

fèis time

ACTIVITY SHEET

Sam the Skull

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Lyrics

Chorus:

*I'm a cat, I'm a cat, I'm a Glasgow cat and my name is Sam the Skull
I've got claws on my paws like a crocodile's jaws, and a heid like a fermer's bull
I'm no the kind of cat that sits on a mat or the kind that ye gi'e a hug
I'm the kind of cat that strangles a rat, and even the occasional dog*

Well I roam around in Shettleston, where they aaw know me by sight
It's the Skull, it's the Skull, you can hear them yell, as they vanish into the night.

The Polis Station doon oor way has bars on the windy sill
It's no to keep the prisoners in, it's to keep oot Sam the Skull

Chorus

Well, one fine day no so long ago, they aaw had had their fill
They sent for the S.S.P.C.A. to come and catch the Skull
There's naebody kin get oot while ahm roamin about chasin all the weans up a close
Widdling on their shoes, yodelling the blues, casually pickin' my nose.

Chorus

Well, oot they came aboot half past ten in a wee blue Escort van
Right roon the back, one had a sack, and the other had a mallet in his hand
I watched them run doon the back of the hoose, then I casually strolled tae the van
I jumped in the front and I was off, everything had gone tae plan

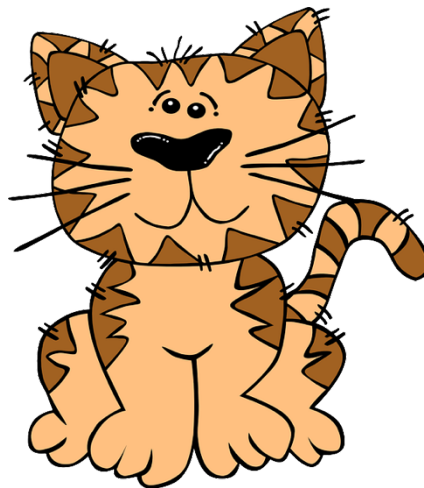
Chorus

Ye can hear them say doon Shettleston way, "Whatever happened to Sam the Skull?
He had claws on his paws like a crocodile's jaws, and a heid like a fermer's bull."

You can tell them for me that I'm still running free, never a day is dull
It might sound absurd, but I'm livin' wi' a bird in a single end in Maryhill

Activity 1

Draw the outline of Sam the Skull on a piece of paper. Then use leaves or wool to stick onto the drawing to make Sam stand out off the page.



Activity 2

Using an old sock, make a puppet of Sam the Skull and the people he met in the song.



Activity 3

Imagine Sam came to live near you and write a story about some of the other mischief he might get up to! Remember, he's not very good at being a well-behaved cat!



Activity 4

What is your favourite animal? Write a song about it! Tell us what the animal looks like, what its name might be, if it is a friendly animal, or not, where it lives and what it gets up to when you're not looking!

