



KEY WIRDS

***cauld** cold

dat's da wye that's how OR that's why

ee eye, as in 'he got his ee apo something'

ting thing, as in 'poor thing!'

***cauld.** 'Caald' and 'cowl'd' are also said.

In the same way, we have 'auld, 'aald' or 'owld'.



Foo Robbie got his Rid Breest

Noo lang ago ee Christmas eve,
Whin everythin wis freezin,
A peerie robin wi a cauld
Wis hostin an wis sneezin.
Da poor wee ting wis freezin cauld
Whin Santie cam lang,
An walkin troo da cauld white snaa
Da peerie bird he fan.

An Santie Claus, wi kindly eyes,
Looked at da peerie ting,
'Is dir naethin i' me bag
Fur dee at I cood fin?'
He look'd bit dir wis naethin dere
At wisna bookit up,
An dan he got his ee apo
Da big hem o his cot.

'Noo, Birdie', tinks auld Santie Claus,
'I reckon du'll be pleased
If I gie dee my rid cot's hem
Ta tie aboot dee breest'.
Dan Robin tanked Santie Claus,
His praises never ceased,
An dat's da wye wir Robbie cam
Ta hae a rid breest.

Margaret Gear
See page 53, Songs and Sights of Shetland.

