

## Tirade on Vandilism

Oft times as roon the fire I sit,  
An' sherpen up ma rhymin'wit,  
Tae bygone days ma fancies flit,  
An' backward flee ;  
On happier times I've often writ  
An' cast an e'e.

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In bygane days, it seems tae me,  
Mair hamely joys we a' did pree,  
The likes, again we'll never see,  
I sair misdoot ;  
Thae long haired vandals, shairly we  
Could dae without.

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Do they wi' former youth compare,  
Wi platform soles, an mooth , an hair  
T heir lack o' manners, cheek, "and mair,"  
An' ignorant traits ;  
Tae worm their arses wad, I'm shair  
Improve their fates.

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On them I ruminare, with sorrow,  
(God help the Britain of tomorrow )  
From commonsense theyve nocht tae borrow  
As shairs I live ;  
A' decent folk harras an' harrow,  
There title, "Spiv."

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Ma certes ! were I on the bench.  
I'd sort them oot, baith lout an' wench,  
Hard work ; like howkin' in a trench,  
Wad be their portion ;  
Revival o' the "stocks" micht quench  
Destructive notion,

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I'm weel aware there are a few,  
An' lets give honour whaur its due,  
Are decent lads, "twixt me an you  
But scarce enough,"  
Aye man ; the scarcity I rue,  
The cost is tough.

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The vandal louts, destruction bent,  
A curse upon oor country's sent,  
An' tens o' thoosan' pounds been spent,  
On youth "correction ;  
(Perhaps a Russian prison camp  
Micht solve the question. )

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Bus shelters no' a pane intact  
"Twad gar ye grue," is't no' a fact ?  
Parental 'guidance, sure, they've lacked  
'Tis plain tae see ;  
Their wee backsides been soundly smacked  
Fae the age o' three.

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Instead they're sent tae the "Do Gooders,"  
Wha wag their heids, an' shrug their "shooders,"  
I'd gie this squad some " Seidlitz poothers,"  
Tae clear their heids ;  
An' set their "thinking " straucht, the stumours.  
Anent misdeeds.

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Perhaps a muckle leather belt  
Across their arse, tae rouse a welt  
A place whaur 'twill be aften felt  
Ilk time they sit ;  
! T his is the answer ! I've it spelt  
An' sae I quit.

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