
Roger Quin, poet, concertinist and flute player

A photograph and some notes



Photograph from a picture postcard.

Roger Quin was born in Dumfries in 1850 to a family of 12 children. Heft in due course to spend his life as a clerk in Dumfries, in Galashiels and Glasgow busking for his keep with a flute and concertina. He gave recitations of his own work, something for which he was known and a leading light in the amateur dramatics in Galashiels. He lived the later part of his life in a cottage at the Yair near Selkirk and when his health finally failed he was living in a charity old folks home in Dumfries. He died in 1925.

Poet Tom Leonard had published a short article on Roger Quin:

<http://www.tomleonard.co.uk/online-poetry-a-prose/review-roger-quin.html>

Roger Quin's poem The Borderland can be heard recited by Minnie McPake of Peebles:

<http://www.tobarandualchais.co.uk/play/4124>

and set to music by Archie Fisher at:

<http://www.tobarandualchais.co.uk/play/93059>

There is a portrait painting of Roger Quin by A W Malloch in the collection of Gracefield Arts Centre, Dumfries.

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