

Fèis time

ACTIVITY SHEET

THE PACKMAN

Lyrics

I'm a poor shepherd laddie and Murray's my name
To be a Scotch packman to Grimbsy I came
And left my auld father and mother and a'
My leal-hearted cronies in wild Gallowa'

The nicht that I landed I gaed doon the street
And just in the bull ring the boss I did meet
He glowered in my face and then held out his paw
Saying "are ye my laddie frae wild Gallowa'?"

He then took me in and he treated me weel
But wi a' his kindness frae hame I did feel
O' fine English feeding I soon got a staw
And sighed for the meal-brose o' wild Gallowa'

I was the next morning rigged out wi' a pack
And sent off a whiskin' some orders to tak
But soon I found whiskin' wad no do ava
And wished I was safe back in wild Gallowa'

I met wi refusal a'maist ilka place
They shook their heads at me, banged doors in my face
And some let their dogs out to fright me awa
Insultin' the laddie frae wild Gallowa'

Some orders I took that he wouldna supply
And when we next met they wad ask to ken why
They ca'd me a lousy Scot, swindler and a'
Ill used the poor laddie frae wild Gallowa'

Then since I'm a failure at this loopie trade
I'll back to fair Scotland, re-don my grey plaid
And roam wi my dog in the heather sae braw
And sniff the fresh breezes in wild Gallowa'

Noo a' ye young lads who wad gang to the pack
Frae ane that's been there this advice ye may tak
Wi' herding' or ploughing, tho' poorer yer fa'
Ye'll find mair contentment in wild Gallowa'

Glossary

- leal-hearted – loyal
- nicht – night
- gaed doon – went down
- frae – from
- weel – well
- meal-brose – an uncooked form of porridge
- staw – grew tired of
- whiskin' – travelling around in a hurry
- wad – would
- ava – at all
- a'maist ilka – almost every
- awa – away
- ken – know
- braw – beautiful
- noo – now
- ane – one

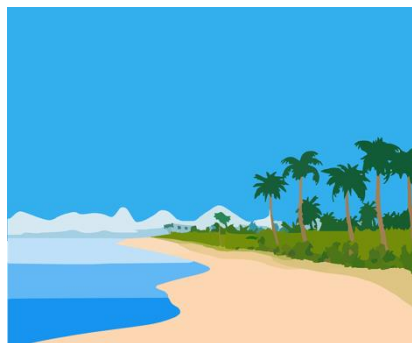
Activity 1

The packman in this song decides to return home after travelling. Do you think you would like to go travelling and live in a different country? If you would, where would you like to go and why?



Activity 2

Come up with an itinerary of your dream holiday destination. You can go anywhere you want – where will you go, what will you do, who will you go with, why will you go to that location, when will you go?



Activity 3

Using a balloon and some papier mâché, create a structure that resembles the world. Once your model is set, paint on the different countries and oceans.



Activity 4

On your globe model find where you live and all the places you would like to visit.