

## In Memoriam

### Çhyndaays jeh skeeal scruit 'sy Vaarle ec John Pilling

"Yeeseey Chreest!"

Haink yn eam voishyn as haink screeagh e ven choud's v'ad fakin faaue dy ghleashaght roish y ghleashtan as dennee ad y builley. Lesh glackanyn s'çhenney, v'eh streeu dy stiurey skyrrey as ny boynyn boggey screeaghey er y raad. Veg agh oarlagh ny ghaa veih beal y jeeig va follit ayns faiyr yn oirr raaidey lhean, hug eh stap er y charbyd.

"Tannee ayns shoh, veen," as eshyn. Doshil eh dorrays yn immanagh. V'eh goaill aggle roish fakin ny v'ayn, agh hooill eh sheese gys yn turlley dy oltyn liauyrey va nyn lhie brebbal er y raad. Mwaagh aeg v'ayn, as çheu e ching attit as fuilltagh. Hie eh sheese er yn daa ghlioon echey, hug eh jeh e chooat as ren eh filley y corp ayn dy meeley. Dymmyrk eh back gys y ghleashtan eh, gys kemmyrk, ny lhie er ught e ven.

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"Ayns aght, veagh ny share eh cur gy baase eh nish," as y fer lhee baagh. "S'goan ta beïyn feie, as mwaee er-lheh, tannaghtyn bio lur drogh-haghyrtyn raaidey. Mannagh vel ny beïyn voghtey shoh geddyn baase er-coontey yn ghreain veih ny gortyn oc, ta wheesh atçhim oc tra vees streean currit orroo as lheiys, dy vel teaym chree jannoo orroo."

"Nagh vel veg ry yannoo er-e-hon?"

"Foddym cur lheiys da gort e ching," as y fer lhee baagh. "Te jeeaghyn nagh vel eh agh broojit dy trome. Ta'n sooill jeeaghyn dy ve mie dy liooar, as baagh aeg eh ayns foaynoo mie. My vees shiu gearree goaill kiarail jeh, dy chooney lesh couyral, foddym eesasaghey lioar diu. Foddee dy bee shiu aighoil."

"Cre'n sorçh dy vee t'eh laccal?"

"T'eh çharbaait nish, my shoh palçhey dy ghlasseeyn oorey aegey. Yn red scanshoil, shen dy 'reayll eh ayns boayl vees çheh as kiune, gyn veg dy chur boirey er, wheesh as oddys shen ve jeant. Foddym cur diu medshin bog dy chiunaghey eh, agh shegin dou cur raau e diu, foddee dy bee currym liauyr dy liooar, gyn veg ec yn jerrey jeh."

"Ny yei shen as ooilley, nee mayd cur eab er. Gura mie ayd son dty chooney."

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Shey shiaghteeyn ny s'anmey, laa grianagh v'ayn, lesh flan as bodjallyn er ard 'sy speyr, dimman ad er y çheer reesht. Y mwaagh, fillit ayns lhuishag as goaill aash dy fea ayns roihaghyn e ven, v'eh jannoo feanish jeh ooryn ceaut ayns goaill kiarail dy surransagh. Daag ad y raad mooar as dimman eh rish lhoanyn cassee glassey cooney derrey haink ad gys y voayl va reiht oc 'sy chasllys çheerey.

Va preaban lhean dy halloo banejagh feayn sheeyney magh seose yn ughtagh gys y reeast va ny lhie heose. Heiy ad rhyboo trooid giat. Ayns shen, ec oirr magher lhean va breck lesh stholeyn glassey beggey dy lussyn aeg, chroymm e ven sheese as hug ee y mwaagh er y thaloo. Dy meeley, ren ee fosley y lhuishag.

Rish shallid ny ghaa, hantee y mwaagh gyn gleashaght. Eisht ren eh jeeraghey as hooill eh dy moal er oaie. Scurr eh as hoie eh seose. Va'n stroin echey craplaghey choud's v'eh stronnaghey ooilley ny soaryn va goll er ymmyrkey er y gheay eddrym harrish y thaloo. Ren cleayshyn liauyrey y wae brebbal. Hyndaa eh e chione as yeeagh eh orroo rish tammylt liauyr dy liooar, eisht ren eh roie roish dy bieau.

