

Da Show

Da folk wid geng up da Closs o Voe,
An Wast da rodd ta see da Show.
He wis held in a park at da Greenland Manse
An I mind bein at him onlie wance;
An dat wis a lang, lang time ago,
So I mind very little o da Greenland Show.

Dan dey shanged til a place ida Brooster toon
At da fit o da daeks whaar da burn rins doon;
An dey ran a fence fae loch ta loch
Ta mak a place at wis grit enyoch;
An folk wid come fae far an near
Ta da Brooster Show fir mony a year.

Near da Sooth daek-end dey tied da kye
An da sheep wis apo da broo up by.
Dey wir dugs an horses, peerie an big,
An hens in boxes aside da brig.
Da bairns wid gadder fir ooers an ooers
An come ta da Show wi a bunch o flooers.

Dey wir prizes geen ta dem at could bake
Baith aetmeal scones an curran cake.
A tent fir da hosiery wis dere,
A tent whaar dey hed aa kinds o gair,
Fae da kishie ta da Shetlan spade,
An a tent fir da tae an da lemonade.

I mind apo every sicht an soond -
Da ring whaar da horses göd roond an roond,
Da auld blinnd man at wid sit an play
Da organ fir pennies da lee-lang day;
An whin da eftirnön wis spent
Foo da dugs wid yalk at da tedder's lent.

An noo at da end o da Simmer's wark

Dey hae da Show ita Jonie's Park.
Der mony a shange fae lang ago
Whin da folk wid geng ta da Greenland Show.
Geen is da days whin dey aa wid dell;
An der phosphate instead o da midding fell!

Der shanges come fir da better, nae doot,
(an some at we maybe could dö withoot).
Nae langer we see da horse an ploo
Fir wark is döne wi da tractor noo.
Bit still dey maan saa an hird da coarn
Or else da wirld wid be misforen.

Vagaland

Wirds:

<i>be misforen</i>	come to grief
<i>broo</i>	bank, brow of slope
<i>dell</i>	turn the earth with spades, before sowing or planting
<i>enyoch</i>	enough
<i>gair</i>	stuff
<i>grit</i>	big
<i>hird</i>	gather in corn at harvest time
<i>hosier</i>	(English word not often used now) knitwear
<i>lee-lang day</i>	whole day
<i>maan</i>	must
<i>midding fell</i>	'midden-turf' spread on the land as fertiliser
<i>tedder's lent</i>	at the end of tethers
<i>yalk</i>	yelp

Pronunciation: *shanged* - changed. Just a pronunciation difference.

Sh- instead of *ch-* at the start of a word: this sometimes happens in certain words, tho less often now than it used to. Listen for examples. You might hear e.g. *Sharlie* (Charlie), *shin* (chin), *shicken* (chicken), *shokk* (choke), or more.....