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Now since our Parliament is met, the rulers of the land,
They're going tae tax the nation tae keep doon the working man.
Go where you will by day or night, the town or country through
You'll hear the people crying out, "What the Devil do they mean tae do?"

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They tax its more and more,
We never had such taxes
In auld Scotland before.

They're going tae tax the fairmer, his horses, cairts and ploughs;
They're going tae tax the billy goats, the donkeys, pigs and cows;
They're going tae tax the mutton and they're going tae tax the beef,
And they'll double tax auld women if they haven't got good teeth.

They're going tae tax the bugs and fleas, the clothes that keep us warm;
They're going tae tax the children a month before they're born.
So let you all both men and boys just keep your hearts in cheer
There'll be better times in Scotland. before anither year.

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