



ACTIVITY SHEET

Helen of Kirkconnel

Lyrics

I wish I was whaur Helen lies
For nicht and day on me she cries
For nicht and day on me she cries
I wish I was whaur Helen lies
On fair Kirkconnel Lea

Oh Helen fair beyond compare
I'll mak a garland o' thy hair
I'll mak a garland o' thy hair
Wrapped roon' ma hairt forever mair
On fair Kirkconnel Lea

But curse the heart that hatched the thought
And curse the hand that fired the shot
And curse the hand that fired the shot
When in my arms my Helen dropped
And died for sake o' me

I found me foe behin' a wa'
I lichtit doon my sword tae draw
Stern was oor strife on Kirtleshaw
As I hacked him intae pieces sma'
Wha'd taen ma love fae me
On fair Kirkconnel Lea

I wish I was whaur Helen lies
For nicht and day on me she cried
Oh I wish I was whaur Helen lies
On fair Kirkconnel Lea

Activity 1

Research what the song is about and find some interesting facts about the story.



Activity 2

Write down all the Scots words found in the lyrics. Do you know what they all mean?

Activity 3

Why do you think there is repetition in some lines of the song?

Activity 4

Have a go at creating some lyrics about a local story that you have heard. Use the lyrics and the format of Helen of Kirkconnel to help you.

