



ACTIVITY SHEET

CA' THE YOWES TAE THE KNOWES

Lyrics

Ca' the yowes tae the knows,
Ca' them where the heather grows,
Ca' them where the burnie rows,
My bonnie dearie

Hark, the mavis evening sang,
Sounding Clouden's woods amang,
Then a faulding let us gang,
My bonnie dearie

We'll gae doon by Clouden side,
Through the hazels spreading wide,
O'er the waves that sweetly glide,
Tae the moon sae clearly

Yonder Clouden's silent towers,
Where at moonshine's midnight hours,
O'er the dewy bending flowers,
Fairies dance sae cheery

Ghost nor bogle shalt thou fear,
Thou'rt to love and heaven sae dear,
Nocht of ill may come thee near,
My bonnie dearie

Fair and lovely as thou art
Thou hast stown my very heart,
I can die – but canna part,
My bonnie dearie

While waters wimple to the sea,
While day blinks in the lift sae hie,
Till clay-cauld death shall blin' my e'e,
Ye shall be my dearie

Glossary

- yowes – ewes/female sheep
- knows – hills
- rows – flows
- mavis – song thrush
- faulding – driving into the fold
- nocht – nothing
- stown – stolen
- canna – cannot
- blin' – blind
- e'e - eye

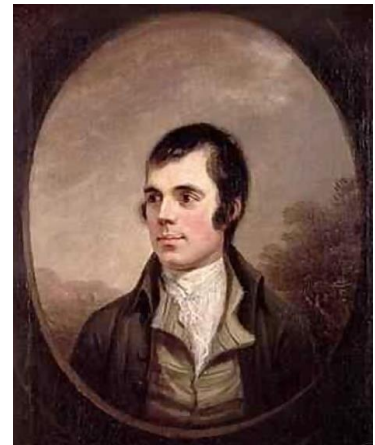
Activity 1

Draw a picture of the song.



Activity 2

What do you know about Robert Burns? Can you find some interesting facts about him?



Activity 3

Come up with another verse to add in to the song. Can you use some local words?



Activity 4

Do you know any other Burns poems and songs? If you do, write a short piece about one and what you like about it.

