

Ninian of Galloway

Ninian of Galloway, homage we fondly pay and tribute bring;
Saint by our Church proclaimed, Scotland's apostle named.
Thy praise we sing, thy praise we sing

Born of our Scottish race, God led thee forth by grace, to find in Rome
That pearl so richly priced, that faultless creed of Christ
and bear it home, and bear it home.

Softly the Christian morn dawned o'er the lone Whithorn like kindly sun;
Nobly thy loyal band, led by thy sure command,
our kingdom won. Our kingdom won.

Where once thy footsteps trod, unquenched, the fires of God await thy hand;
renew thy fervent care. Tender to God our prayer
to bless our land, to bless our land.

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