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Gwylt Walia ydwyt tithau, Mynwy gu!
Dy enw'n unig a newidiaist ti.—ISLWYN.

*[Wild Wales art thou still, dear Monmouth!
Thy name only hast thou changed.]*

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