

Smuggler's Lullaby

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A traditional Manx folk song from the Isle of Man. Its title in Manx Gaelic is Arrane Ben Drogh Hraghtalagh, which translates as "Song of the Smuggler's Wife". The smuggler's wife sings this lullaby to warn her husband that English excise men are nearby. It is featured in the BBC Schools radio program Singing Together in the Spring 1995 term booklet.



See the Excise men are coming, Sleep my little hero.
They'll be seeking wine and whisky, Sleep my little hero.
Chorus: Ogh hene, child 'o mine, Sleep my little hero. x2
(Ogh hene, Ihianno meein, Chaddiloo my laa la. {Manx})

Daddy's late and we must warn him, Sleep my little hero.
This run he'll have naught illegal, Sleep my little hero.

Oh the Englishmen may board us, Sleep my little hero.
Nothing wrong will they discover, Sleep my little hero.

Let them search in boat or dwelling, Sleep my little hero.
There is nothing there in the hold but herring, Sleep my little hero".