

The Milking Croon from South Uist

This is a milking song - or cow's lullaby - originally in the Gaelic language, from the island of South Uist, Scotland. It was claimed to have been sung to calm cows during milking. It was collected in 1703.

The lyrics are as follows:

Il a bho-lag-ain il bho m'agh-an
Il a bho-lag-ain il bho m'agh-an
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Mo chrodh laoigh air gach taobh an abh-ainn.

Eel-a vo-la-kin eel vo ma-an
Eel-a vo-la-kin eel vo ma-an
Eel-a vo-la-kin eel vo ma-an
Mó-chró lur air guch turv an a-van.

