

POEM From Roy Davie, of Colchester, comes a poem by Rennie McOwen of Clackmannanshire, Scotland, titled simply "Caledonia" from the Clackmannan County Library.

I can't say when this
love affair first began,
merely that it did and
with all certainty at first,
like childhood love within a
family, safe, secure,
accepted unquestioning,
without analysis.

Yet this love in adult
form peals like a bell with
joy, disturbs the nerves,
interrupts sleep, sets the

mind soaring, brings on
sadness, creates joy and
bleakness, mixing ecstasy
with black depression.

This woman, Caledonia, is
fickle, demands everything
and sometimes gives little
except blows and rejection,
her beauty a snare, her
voice soft and endearing,
becoming shrill and angry
at imagined slights.

Letter of Thanks from Katherine A. Bull, who was awarded a SAS Scholarship Foundation Cultural Grant of \$500 last summer. She used the funds to participate in the British Association of Teachers of Dancing Highland Festival and Sadie Simpson Scholarship competition in San Antonio, Texas. This is a sponsored competition, not an open one: she was recommended by her examiners at a different level of the process. "As part of the competition for the scholarship, all of the dancers were required to write a theory paper, participate in a challenging master class, and dance a solo choreography, all in front of a panel of judges. One of 28 competitors, it was an exceptionally valuable learning experience for me. Even though I was not awarded the scholarship, I expanded my education in dance throughout the weekend by attending classes, workshops, and lectures from the various well known teachers and judges in attendance. The young ladies in my group were all talented, intelligent, kind, and motivated adolescents. These dancers are of the best in all of North America.

"The funds provided to me by the St. Andrews Society of Vermont helped to reduce the financial strain the trip placed on my family. The weekend was an extremely valuable experience for me, and I thank you very much for helping to make it possible."

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