

# Folk & Traditional Song Lyrics

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## Leo McGuire's Song

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Ah wis headin' wi ma cromack up frae Gretna Green tae Skye

But ma journey has an element of farce.

'Cos the calendar has stated - it's the middle o' July,

Yet here ah am wi' snaw up tae ma arse, Oh - yo!

(chorus) Wi' ma pipes below ma oxtar an' ma sporran neatly pressed

Ma pockets full o' porridge for the road.

Wi' some Crawford's Tartan Shortbread an' some tattie scones as weel

An' ah'm jist about tae paint masel' wi' woad. Oh - yo!

I am headin' for sweet Afton, that's the place that ah am daft on,

Where the smell o' tattie bogle fills the air.

If ye poke amang the heather wi' a feather ye will see

Where the untamed hornie-golluck has his lair. Oh - yo!

Ah remember Annie Laurie, sure, ah had her in a quarry

On the road frae Tobermory tae the sea.

Ah remember Mountain Daisy, an' that lassie wisnae lazy,

'Cos ah remember Daisy mountin' me. Oh - Yo!

Ah remember gettin' pally wi' a peely-wally 'tally,

In a chalet doon at Butlin's camp at Ayr.

An' ah gied her a bambino as she lay an' read "The Beano"

Then she said, well how did she know ah wis there? Oh - yo!

Ah wis jist a wee bit randy as she lay an' read "The Dandy"

Then she went an' put a pot upon the hob.

An' she made me tagliatelli, which she balanced on her belly

So's ah could eat while ah wis on the job. Oh - yo!

By the time the job wis over, she wis halfway through "The Rover"

An' had started on that week's "People's Friend"

An' she made me veal escalope an' we had another wallop

Before ma strong desire came to an end.

Oh the Scottish Summers have a certain lack of charm,

Due mainly to the sudden rainy squalls.

But the Scottish lassies can aye keep her laddie warm

By their tender ministrations to his knees. Oh - yo!

(verses 1-7 use the A part of "The Road To The Isles" tune - the last verse is the B part or chorus tune)

cromack=walking stick; oxter=armpit; sporran=purse hung in front of a kilt;  
porridge=oatmeal; Crawford's Tartan Shortbread=Scotland's favorite  
cookie; tattie scones=potato scones; as weel=also; woad=blue coloring;  
tattie bogle=scarecrow; hornie-golluck=euphemism for penis; wisnae=was  
not; pally=friendly; peely-wally=very pale; 'tally=Italian; chalet=shack;  
Butlin's=popular British vacation camp; "The Beano", "The Dandy", "The  
Rover" = children's comic books; "People's Friend"=weekly magazine  
mainly read by old ladies;  
(as sung by Billy Connolly)

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