



Margaret Smaill



Name: Margaret Smaill (Smail)

Margaret had to stand in front of five powerful men at local court - three ministers and two landed gentry - as well as the community who all knew her. She faced the life-threatening charge of witchcraft, alongside Isabel and Christian. All three were not likely to be in a good state. If they were luckier, they would have been under house-arrest before the trial, and if less lucky, held in some kind of temporary prison cell.

*Ah am Margaret Smaill.
Taken and burned in 1629.
They turned their eyes tae me.
They asked for confession
But my truth was plain:
I harmed nae soul.
I spoke the creed as the fire was set.
And went bravely
Wi' the other two.
Mind me kindly.*

