# skara brae "an cailian rua"

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#### An cailin rua

A love song to the beautiful 'CailÃn Rua' 'Red-haired Girl' who takes everything the poet has to offer and then leaves him for a 'shop boy' in the end.

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Nach doiligh domhsa mo chailÃn a mholadh, Nà hé amháin mar bhà sà rua, Bhà sà mar gha gréine ag dul in éadan na ngloinÃ, Is bhà scéimh mhná na Finne le mo chailÃn rua.

### Curfá:

Thug mé lion à ó bhaile go baile, Ó Gheaftaà Dhoire go Baile à tha Luain, Chun fhuil aon mhÃle dár shiúil mé ar an fad sin, Nach dtug mé deoch leanna do mo chailÃn rua.

B'fhearr liom à nÃ<sub>i</sub> bó is nÃ<sub>i</sub> bearrach, Nó a bhfuil de loingis ag tarraingt chun cuain, B'fhearr liom arÃs na cÃos Chluain Meala, Go mbeinn is mo chailÃn i mBaile à tha Luain.

## CurfÃi

Chuir mé mo chailÃn go margadh Shligigh, Ba é sin féin an margadh bhà daor, Bhà scilling agus punt ar an mheánpheicÃn ime, Is go dtug mé sin le fuinneamh do mo chailÃn rua.

# CurfÃi

Chuaigh sà siar agus bróga breac' uirthi, RibÃnà glasuaithne teannta ar a gruaig, D'éalaigh sà uaimse le buachaill an tsiopa, Is a Rà nár dheas Ã, mo chailÃn rua.

#### The Red-haired Girl

Isn't it hard for me to praise my red-haired girl,
Not only because of her red hair,
She was like a ray of sun reflected through glass,
And she had the beauty of the Finne women.

#### Chorus:

I took her from town to town,
From the gates of Derry to Athlone,
There's not a mile of the way I traveled,
That I didn't give my red-haired girl a drink of ale.

I prefer her to any cow or heifer,
Or all the long ships drawing into the harbor,
I would rather than have all the rent of Clonmel,
To be in Athlone with my red-haired girl.

### Chorus

I sent my girl to the Sligo market,
That was the market that was expensive,
A weight of butter cost one guinea,
And I gave it willingly to my red-haired girl.

#### Chorus

She went west wearing striped shoes, Her hair tied up with the greenest ribbons, She left me for a shop-boy, God, wasn't she lovely, my red-haired girl.

## Chorus

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"You'd find it easier to be bad than good if you had red hair," said Anne reproachfully. "People who haven't red hair don't know what trouble is." (Anne of Green Gables)

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The band is Skara Brae : Triona & Maighread Ni Dhomhnaill, Michael Michael Ui Domhnaill and Daithi Sproule.

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