



ACTIVITY SHEET

HÈ MO LEANNAN

Lyrics

Hè mo leannan, hò mo leannan, 'S e mo leannan am fear ùr,
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'S e mo leannan Gille Calum, Carpenter an daraich thu

'S e mo leannan am fear dualach, Air an d fhàs an cuailean dlùth

'S e mo leannan am fear donn, a thogadh fonn anns an taigh-chiùil

'S e mo leannan saor an t-sàbhaidh, Leagadh lobhta lair gu dlùth

Hey my sweetheart, ho my sweetheart
He's my sweetheart the handsome man
Hey my sweetheart, ho my sweetheart

He's my sweetheart the lad Calum, carpenter of the strong oak
He's my love with the curly hair and the ringlets
He's my sweetheart the brown haired man, who would raise a song in the music house
He's my sweetheart, carpenter of sawing, would lay a loft floor so evenly

Activity 1

This is a waulking song used to waulk tweed by groups of women. Often verses of waulking songs were improvised during the waulking process. Can you come up with another verse for this song?



Activity 2

In the song, Calum is a joiner. Would you like to be a joiner? Can you think of all the things a joiner could make?



Activity 3

Write a short story about a job you would like to do when you are older.



Activity 4

Using your story to help you, can you try and write a song about the job you would like to do using the same structure and / or melody as Hè Mo Leannan?

