

Guddicks – do you ken da answers?

1. Bank foo an brae foo - gadder aa day an du widna get a nevfoo
2. Fleein far but fedderless, new come oot o Paradise
Fleein ower sea an laand, deein in me haand.
3. Lifts ower da hedder, sinks ida sea.
Fire canna burn it. Whit can it be?
4. What gengs oot a hol an in a hol, trailin its guts efter it?
5. Made lang ago, yet made da day,
Busy while idders sleep,
What few wid laek ta gie away
An fewer wiss ta keep.
6. Staands on ee leg, wi its hert in its heid.
7. Fower upstaanders,
fower dreebie-dranders,
twa flip-flaps an a fling-by.
8. I guid an I got it
I set me doon an sought it
Becaas I couldna fin it
I took it hame wi me.
9. What flees fastest when its leg is brokken?
10. What is it at da sun canna dry an da watter canna weet?
11. Whit is it at you cut ta mak it langer?
12. Whit is it at's nae use tae a ship, but she canna geng athoot it?
13. Whit can geng up da lum doon bit canna geng doon da lum up?
14. Whit gengs troo da door, yet never gengs ootside?

Sources: Traditional Life in Shetland by JR Nicolson; Folklore from Whalsay and Shetland, by John Stewart; local knowledge.

Thank you to Louise Leslie.

Answers:

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| 1. Mist | 2. snowflake | 3. da sun (or mist) | 4. needle (wi treed) |
| 5. a bed | 6. kale | 7. A coo | 8. a splinter in your haand |
| 9. A hedderkowe | 10. butter | 11. a ditch | 12. a wake |
| 13. Umbrella | 14. keyhole | | |