

MINNIE O'SHIRVA'S CRADLE SONG (SHETLAND)

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

Da sheep dey baa, and da craas dey cra
Dey flap dir wings an dey flee awa'
Hush a baa-baa ma 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, ma treasure dear
Dey'll naeb'dy 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 ma peerie flooer
Lang willie is löin ahint da door

Da mares dey böl an da kye comes hame
We lay wis doon in da Gödie's name
Hush a baa-baa ma peerie ting
He covers wis aa wi His holy wing

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