an Edinburgh poet who wrote about the city and its people. In his short life, his Scots poems like *Auld Reikie* and *Caller Oysters* were admired by many and even inspired Robert Burns to write in Scots.

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Robert Burns

1759-1796

Scotland's maist famous makar, Robert Burns' poetry is read and celebrated around the world. A puir fermer, Burns wrote some o the best loved poems and sangs ever written like *To a Mouse*, *Tam o Shanter* and *Auld Lang Syne*.

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Carolina Oliphant

1766-1845

Carolina Oliphant or Lady Nairne wrote songs in Scots that were popular in her lifetime and still are today. But aw her life, she kept it secret that she wis the author o the famous songs *The Land o the Leal* and *The Rowan Tree*.

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Violet Jacob

1863-1946

Violet Jacob wis born at the Hoose o Dun near Montrose. Her poems in Scots like *The Wild Geese* and *Craig Woods* celebrate the nature o the Angus countryside she loved and reflect on universal themes o life, love and daith.

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Hugh MacDiarmid

1892-1978

Hugh MacDiarmid was born in Langholm. He is one of the most famous Scottish poets that ever lived. His poems like *The Watergaw* and *A Drunk Man Looks at the Thistle* had a profound impact on Scottish literature and on Scotland.

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Sheena Blackhall

b.1947

Sheena Blackhall wis born in Aiberdeen. Her Doric poems for bairns include *The Check-out Quine's Lament* and *The Washin Machine*. A kenspeckle writer, Sheena has translated *Wuthering Heights* and *Jane Eyre* intae Doric.

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Liz Lochhead

b.1947

Liz Lochhead wis born in Motherwell. Baith a poet and a playwright, her maist weel-loved Scots poem is *kidspoem/bairnsang* and her maist famous Scots play is the brilliant *Mary Queen of Scots Got Her Head Chopped Off*.

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Shane Strachan

b. 1988

Shane Strachan is fae Peterheid. A former national Scots Scriever, his popular Doric poems *Fash and Clype* and his story *Hoast* are read in schools aw ower Scotland. Shane's first book o poetry *Dwams* wis published in 2024.

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Len Pennie

b. 1999

Len Pennie is fae Airdie. A popular performer and radio and social media star, she scribes braw Scots poems like *I'm no havin children* and *The Wheesht*. Len's first poetry collection *Poyums* wis published in 2024

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