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## ARRANE NY FERRISHYN “SONG OF THE [TRAVELLING] FAIRIES” \*

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### Arrane Ny Ferrishyn

- 1 Oie ayns Purt-ny-Hinshey,  
As oie ayns Balley-Rhumsaa.  
Fol dee doodle hi doodle lee ree ho  
Va shin oie ec Keeill-Eoin,
- 5 As oie ayns Balley-Ghoolish.  
Fol dee, etc.  
Va shin oie ayns Purt Chiarn,  
As oie ayns Balley-Chastel.  
Fol dee, etc.
- 10 As oie ayns ~~thie Thom~~ Carn-y-Greie,  
As oie ayns thie Thom Quirk.  
C’red voghe shiu ayns shen?  
Hooar shin praasyn as feill vuck,  
Fol, dee, etc.
- 15 As oie ayns yn uhllin,  
As oie ayns y naaie  
As oie ayns pishyr glass  
Ee kione jiaas ny faaie.  
Fol, dee, etc.
- 20 Oie ayns Cronk-ooilley-beg,  
As oie ayns Cronk-ooilley-mooar.  
Fol, dee, etc.  
Oie ayns Gordon gob-ny-creg,  
Hooar shin cowree lane prinjeig.
- 25 Fol, dee, etc  
Hie shin roish dys Balley-Benney,  
Hooar shin palchey arran corkey  
As meeilley mie dy eeymey.  
Fol, dee, etc.

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(The fairies went on their travels once. When they returned to Dalby, they told the stay at homes about the places they had seen & the fine things they had to eat. A Dalby man overheard them, learnt the music & words, & the song became very popular. The singer if he had any wit always added “localisms.”)

(~~From Tom Billy Hal~~)

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Arrane ny Ferrishyn (or, moonjer-veggey) Ghelby.

- 1 Oie ayns Purt-ny-Hinshey,  
As oie ayns Balley-Rhumsaa.  
Fol, dee, doodle, hi, doodle, lee, ree, ho.  
Va shin oie ec Keeill-Eoin,
- 5 As oie ayns Balley Ghoolish.  
Fol, dee, etc.  
As oie ayns Carn-y-Greie,  
As oie ayns thie Thom Quirk.  
C’red voghe shiu ayns-shen?
- 10 Hooar shin prassyn as feill vuck  
Fol, dee, etc.  
Oie ayns yn uhllin  
As oie ayns yn naaie,  
As oie ayns pishyr glass
- 15 Ee kione jiass ny faaie,  
Fol, dee, etc.  
Oie ayns Cronk-ooilley beg, (= Knockaloe)  
As oie ayns Cronk-ooilley mooar.  
Fol, dee, doodle, hi, doodle, lee, ree, ho.
- 20 Oie ayns Gordon-gob-ny-creg,  
Hooar shin cowree lane prinjeig.  
Fol, dee, etc.  
Hie shin roish dys Balley-ny-benney,  
Hooar shin palchey arran corkey,

25 As meeilley mie dy eeymey.

Fol, dee, doodle, hi, doodle, lee, ree, ho.

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