



Fèis time

ACTIVITY SHEET

THE DEIL'S AWA WI THE EXCISEMAN

Lyrics

The deil cam fiddlin' through the toon
And danced awa wi' the Exciseman
And ilka wife cries, 'Auld Mahoun, I wish you luck o' the prize, man!'

The deil's awa, the deil's awa,
The deil's awa wi' the Exciseman
He's danced awa, he's danced awa
He's danced awa wi' the Exciseman

We'll mak our maut, and we'll brew our drink
We'll laugh, sing, and rejoice, man
And monie braw thanks to the meikle black Deil
That danced awa wi' the Exciseman

There's threesome reels, there's foursome reels
There's hornpipes and strathspeys, man
But the ae best dance e'er cam to the land
Was 'The Deil's Awa wi' the Exciseman'

Glossary

- deil – devil
- ilka – every
- auld mahoun – nickname for satan/devil
- mak – make
- maut – malt
- monie – many
- meikle – great / large
- ae – one / single
- cam – came

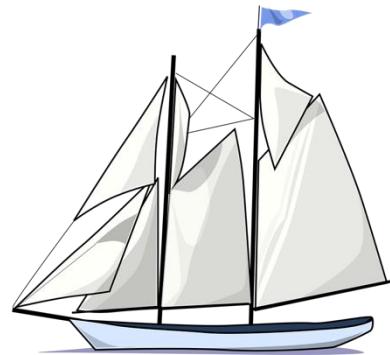
Activity 1

Burns wrote this song when he was waiting for the ship to arrive. What kind of things do you do when you are waiting for something? Come up with a list.



Activity 2

Draw a picture of 'The Rosamund' mentioned in the song.



Activity 3

Have a look around your house for an old plastic tub or container. Can you make a boat out of it? You can decorate it and paint it with your own design.



Activity 4

With an adult, put your boat in some water and see if it will float. You could try it out in a sink, bathtub, puddle or pond.

