

**CONCETTA LA MAZZA**

**Erskyn y ghorghys jeh'n speyr.**



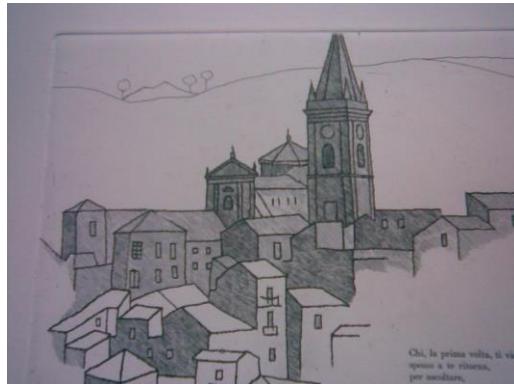


## **Biography**

Va Concetta La Mazza ruggit ayns Novara diliish 'sy vlein 1936, y chied-chiarg jeh'n Doonico La Mazza as y Teresa. Ayns 1950, erreish da'n traa v'eh er n'yannoo "goaill" gys mraane, haink eh gys e ayr as e voir ayns Domodosola, raad t'eh foast cummal marish e oik Giuseppe. Ta tree paitchyn ec: Armando, Luciano as Daniela. Ta'n aght t'eh er n'yannoo rish y traa t'er n'gholl shaghey dy chur coontey jeh'n aght t'eh er n'yannoo rish e Leigh Novarese as shoh t'eh er n'yannoo rish y traa t'er n'gholl shaghey, persoonagh, agh lesh anecdotes as t'eh er n'yannoo rish y thie shen jeh'n traa shen er n'yannoo rish: y cheer, y t'ayn, y t'ayn. , tradishoonyн jeh'n cheer shen ayns ny bleeaney dorragh jeh'n Daa Chogadh Downagh.



## Yn energie primordial jeh scriptyr



Ta'n concetta beg er ny choyrt gys ny uncleyn as t'eh er ny h-arrey dy ve ayns Cstrangia ayns catt ersooyl veih'n cheer as ny companionyn ayns Cstrangia. As myr shen t'eh shooyl e phersoonagh trooid Crucis ayns y ghrian ayns ny bleeaney chard jeh'n choayl eddyr y ghraih, y ghraih jeh'n traa, y ghraih as y ghraih. As lurg y choayl, t'eh ry-akin dy vel y ghraih ry-akin as y toshiaght, ayns y Tuath.

Ta shoh ooilley er ny ghra trooid y sight jeh leshtal ta revisit ayns cooinaghtyn ny phaseyn jeh e ghrow as ta lesh freshness ymmyrchagh as thread thin dy irony cur dooin y taitnys dy leah - er-jerrey - stôrys emblematic jeh'n chommuuney-family ain, able dy ghraih shin dy dowin as shen ta bentyn rish gagħ unnan jeh.

Ayns y lioar shoh ec Concet La Mazza, ta'n scriptyr ry-gheddyn ayns gagh reill as t'eh ry-gheddyn reesht gys ny bleeaney toshiaght, saor veih schematism foshlit, ta ry-gheddyn liorish bea arcana, ry-gheddyn ayns y ghrian, ry-gheddyn rish y ghrian.

Ta ny figyragħyn jeh'n uncle, Antonia as Michele, ry-akin, ry-akin myr y skeeal jeh Novara myr glen, ard-chrauee as sweet myr ta'n agħt ry-akin as ry-akin.

Er-jerrey, ta'n raad doaltattym gys y ghraih tra ta'n neu-reparable er-mayrn, agh cha nel y concept beg er-y-fa shen er-y-fa shen er-y-fa shen er-y-fa shen, er-yn-oyr dy vel ee er-y-fa shen er-y-fa shen, er-yn-oyr dy vel ee er-y-fa shen er-y-fa shen er-y-fa shen er-y-fa shen er-y-fa shen er-y-fa shen. yn għorġ ny speyr!

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“Thoshiaght Calvary dou. Ta’n laa torrid ry-akin, t’eh er n’yannoo rish y vlein 1938, va mee daa vleïn d’eash as haink my aunt dy m’ymmyrkey. Ayns baggyrt fabric, hug eh blouse as daa pheesh dy pantys, as eisht ignor jeh ooilley ny ren mee y chur magh my thie. Va mee cho beg as nagh row mee ry-akin dy row my Via Crucis toshiaght y laa shen.

