

Christiaan Thomesoun

Name: Christian Thomesoun

We don't know Christian's age or marital status, and can only guess at her appearance and personality. There is no record of why she was accused, but we know she was prosecuted as part of a group of three, alongside Margaret and Isabel...did they give each other's names up under pressure, or were they accused as a group to start with...?

"Ah am Christian Thomson... Ah lived in Penicuik, lang ago — in 1629.

They said Ah was strange.

Too quiet.

Too wee.

A lass who didnae fit.

And so... that was enough

They blamed me.

And fear grew louder than truth.

Ah was taken... questioned... broken.

They said the fire would purify ma soul.

Ah never confessed...but they burned me all the same.

Ah speak tae ye now —no tae beg for pity, but tae ask memory.

Mind me woman who meant nae harm. Mind all o' us — the women who perished in smoke and silence.

Let oor names be spoken aloud.

Let oor stories be told wi' gentleness.

So nae soul is ever feared for bein' different... for bein' puir... for bein' a woman.

Ah am Christian. Ah was here.

And now — because o' you —Ah am heard."

