

Dugs by the Tyne

This too is based on an actual East Lothian walk, this time near East Linton. Attention all dog walkers!

I took a walk doon by the Tyne
on a pleasant summer's day.
Fae Phantassie doon tae Knowes Mill
at ease I made ma wey.
I didnae mind the nettles
an I didnae mind the bugs,
but I wisnae aw that pleased tae see
sae mony folk wi dugs!

Some folk wi sense had only yin,
but ither folk had twae,
and ither folk tae ma surprise
wuid half a dizzen hae!
It seemed tae me that aw thae folk
had nae sense in their heids,
for aw their dugs ran up an doon,
and nane o them had leads!

Oor braw East Lothian countryside
tae wildlife gies a hame,
but as for aw thae folk wi dugs,
that's no occurred tae thaim!
Sae aw you folk that walk yer dugs,
nae maitter what the breed,
take heed while I roar in yer lugs,
"Juist keep dugs on the lead!"