

Robert Burns was a Scottish poet, most noted for his poem/song “Auld Lang Syne.” It is sung traditionally at New Year’s. That poem and the one below, which was written in 1794, are both written in Scots. Scots is a language variation spoken in Scotland.

## A Red, Red Rose

O my luve is like a red, red rose  
That’s newly sprung in June;  
My luve is like the melodie  
That’s sweetly played in tune.

As fair art thou, my bonny lass,  
So deep in luve am I;  
And I will luve thee still, my dear,  
Till a’ the seas gang dry.

Till a’ the seas gang dry, my dear,  
And the rocks melt wi’ the sun;  
I will luve thee still, my dear,  
While the sands o’ life shall run.

And fare thee weel, my only luve!  
And fare thee weel, awhile!  
And I will come again, my luve  
Though it were ten thousand mile.

### Part I: Scots Spelling

The poem features the Scots spellings of words. For each of the words below, write the Standard English word in the blank.

1. luve \_\_\_\_\_
2. gang \_\_\_\_\_
3. weel \_\_\_\_\_
4. a’ \_\_\_\_\_
5. melodie \_\_\_\_\_
6. bonny \_\_\_\_\_
7. o’ \_\_\_\_\_
8. till \_\_\_\_\_
9. wi’ \_\_\_\_\_
10. mile \_\_\_\_\_

### Part II. Similes

A simile is a comparison of two things using the words “as” or “like.” List the two similes in the poem.

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1. luve \_\_\_\_\_ **love**
2. gang \_\_\_\_\_ **go**
3. weel \_\_\_\_\_ **well**
4. a’ \_\_\_\_\_ **all**
5. melodie \_\_\_\_\_ **melody**
6. bonny \_\_\_\_\_ **bonnie**
7. o’ \_\_\_\_\_ **of**
8. till \_\_\_\_\_ **until**
9. wi’ \_\_\_\_\_ **with**
10. mile \_\_\_\_\_ **miles**

### Part II. Similes

Actual student’s answers may vary.

Example of correct answers:

A simile is a comparison of two things using the words “as” or “like.” List the two similes in the poem.

1. The author’s love and a red rose
2. The author’s love and a melody