

Listening Guide- Poetry Supplement

“To a Mouse” by Robert Burns

1. He wrote \_\_\_\_\_ songs: All of which have been recorded.
2. It transliterates from the Old Scots which, by the way, is a Northern dialect of English as the phrase “\_\_\_\_\_.”
3. The numbers from range 12,000 to 70,000 annual Burns \_\_\_\_\_.
4. They say that the tradition started in \_\_\_\_\_ with just nine of his former friends; that’s just five years after he died.
5. They eat haggis, which for those who don’t know, is boiled \_\_\_\_\_ entrails.
6. They play the \_\_\_\_\_ to salute the haggis; they read Burn’s “Salute to the Haggis” poem; they toast the haggis.
7. Burns was born in 1759 in what was really humble conditions in a \_\_\_\_\_ called Alloway.
8. He composed a large amount of \_\_\_\_\_ while plowing in his field before going out and writing down his thoughts.
9. “There is certainly some connection between love and \_\_\_\_\_ and poetry.”
10. Elizabeth Patton was the \_\_\_\_\_ of his first child.
11. Mr. Armour was trying to sue him for \_\_\_\_\_ for the twins, so Burns publishes a book of poetry to make some money and move out of the country.
12. He was writing in \_\_\_\_\_, in Scottish dialect, and he was talking about working life.
13. To be truthful, Burns actually composed most of his poetry while \_\_\_\_\_, including “To a Mouse.”
14. One of the funny things about this dialect, funny in the sense that it’s cute, they use a lot of \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Standard Habbie is a form; it’s a stanza form, in the way the English have their \_\_\_\_\_.
16. There’s a \_\_\_\_\_ to it that is going to go all the way through the poem.

17. "Wee" means \_\_\_\_\_, small little beast.
18. "I'm truly sorry man's dominion," these are \_\_\_\_\_ words.  
"We have broken nature's social union."
19. Now remember "housie" is a little \_\_\_\_\_.
20. In essence, this mouse had done a lot of work to build this \_\_\_\_\_, to protect himself from the weary winter.
21. Little mouse, you are not alone in proving that foresight can be in vain; the best schemes of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ often go awry.
22. Compared with me, you're \_\_\_\_\_ because your little "mousie" brain is so small you can only think about the present.
23. One of the opening scenes of *Of Mice and Men* is Lennie walking around with a \_\_\_\_\_ mouse.
24. He dies at age 37 from rheumatic \_\_\_\_\_ and even after the great success of his first book, he doesn't get anyone to sponsor him.
25. He gets a good job as a \_\_\_\_\_.
26. He was definitely a person who felt all the ranges of human \_\_\_\_\_.
27. He dies on the birthday of his \_\_\_\_\_.
28. As soon as he died, the entire country is going to rally around him and he becomes a national \_\_\_\_\_.