

The Bressay Lullaby (from Shetland)

To be sung to soothe a child, a friend, a parent, or yourself

Traditional

Arrangement by Corrina Hewat www.corrinahewat.com

Song Lyrics

Chorus

Baloo, balilli, baloo balilli
Baloo, balilli, balooli ba.

Verse 1

Gae awa peerie fairies (x3)
Fae oor bairn noo.

Baloo, balilli, baloo balilli
Baloo, balilli, balooli ba.

Verse 2

Dan come da bonnie angels (x3)
Ta wir peerie bairn.

Baloo, balilli, baloo balilli
Baloo, balilli, balooli ba.

Verse 3

Dey'll sheen ower da cradle (x3)
O wir peerie bairn.

Baloo, balilli, baloo balilli
Baloo, balilli, balooli ba.

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Translation

Soothing sounds

Go away, little fairies
From our baby now.

Then come the beautiful angels
To our little baby.

They'll shine over the cradle
Of our little baby.

This appears in **101 Scottish Songs**, subtitled "The Wee Red Book" - a collection of songs selected by Norman Buchan, printed in 1962. His source is quoted as *The Shetland Folk Book*, Vol.1. He adds that it was "Noted down by Mrs. E. J. Smith, Sandness, Shetland, from her mother's singing."

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HIGHER VOICE

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Ba loo, ba lill - Ba - loo, Ba

5 lill - li, Ba loo, Ba lill li, Ba - loo - li ba. 1. Gae a -

10 wa', peerie_ fairies_ Gae a - wa', peerie_ fairies_ Gae a -

14 wa', peerie_ fairies_ fae oor bairn noo.

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LOWER VOICE

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5 VERSE

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