

'On Being Marble'
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draws on words from the original
'Glossary'
to the 1787 Edinburgh edition
of
Robert Burns's
Poems, Chiefly in the Scottish Dialect.

Burns – After Flaxman
Calum Colvin

On Being Marble

Glib-gabbet ENBRUGH, wi your whirlygigums,
Tak tent: if I could hae my days again,
I'd still say life is all a variorum
Worth mair than ony melancholious stane.

Glossary

Glib-gabbet, *that speaks smoothly and readily*

ENBRUGH, *EDINBURGH*

Whirlygigums, *useless ornaments, trifling appendages*

Tak, *take*

Tent, *heed*

Melancholious, *mournful*

