

Though I Should Go Ten Hunner Mile

George Campbell Hay

Then farewell, Tarbert, for a while, farewell the long Kintyre;
farewell the loch, farewell the land that kindlet first my fire.
Farewell to foreland, rock and strand, to skerry, bight and hill;
though I should go ten hunner mile ye'll stand afore me still.

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Notes

The Tarbert of this lyric is the one known as *Tarbert, Loch Fyne*.

In *Collected Poems and Songs of George Campbell Hay*, poem 156 is the lyric *Then Farewell, Tarbert*, that natural title having been supplied by the editor Michel Byrne, as Hay had left it untitled. Appendix 3 of the *Collected Poems* gives some *Song Settings*, which are Hay's own tunes for seven of his lyrics. Now the tune in Appendix 3 for poem 156 is headed *Though I Should Go Ten Hunner Mile*, which title is Hay's, and the sheet music bears the words of a single verse (as given above). That single verse is different to but very similar to verse one of poem 156, and the differences are because poem 156 and Hay's tune are from different sources.

The verse above is a little more personal than verse one of poem 156 in that it has the phrase *the land that kindlet first my fire*.

The above verse contains the words of its title, which words do not occur in poem 156 and so would have been an unnatural title for poem 156.