

Celtic Folk

"Oh Mo Dhu haich Oh My Country"

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Another traditional Scottish song, this one not very well known.

It's public domain though. These lyrics came from the copy I have of the song on the Sidewaulk album by Capercaillie

Hope all you Gaelic learners out there will benefit from the bilingual lyrics!. Oh, and apologies to anyone from Manitoba :-)

Oh mo dhuhaich- Oh my country (trad.)

An emigrant song in praise of Uist. The beautiful words were written by Allan McPhee who lived at Loch Carnan, South Uist.

O mo dhuhaich 'stu th'air m'aire

Uibhist chumhraidh u
nan gallan,

Far a faighte na daoine' uaisle,

Far 'm bu dual do Mhac 'ic Ailein.

Ti
a'mhurnain, ti
an eorna

Ti
's am pailt a h-uile seo
sa

Far am bi na gilleann oga

Gabhail o
an 's 'g ol an lionna

Thig iad ugainn, carach, seolta

Gus ar mealladh far ar n-eolais;
Molaidh iad dhuinn Manitoꞑa,
Duhaich fhuar gun ghual, gun mhoine.
Cha leig mi leas a bhith 'ga innse,
Nuair a ruigear, 'sann a chithear,
Samhradh goirid foghar siheil,
Geamhradh fada na droch-shide
Nam biodh agam fhin de sto
as
Da dheis aodaich, paidhir bhrogan
Agus m'fha
adh bhith 'nam phoca
'Sann air Uibhist dheanainn seoladh

The song 'the mist covered mountains' on the Local Hero soundtrack is a traditional Gaelic song, 'Chi mi na mor-bheanna' (I will see the big mountains). Here's the words of the chorus incase you fancy singing along the next time you play the soundtrack! This song was also played at John F. Kennedy's funeral. It was written in 1856 by John Cameron of Ballachulish.

O chi, chi mi na mo
-bheanna
O chi, chi mi na co
r-bheanna,
O chi, chi mi na coireachan
chi mi na sgoran fo cheo.

Translation:

O I will see, see the big mountains
O I will see, see the peaked mountains
O I will see, see the corries,
I will see the misty peaks

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