



ACTIVITY SHEET

DUMFRIES HIRING FAIR

Lyrics

I went tae Dumfries hiring fair fur tae get a fee
Amang the hashy fairmers ma herts' as licht can be
Wi' a mush ma toora laddie o' an a mush ma toora lay.

Auld Jock o' the Dean comes o'er tae me, says he ye've had nae fare
Its will ye no come hame wi me an drive ma second pair...

Gin ye can haud the ploo a bit an bigg a fair guid stack
At rising in the morning I hope you'll no be slack...

The horses that we got tae work, they wernae very brow
Auld Jeannie she had yin lame leg and Maggie she had twa...

The milk that we got tae oor brose, it wusnae very new
For it set the dugs howlong an' it gae near kilt the soo...

The scone it was blue moulded, the kale it had a smell
Aye an even in the winter time the beef could rin' itsel'...

The auld guid wife at dinnertime sat up at the table heid
Begrudging ilka bite we ate an wishin we were deid...

Aye but term time's comin roon again, I dinnae gie a hang
For I'll pack up a' ma duddies an I'll gang the road I cam...

Activity 1

Did you notice all the local words in the song?

Pick out some of the words you don't know and find out the meaning of them. Try to use them in a conversation with someone you know!



Activity 2

What job would you like to do on a farm?
Write a short story about the job and what you think you would like about it.



Activity 3

Has farming changed over the years?
Investigate the differences in modern farming compared with what it used to be like. What do you think you would have preferred?



Activity 4

Draw a picture of a farm, using activity three to help you with what should be in your picture. You can draw a modern day farm or a farm from older times. You choose!