Myr dy beagh ad fo ghruaiaght, v'ad nyn shassoo as yindys orroo, fakin e chummey daunsey as lheimmey lesh taitnys dy ve seyr. Soylley yn aegid as y niart echey gyn eab, hug shen ersyn ratçhal scadooyn ny bodjalyn va skeabey harrish ny magheryn, derrey fy yerrey v'eh ass shilley mastey ny cleighyn hoal.

Rish minnid ny ghaa v'ad nyn shassoo, as cooinaghtyn oc dy kiune er ny v'ad er vakin. Eisht, mongey er y cheilley, hrog ad neese y lhuishag as hie ad rhyboo back trooid y yiat as rish y lhoan gys y ghleashtan oc.

"Honnick mee thie aaght mysh lieh-veeiley sheese y raad," as eshyn. "V'eh jeeaghyn dy ve jesh dy liooar. Cre mychione goaill kirbyl ayns shen? Sorçh dy ard 'eailley."

"Shen eie mie," as e ven. "She, by vie lhiam shen, dy jarroo."

Daa oor ny s'anmey, choud's va'n ven echey goaill taitnys jeh'n chaffee eck, hie eh gys y desk oltaghey dy eck y coontey.

"Te jeeaghyn dy vel traght mie eu lesh palçhey dy 'leih ayn," dooyrt eh rish fer y thie aaght, as eh snoggal e chione hug y çhamyr oast, as cronane mooar dy liooar dy choraaghyn ry chlashtyn aynjee.

"Ta, dy jarroo, vainshtyr. Shen myr v'eh rieu mysh traa shoh ny bleeaney. Ta ymmodee fir çheet neose yn imbagh shoh son yn lhiggey. Adsyn as nagh vel reamys er-nyn-son dy hannaghtyn 'sy thie mooar, t'ad çheet dy hannaghtyn ayns shoh. Shoh yn un thie aaght 'syn ard shoh, myr shoh ta vondeish mooar dy liooar ry gheddyn aym."

"Yn lhiggey?" vrie eh.

"She, spoyrt mie eh er-nyn-son, shelg as lhiggey, dy gheddyn rey rish doilleeid er-lheh er thaloo yn duic."

"Doilleeid er thaloo yn duic?" vrie eh reesht.

"She, doilleeid ta cur yn drogh er thaloo y duic," as fer y thie. "S'lesh y duic ta ooilley yn thaloo mygeayrt yn ard shoh. Ta'n duic gooley dy vel eh coayl thousaneyn dy phuint dagh blein, er-coontey jeeill vees goll er jannoo da'n churnaght gheuree."

"Cre'n sorçh dy yeeill as ta shen?" vrie eh.

"Ta stholeyn y churnaght gheuree goll er ee ec ny mwae. Ta'n duic dy firrinagh cur dwoaie daue. T'eh reaghey shelg as ta possanyn cheet neose dy lhiggey ad. Fastyr jiu ta'n chie'd 'er. Liorish jerrey yn shiahtin shoh, cha bee mwaagh erbee faagit bio rish meeilaghyn ooilley mygeayrt yn ard shoh. Shoh nyn goontey, vainshtyr. Ta treisht orrym dy ghow shiu taitnys jeh'n lhongey euish."

"Oh, gow . . . er, gow, dy jarroo," as eshyn, agh doaltattym va ny meir echey feer staghyllagh er y chaart daill echey.

"Gura mie mooar eu, vainshtyr. As my vees oo 'syn ard shoh laa ny ghaa woish nish, bee caa dou cur diu y pye mwae share ren shiu rieu blasstal."

Ayns agh ennagh, haink eh lesh mongey dy faase. "Cha nel shin cheet y raad shoh dy mennick . . . agh gura mie mooar ayd, ansherbee."

Choud's v'eh goll stiagh 'sy chamyr bee reesht, yeeagh e ven seose, agh ltheie e mongey ersooyl tra honnick ee yn eddin echey.

"Vel dy chooilley red mie dy liooar, veen," as ish.

"Ta, dy jarroo," ren eh mongey. "Va mee goaill yindys beggan tra honnick mee quoid va'n coontey. Er-lhiam nagh jean mayd cheet back dys shoh dy Leah."

"Oh, s'cumme'y shen," as ish, "she lhongey mie v'ain, as ta obbyr vie er ve jeant ain jiu. Er-lhiam nagh jeany'm arragh jarrood y mwaagh daunsey 'syn agh shen. Myr dy beagh eh cur bwooise dooin."

Va cowag eck lane dy haitnys y clane raad thie. Cha ren eh rieu insh jee yn 'irriney.