John MacMillan (Iain Mac Uisdean 'Ic Dhonnchaidh) lived in Benbecula in the first half of the nineteenth century. At a dance he saw Iain MacKinnon dancing extremely clumsily and made this comic poem which gave Iain every great attribute that he did not have. He could dance like an expert and play drums and pipes and flutes. He was in front of all others in battle (the fact that the Battle of Sherriffmuir was not in Queen Mary's time just adds to the comedy).

The song has ten verses of which we sing three.