# **Erskyn y ghorghys jeh'n speyr.**

## **Primo Chapter - Yn thie-oast**



Ta'n traa t'ayn nish ny sean-run, er ny h-oik ec ny cobwebs as ny cobwebs agh, t'eh ry-akin rish y traa t'ayn, ayns Novara, balley ta ny lkie fo fortress mooar er ny beinn Messina, ayns alley ayns slyst yn Engia va thie faggys da'n founnagh. Va'n dorrays stiagh er ny choyrt stiagh 'sy chied lhooar raad v'eh room beg lesh keyboard cowrey: v'eh y seihll-chleaysh. T'ou er n'gholl seose gys y lhooar t'er-skyn as va'n chidney, my row eh er ny enmyssey. Ayns corneil, va slat cloie er-y-fa shen y aile as tripod yiarn er ny choyrt va custum y chur da pot y pasta. Ayns y chione, croghey er y balley, duillag myr y pitch, y shliaghtey cowrey, daa ghraih, un ghraih beg as un mooar, y furnace dy ghraih y arran, er y taobh ta'n chest lesh y chree, table, daa "furrizzi" as cadrey Rengine. Er-jerrey v'eh ry-akin, lesh balcony v'er n'eiyr magh

ass y alley, raad v'eh ry-akin dy row agh leshtal ayns square. Yn towl shen va'n reeriaght raad va'n ayr-mooar v'er-chea ayns 1934. Va latrinine cloie er ny gheddyn ayns y fo-ushtaghyn lesh cover cowrey. Son cha row sewer erbee, v'eh ry-hoi y stench v'er ny chur magh. As s'cosoylagh, va'n tie er ny reih son ushtey reih as soilshey leigh, convenience dy row ad er n'yannoo baronyn. As rish y gheat cowrey v'er n'yannoo rish y Baglio raad v'ad ny h-eaystyn ry-cheilley er y chosh.

Ayns y chorneil shoh, er-mayrn jeh'n theihll, va my voir cummal cooidjagh marish e ayr-mooar, v'er ny s'samsagh, daa vraar as sheer, ooilley ny s'odjey na ee, v'ad er wyn goyrt as v'ad myrgeddin cummal ayns Novara. Va my voir blonde, thin, ard-frail jeh'n bun-reiltys, va'n aghyt dy ghra as y fer v'er ny ghra dy row ee ny s'inshley jeh'n veeal eck, as myrgeddin bainney, v'ad daa s'mooar y ghrai, cha row eh agh dy bragh scanshoil as trimshagh. Ta'n baase t'er-dy-henney jeh'n mraane, tra v'ee feed - kiare bleeaney d'eash, er ve y red v'ee er n'yannoo.

Beggan bleeaney er-dy-henney erreish da'n mraane, my mraane, my mraane, er y ghrai, jeh un jeh e ghrai, ren eh y Prince Charming echey. Va m'aer jeh'n teihll elegant jeh'n Badavecia, as ren ad tavern lesh tobacconist as bieys. V'eh ny kynney dy obbreayn mooarey, as va my ayr ny ghooinney, rere dagh ooilley pheagh, feer aalin, ard, bane, breck as obbee. Va'n 'eayst echey ayns fraction fadagh veih'n balley: er cosh, dy lena mie, ayns leshtal oor v'ou er gheddyn. Va e ad ynnyd er n'gholl er-gerrey. Va'n mraane ny ben dynamic, ayns y moghrey hie ee gys Novara rish y mul dy cheannagh ny genres v'ad er choyrt ayns y shop: tobacconists, salann as edibles. Ta mee dagh ooilley traa dress elegant lesh shawl mooar dooghyssagh mygeayrt y muiney, cheayll y gazette myrgeddin dy chur fys er ny customeryn. V'eh yn ynrican shapp 'sy thie-lhong as well -being 'sy thie shen, ga dy row hoght beeal dy veaghey, cha row gorley ayn.

Yn oie 'sy traa t'er n'gholl shaghey, hug eh cooney da'n patronyn nish - as e wallet - as y wine y hroggal lesh sniaghtey colouragh. Son nagh vel ny cloan dy bragh er-e-

skyn obbyr ny paraghyn, v'ad my ayr er n'ynsaghey obbyr y cho-chowrey. As lurg y ghraih v'er n'eiyrt rish beggan meeidyn, hie my ayr as my voir, tra v'eh er phoosey, er n'yannoolyn nest graihagh ayns y thie ec y fountain ayns y rannagh jeh'n ENGIA. Dy row mee er-y-fa shen er-y-fa shen er-y-fa shen er-y-fa shen as, myr t'eh er ny ghra, va'n ennym jeh'n mraane-oast, Concetta. As s'cosoylagh rish y traa t'ayn va'n crosh dooghyssagh as ry-chroo, v'eh dagh ooilley traa er ghra. Yn sheshey-oast, er-yn-oyr nagh row cradle ain, v'eh er ny h-arrey dy chroshaghey ooilley'n laa casherick ayns e laueyn, hie'n oie er-gerrey ayns y Latvian lesh dad as moir. Rere dy choilley ghooinney, va mee feer olk as neu-chooishagh. Beggan meeidyn ny yei, lurg da'n obbyr ayns y çheer ve scarrit, ren m'ayr y rheynn dy gholl gys Sardinia. As tra v'eh er n'eiyrt son yn ellan elley, v'eh er n'eiyrt jeh'n mraane rish y ven as cretoor elley v'eh er n'eiyrt 'sy mraane.

