



Bards on da Street

Leid Firnenst Da Skave

Whitna wey dös du dae dis
When aa da world says no!
Ah'm tellan dee, du soodna waak
Whaar no een dares tae go.
Du canna taak an onse o' paece
And sit aside da fire.
Ah'm tellan dee wance ageen,
Du's braanded as a liar.

Joy, du's got hit ferly wrang,
No aa da world says no
And honest fokk sood aalwis waak
Whaar knaves an' feuls won't go
And when dey say dat I lee,
Hit's joost da truth dey winna see.

Fiona Rendall

To celebrate the 2014 Year of Dialect, Shetland Library, Living Lerwick and Shetland ForWirds ran a special dialect poetry competition. This is one of 12 chosen poems.

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