



ACTIVITY SHEET

‘S Fluich an Oidhche

Lyrics

‘S fliuch an oidhche, Hù ill oro
Nochd ‘s gur fuar i, O hì a bhò
Ma’ thug Cloinn Nìll, Hù ill oro
Druim a’ chuain orr’, Boch ho rinn o

Luchd nan seòl àrd, Hù ill oro
‘S nan long luatha, O hì a bhò
‘S Nam brataichean, Hù ill oro
Dearg is uaine, Boch ho rinn o

‘S nan gunnachan, Hù ill oro
Caola, cruadhach, O hì a bhò
‘S iomadh sgeir dhubh, Hù ill oro
Anns na shuath i, Boch ho rinn o

Wet is the night, Hù ill oro
Tonight and cold, O hì a bhò
If the MacNeills, Hù ill oro
Have to put to sea, Boch ho rinn o

Men of high sails, Hù ill oro
And swift of ships, O hì a bhò
And of flags, Hù ill oro
Red and green, Boch ho rinn o

And the guns, Hù ill oro
Narrow, steel, O hì a bhò
Many a dark rock, Hù ill oro
She has brushed against, Boch ho rinn o

Activity 1

This song is called a waulking song. Find out what a waulking song is and who might sing this type of song. Find two other waulking songs online and have a listen to them.



Activity 2

Using the pattern in the song, try to come up with your own waulking song. Use the information you found in activity one to help you.



Activity 3

Sitting at a table, try using a large piece of cloth (or something similar) to waulk the cloth in time to the song.