Tra v'ee feed bleïn d'eash, v'ee er ny ruggey. Va'n ennym jeh'n mraane-oast. Er-nonney rish Concetta, Rosa - dagh ooilley traa cordail rish my mraane - v'ee s'beggan, geal as pink jeh'n cho-chowrey, y ghruagh brown v'er frameey front harmonious ta er ny h-earroo lesh daa sooill ghorghys s'beggan: bleayst, myr e ennym! As shen, tra hie my voir gys y fountain dy ghoaill ushtey lesh pink e chaarjyn ayns e laueyn, ghow ee fys jeh'n aght v'eh ry-hoi y ruggey daa niart dy choilley ghooinney. - CCà, Rusina, myr shen va Billicchia, agh yn Author...- She shoh, Rosina, myr shen dy vel eh s'creeney, agh y jeh elley... dooyrt ad ny caraidey lesh grimace ny lippyn. Ayns y laa t'ayn, ayns y stayd shoh, hie mee er-gerrey, myr dy beagh mee er choyrt raad da'n lugth-thie jeh'n ordeal, goaill booise da Jee, agh cha nee lesh y ghraih.

Dy insh y sequel da'n skeeal, hoshiaght, shegin dou cur fys ort da my aunt Antonia, ayns giarrey, zì 'nuia. V'eh ny shuyr smoo jeh my voir, eddyr ny jees va shiaght bleeaney jeig dy keeayl. She ben low as baby, lesh e ghruaie glen v'er n'gholl er e sooillyn. Show eh ny smoo bleeaney na adsyn v'echey as ayns e sight foshlit cha row agh cho mooar dy h-ummid. Tra v'ee feed bleïn d'eash, ec y traa

shen myr sheshey, phoos ee un jeh'n chied cousin, ry-cheilley rish ny obbraghyn ayns Gallery Sempione, v'er-mayrn as lesh mac tree -old -old -old. T'eh, my uncle Michele, Zì Micheri, dooinney low as v'eh myr dy row y copy plebeian jeh'n Ree Vittorio Emanuele III, ry-cheilley ayns thie echey hene ayns straid dy liooar jeh'n cheer son ny steatyn ry-cheilley. V'eh ny thie aalin. Er y thalloo va'n shop carpenter lesh counter mooar lesh y ghraih, daa cabinet wall raad v'eh geddyn rasp, chisels, sucks, hollows as hatch, lathe dy row ad ry-cheilley rish cosh ny tableyn v'eh er n'yannoo, mola va feme Son rollaghey plale as bladyn, stoof cowrey lesh saucepan dy liquefy y glue, ny tableyn stack ayns dagh ard-valley, cuid jeu sega ry-cheilley rish y balley, va cuid jeh'n charm fortunate myr railingyn-carroo, goat as turtleryn, ayns gearr, un jeh ny seihlltyn shen va liorish nish cha nel ad bentyn da'n seihll dy ennaghtyn.

Staircase cowrey v'er ny choyrt gys y chiad lhooar, raad v'eh daa room s'leaie lesh tiles ceramic, luxur ayns ny laa shen, sideboard v'er ny yannoo ec my uncle, sofa, table as cuid jeh ny cadreyn ry-cheilley lesh y raffia, y raffia. Veih'n balcon ta jeeaghyn er y raad gys y mezzagosto, tra ta'n obbyr jeh'n Assumption mychione ny abbey ry-heet, v'eh ry-hoi y chione jeh'n Madonna. Veih'n daa lhoor ayns ynnyd t'ou uss goaill rish Rocca Salvatesta as roish, trooid glimmer eddyr ny thieyn, oddagh oo admire yn ard-valley s'leaie jeh'n beinn v'er n'eyirt magh s'leaie, er-skyn blue y skyn, gys y marrey raad, goaill stiagh ayns yn laa-fresh y marrey tra nagh row haze ayn, v'eh ry-akin er y wire jeh'n horizon Vulcano as eisht Lipari, Stromboli as ooilley ny h-ellanyne elley: show najooragh, s'cosoylagh, s'cosoylagh.

