

Minnie O'Shirva's Cradle Song

traditional Shetland lullaby

Da boatie sails and da boatie rowes
Dey set dir sails and dey hail dir towes
Hush a baa-baa, me peerie lamb
Da faider is comin awa fae fram

Da sheep dey baa, and da craas dey craa
Dey flap dir wings and dey flee awa
Hush a baa-baa, me peerie flee
Aald Daa'll be comin wi shalls ta dee

Da burnie rins an da burnie rowes
Da lambs dey dance ower da hedder-cowes
Hush a baa-baa, me treasure dear
Dey'll naebody hurt dee whin Mam is near

Da laverick lifts and he sings tae aa
Da winter comes wi da caald an snaa
Hush a baa-baa, me peerie floer
Lang Willie is löin ahint da door

Da mares dey bol an da kye comes hame
We lay wis doon in the Gödies name
Hush a baa-baa, me peerie ting
He covers wis aa with His holy wing