

GAA

A'm seen a gaa!

A gaa! Whit's a gaa?
A'm seen a baa.
A'm seen a caa.
A'm seen a maa, an a saa an a waa.
Du needna craa,
A'm seen it aa,
an der never such a thing
as a gaa!

Dey ir SO!

Weel, whaar d'you see a gaa?

In da sky!

In da sky?

It's high
an it's bright.
It's a trick
o da light.
It's da shadow o da sun
an it's clippit fae a rainbow,
shinin in a clood
laek a peerie coloured baa.
Dat's what I saa.
Dat's a gaa!

OH.
Is dat aa?
Weel, A'm seen een too! Ha, ha!

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Wirds:

caa a sheep-drive; verb 'to **caa**' is to drive sheep into a crö
gaa 'a mock sun or parhelion' (*The Shetland Dictionary*)

Grammar point: *A'm seen a gaa*

In Shetland dialect it is very common practice to use 'to be' instead of 'to have' in verbs in the perfect tense.

e.g. Is du ever seen a gaa? *Have you ever...*
Wir been ta da pool. *We've been ...*
Dey're won da cup! *They've won...*
A'm cycled twa mile. *I've cycled...*