

**SONG:**

**The Barnyards o Delgaty**

Traditional

1. As I cam in by Turra mairket,  
Turra Mairket for tae fee  
I fell in wi a wealthy fairmer,  
O the Barnyards o Delgaty

4. Meg McPherson maks my brose  
An her an me we canna gree  
First a mote and syne a knot  
An aye the ither jilp o' bree

cho. *Lintin addie toorin addie*  
*Lintin addie too rin ae*  
*Lintin lowrin lowrin lowrin,*  
*The barnyards o Delgaty*

5. Fan I gang tae the kirk on Sunday  
Mony's the bonnie lass I see  
Sittin by her Faithers side  
An winkin ower the pews at me

2. He promised me the ae best pair  
That was in the kintra roon  
But fan I gaed hame tae the barnyards  
There wis naethin there but skin and bone

6. Oh I can drink an no get drunk  
An I can fecht an no be slain  
An I can meet wi anither lad's lass  
An aye be welcome tae my ain

3. Its lang Jean Scott she maks my bed  
Ye can see the marks upons my shins  
For she's the coorse ill-trickit jaud  
That fills my bed wi prickly whins

7. My caunle noo it is brunt oot  
Its lowe is fairly on the wane  
Sae fare thee weel tae the barnyards  
Ye'll niver catch me here again

**TO DO:**

1) This song is a bothy ballad and it is called this because

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2) Turra is in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Scotland. The Turra market it mentions is also known as a feein **fair** **festival** **fandango** (circle the correct answer)

3) A pairie is \_\_\_\_\_ and they were used for \_\_\_\_\_

4) What is the food mentioned in the song and what do you think it is?

Food = \_\_\_\_\_ Description = \_\_\_\_\_

5) Link the word up with its correct meaning

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Never      Church      Wick      Country      Coarse      Nothing      Burnt

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**AGE GROUP:** Primary 4+      **TYPE:** Bothy Ballad/ Broad Scots

**TRACK(S):** 11. Whole song  
12. Repeat of song lines

**INFO:**

- Bothy ballads are songs sung by farm labourers in the North east of Scotland, especially around the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.
- Bothies were stone houses on farms where unmarried men slept.
- Turra is the town of Turriff, a town in Aberdeenshire and Delgaty is the farm name.
- A fee is contract of work between farm workers and farmers, for a year or six months
- A feein fair is a festival where you would get work, they were usually held twice a year in some North East Scottish towns.

**ANSWERS:**

- 1) It was a song sung by unmarried farm labourers in the North east of Scotland, especially around the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and they lived in little stone houses called bothies on the farm.
- 2) Turra is in the **North East**  
Turra market is also known as a feein **fair**
- 3) A pairie is a **pair of horses** and they were used for **pulling the plough to plough the land**

4) Food = Brose      Description = Porridge

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**SUGGESTED READING/LISTENING**

- BOOK      Bothy Ballads Songs and Ballads (Ord)
- BOOK      Folk Songs and Ballads of Scotland (MacColl)
- BOOK      Songs of Scotland (Paterson)