

LOVE SCOTLAND

The Scottish Blessings Pack

19 Scottish blessings, toasts and Gaelic phrases for birthdays, thank-yous, Christmas and the New Year. Each has its English meaning and a link to where it comes from.

This pack is shorter than an earlier version. We rebuilt it in October 2026 and kept only the lines we could check against a named published source. Lines we could not confirm are gone. We do not print pronunciation guides.

№ 01 · BIRTHDAY

May the friends of our youth
be the companions of our old age.

— Scottish Toasts (1908). Source: [Project Gutenberg](#)

№ 02 · BIRTHDAY

Là breith sona dhuit

For several people, or politely: Là breith sona dhuibh

Happy birthday.

— Scottish Gaelic. Source: [Omniglot](#) · [gaelicgrammar.org](#)

№ 03 · TOAST

Slàinte mhath!

Good health!

— Scottish Gaelic. Source: [Omniglot](#) · [gaelicgrammar.org](#)

№ 04 · WELL WISHES

Lang may yer lum reek!

Long may your chimney smoke: a wish for a warm home and plenty.

— Scots saying. Source: [Dictionaries of the Scots Language](#)

№ 05 · NEW YEAR WISH

May the best ye've ever seen
be the worst ye'll ever see.
May the moose ne'er leave yer girnal
wi' a tear-drap in its ee.

A girnal is a grain store: may a mouse never leave yours with a tear in its eye, because it was always full.

— Scottish wish. Source: [Scots Language Centre, page 6464](#)

№ 06 · TOAST

Here's tae us; wha's like us?
Gey few, and they're a' deid.

Here's to us; who's like us? Rather few, and they're all dead.

— Scots toast. Source: [Dictionaries of the Scots Language](#)

№ 07 · THANK YOU

Tapadh leat

Thank you (to one person).

— Scottish Gaelic. Source: [Omniglot](#) · [gaelicgrammar.org](#)

№ 08 · THANK YOU

Tapadh leibh

Thank you (to several people, or politely).

— Scottish Gaelic. Source: [Omniglot](#) · [gaelicgrammar.org](#)

№ 09 · THANK YOU

Mòran taing

Many thanks.

— Scottish Gaelic. Source: [Omniglot](#) · [gaelicgrammar.org](#)

№ 10 · THANK YOU

Taing mhòr

Big thanks.

— Scottish Gaelic. Source: [Omniglot](#) · [Wiktionary](#)

№ 11 · GRACE

Some hae meat an canna eat,
And some wad eat that want it;
But we hae meat, and we can eat,
And sae the Lord be thankit.

— The Selkirk Grace. Source: [Wikipedia, Selkirk Grace](#) · [Wikipedia, Burns supper](#)

№ 12 · THANK YOU

Here's to the friends we can trust
when the storms of adversity blaw;
may they live in our song and be nearest our hearts,
nor depart like the year that's awa'.

— Scottish Toasts (1908). Source: [Project Gutenberg](#)

№ 13 · CHRISTMAS

Nollaig chridheil

Merry Christmas.

— Scottish Gaelic. Source: [Omniglot](#) · [gaelicgrammar.org](#)

№ 14 · CHRISTMAS

Nollaig chridheil agus Bliadhna mhath ùr

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

— Scottish Gaelic. Source: [Gaelic Books Council](#) · [Bradan Press](#)

№ 15 · CHRISTMAS

A Blithe Yule

Happy Christmas.

— Scots Christmas greeting. Source: [Scots Language Centre, page 282](#) · [Scots Language Centre, page 1661](#)

№ 16 · HOGMANAY

A gude New-year to ane and a',
And mony may ye see.

A good New Year to one and all, and many may you see.

— Scots New Year song (1865 broadside). Source: [National Library of Scotland](#)

№ 17 · NEW YEAR

A Guid New Year

Happy New Year.

— Scots greeting. Source: [Scots Language Centre, page 282](#) · [Scots Language Centre, page 1661](#)

№ 18 · NEW YEAR

Bliadhna mhath ùr

Happy New Year.

— Scottish Gaelic. Source: [Omniglot](#) · [gaelicgrammar.org](#)

№ 19 · AULD LANG SYNE

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And auld lang syne!
For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne,
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

Auld lang syne = old long since: for the sake of old times.

— Robert Burns, Auld Lang Syne. Source: [Burns, Project Gutenberg](#) · [Wikisource](#)

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Robert Burns, Auld Lang Syne

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