

A)
Gee lia be(g) oh
gee lia la(g) oh
Gee lia be(g) oh
Nan kerr-och

B)
Gee-lia nan kerr-och-an
Gee-lia nan kerr-och-an
Gee-lia nan kerr-och-an
Ger-loch-oo

Literal translation:

Little boy O, weak little boy O
You are the little boy of the sheep
You are my darling

[Traditional tune \(North Uist, Outer Hebrides\)](#)

[Collected by folklorist Margaret Fay Shaw from Peggy Macrae in 1947](#)

English verses

A)
Little boy O
Precious boy O
You are my tiny shepherd

B)
You are my darling, you are my darling
You are my darling wee shepherd