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During his years as ruler, Robert the Bruce did not forget the time he had supported Edward I at the battle of Falkirk.

At the end of his life, while he was dying of leprosy, he ordered that his heart be cut out - after his death - and taken on a Crusade. He wanted to atone for his past mistakes. He still thought he needed forgiveness from God and from his country.

His heart was, in fact, cut out and taken on a Crusade. It was ultimately returned to Scotland where it was buried at Melrose Abbey. Recently, archaeological excavations at the Abbey found a lead container with an engraved plaque inscribed with these words:

*The enclosed leaden casket containing a heart was found beneath Chapter House floor, March 1921, by His Majesty's Office of Works.*

The leaden casket was reburied at Melrose Abbey on June 22, 1998.

Edward II died as dishonorably as he had lived. Spending more time with his lovers (he called his wife, Isabella, the "she-wolf of France") than he did attending to affairs of state, he was murdered while in captivity. He is buried in Gloucester.

Despite everything Edward I tried to do, to stop William Wallace from spreading his freedom-seeking ideals, Wallace is still honored as the greatest of all Scottish patriots. His commitment to his country never wavered.

In 1869, Scotland honored Wallace with a monument in Stirling, near the site of his greatest victory. It stands as a reminder that one man's motto can be more than mere words. One man's courage can change the course of history.

As Robert Burns said, centuries after William's brutal death,

*The story of Wallace poured a Scottish prejudice into my veins which will boil along till the floodgates of time shut in eternal rest.*

Edward thought he had judicially eliminated his nemesis. England thought the outlaw was gone forever. But Edward had created a martyr, and the spirit of the martyr created a nation whose thirst for independence remains strong to this day.

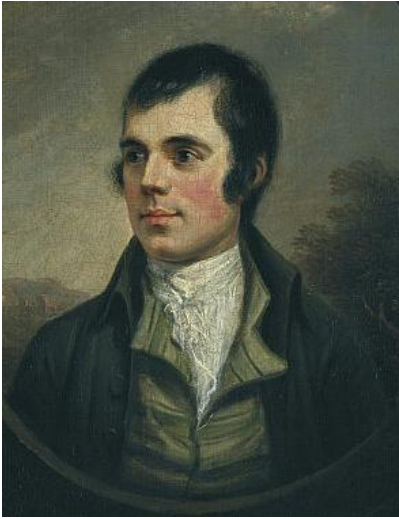
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