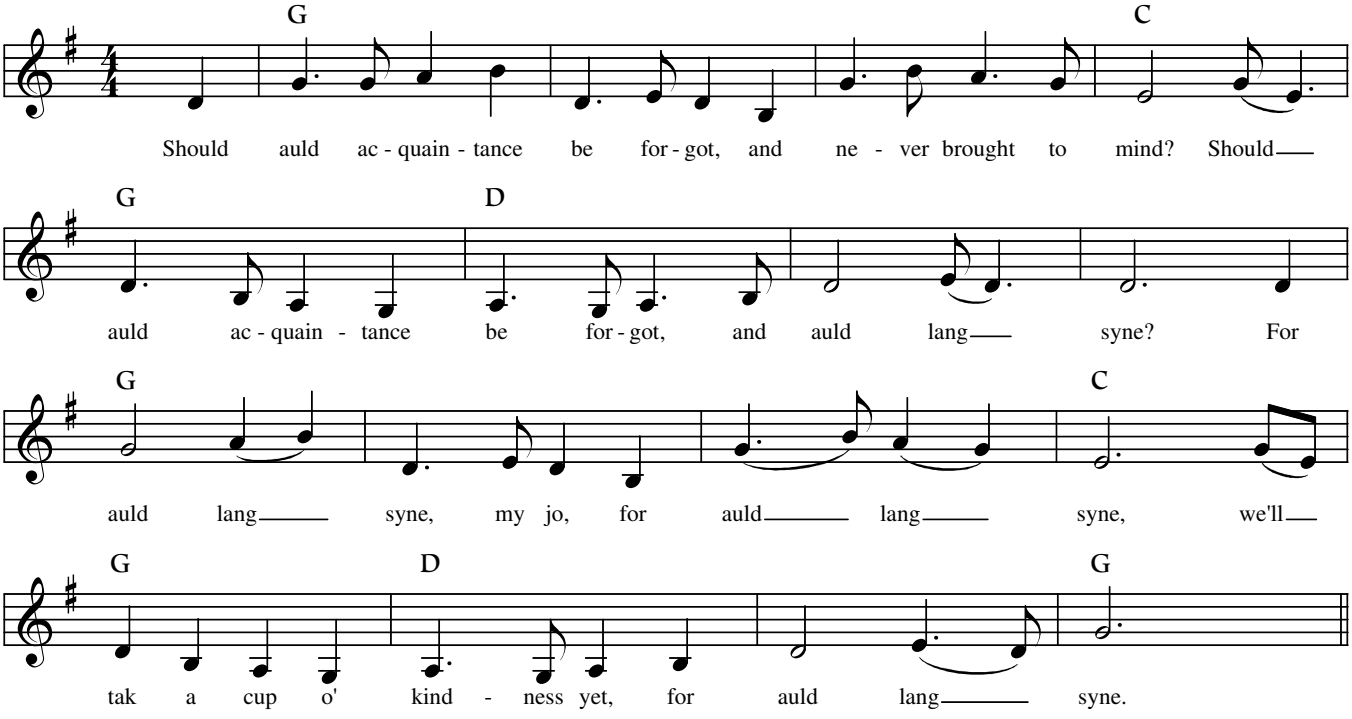
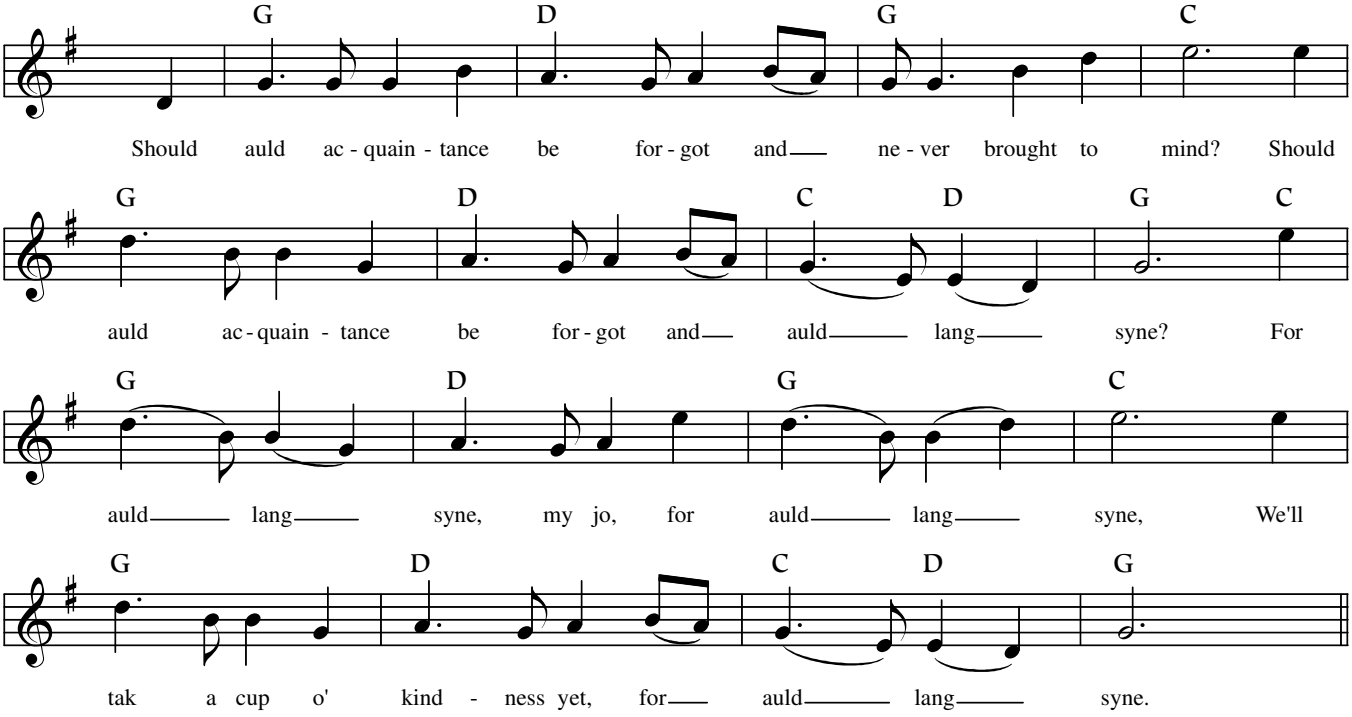
Auld Lang Syne

NOTE: Both versions may be played in C tuning by omitting F's from all D chords (play open fifths D-A only).

I. "Old" tune, used by Burns; first printed in Playford, "Original Scotch Tunes" (1700).



II. "New" tune, since 1788; a.k.a. Sir Alex Don (publ. Gow 1784), The Miller's Wedding, etc.



Lyrics for one verse and the chorus were printed by James Watson in 1711.
Robert Burns adapted the existing lyrics and wrote additional verses in 1788, as follows:

2. And surely ye'll be your pint-stowp! and surely I'll be mine! And we'll tak a cup o' kindness yet, for auld lang syne.
3. We twa hae run about the braes, and pu'd the gowans fine; But we've wander'd mony a weary fit, sin auld lang syne.
4. We twa hae paidl'd i' the burn, frae morning sun till dine; But seas between us braid hae roar'd, sin auld lang syne.
5. And there's a hand, my trusty fiere! and gie's a hand o' thine! And we'll tak a right gude-willy waught, for auld lang syne.

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