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Clerk Colvill

CLERK COLVILL and his gay ladie
As they walked in the garden green,
The belt about her middle jimp
Cost Clerk Colvill of crowns fifteen.

'O promise me now, Clerk Colvill,
Or it will cost ye muckle strife,
Ride never by the wells of Slane,
If ye wad live and brook your life.'

'Now speak nae mair, my gay ladie,
Now speak nae mair of that to me;
For I ne'er saw a fair woman
I like so well as thee.'



jimp = slim.

brook = enjoy.