



ACTIVITY SHEET

Mary Mac's Mither

Lyrics

V1. There's a nice wee lass and her name is Mary Mac
And mak' nae mistake she's the kass I'm gonna tak'
Lots o' other lads wid like tae get upon the track
But I'm thinkin' that they'll have to get up early.

Chorus:

Mary Mac's mither's makin' Mary Mac marry me

My mither's makin' me marry Mary Mac.

Well I'm gonna marry Mary cause an' Mary will tak' care o' me.

We'll aa' be feelin' merry when I marry Mary Mac.

V2. Now Mary and her mither spend an awfu' time together
In fact you hardly see them, the one without the other
And the boys aa' wonder if it's Mary or her mither
That I'm courting or baith o' them together.

Chorus

Noo the weddin' day's on Wednesday and everything's arranged
Her name will soon be changed tae mine, unless her mind be changed
Wi' makin' the arrangements, I'm jist about deranged
For marriage is an awfu' undertakin'.

Chorus, a few times, getting faster.

Activity 1

Practise singing the song along with Bob. You can also find a reggae version of the song played on the ukulele with Steve and Suzanne and another version of the song played on the pipes by Ollie. Have a listen and join in with each of these versions and decide which one you like the best.



Activity 2

Time yourself singing the chorus – how quickly can you do this? Can you beat Bobs time?



Activity 3

If you don't know any of the Scots words being used in the song, see if you can find out what they mean and write them down so you don't forget.



Activity 4

Explore some of the wedding and marriage customs of different countries and religions and see if you can find out how these have changed over time.