Va staircase elley ry-cheilley rish y chiad lhoor, raad v'eh ry-cheilley lesh y chidney as y room-cloie, v'eh ry-cheilley lesh ovn cowrey son arran as stove iarn. Va'n thie s;brinnagh, er-lheh y n'aigney jeh'n chidney gyn sink lesh drain dy hurranse seose ny obbraghyn 'sy thie s'rieau. Ayns ny laa shen cha row cuid jeh

comfortyn foast ry-gheddyn. Va'n ushtey er ny choyrt gys y fountain pobble ayns quartar zinc as eisht hug eh gys y daa lhooar raad v'eh er ny hroggal ayns terracot mooar dy ghlenney ny plateyn. Son cha row y sink erbee er ny scarrey, v'eh er ny choyrt reesht gys y thalloo as v'eh er ny thrown stiagh 'sy toilet. Son ben v'eh obbyr dy liooar. Ta'n stayd servile as stiurey, ec y chrosh jeh gagh obbyr dooinney, er n'gholl gys e culmination tra v'ee er n'yannoo rish tra v'ee er n'yannoo rish Aunt Antonia, er-yn-oyr dy row ee er n'ee er yr un dish raad v'eh er n'yannoo rish, as, mraane , ren y ven-reill y red cheddin, agh cha nel mee er n'yannoo ymmyd jeh'n red shoh.

Va Uncle Michele dooinney glen as glen myr obbree myr foalsey, ayns ynnyd y chree v'eh er n'yannoo maglio-gainney maglio. Ayns e sooillyn cha vel mee rieu er vakin glimmer dy tendreil ny troggal da feallagh elley. Va'n aunt echey ry-cheilley ayns y thie dy yeeaghyn er e mac, v'eh ry-hoi ry-hoi dy ee, dy hirveish eh as dy row eh dy bragh gra, ta, yes. Cha row eh ry-akin ny-lomarcan rish y balcon er-nonney v'ad trimmid, tra v'eh cha row eh agh gagh oïd er chlashtyn rish y obbyr hie eh gys y tavern lesh e chaarjyn dy ee.

Dyrree eh stiagh, madwood as lesh anaase smellagh nagh row ry-hoi ry-hoi. Ayns ny laghyn shen, lesh soilshey oil, v'eh erreish da derrey'n traa 'sy noid gyn agh ymmyd jeh. As tra haink y ree beg - glen, cha row echey y neart dy hroggal y stairs - er-yn-oyr dy row eh er n'eiyrt eh hene er y counter obbyr lesh dust as harrish v'eh er-mayrn ooilley'n oie dy scarrey y hangover. Aunt Antonia, dys ooilley ny reddyn, hug eh eh hene lesh Pastrano as shuigh eh rish dy ghraihs rish y moghrey. As shen-y-fa ny bleeaney er nyn goyrt as, ayns ymmyd son y chooid smoo dy ghraihs, cha row ee ry-hoi gobbraghey as geddyn e charrey dy shegin da'n scene y sheiltynys. Eshyn, jealous, pety as overbearing, hie eh dy cheannagh y thread dy chur coontey, combyn, clips hair as reddyn elley, dy chur cass da'n thie. Nush v'ad er nyn goyrt gys y ghraihs, cha row Uncle Michele derrey'n traa s'jerree er-dy-henney as cha row Aunt Antonia ry-gholl stiagh 'sy thie derrey v'ad ry-gholl er-gerrey da'n lught-thie.

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Gagh traa as ec y traa shen ren ad y ghra rish, traa elley v'eh er jeet ayns traa agh ec y traa shen, ayns mean y phartee, v'eh ry-hoi as v'eh Antonia er n'yannoo rish as s'mish, dy row eh er-gerrey da'n Mogia Mogia Mogia Mogia. As y traa v'eh er n'yannoo seaghnid as trimshagh, cha row eh ry-hoi rish dooinney erbee er-yn-oyr dy row eh er ny h-immeeaght, v'eh ry-hoi dy row eh ry-hoi dy atrocious as dy row eh er n'yannoo eh son seihlllyn ooilley.

Un laa as Pia, enmyssit Uncle Michele as hug eh eh da son ooilley ny mraane ren eh da e ven: - dy beagh oo er n'yannoo rish - dy yannoo myr shen dy ghoaill rish y ven... Ta feme er Antonia dy ghoaill aer. Cha nel eh ry-hoi y sgreeuchaghey eh ayns thie, shegin da goll magh, goll gys mass, goll gys ny co-cheilley, myr ta ooilley ny ta Creesteeyn. As s'erskyn ooilley, shegin da goll, agh ayns y raad shoh nee'n bennreill goll er... Ren y cho-chosney v'er n'yannoo break gearr, eisht hie ee er-gerrey dy ghra: - ny sloo na oor veih shoh gobbraghey sheese er cosh son track mule ta shin jeh'n thalloo as thie beg Very s'moddey lesh kichin fo'n mullagh as room beggan fliugh y vod ad y serve myr seihll-chaggee ayns y samhradh. Ayns y thalloo shoh ta plantyn dy hazelnuts, figgyn, mandalyn, mraane, grapeyn, grapeyn, ziz, appleyn, pears, olive, ayns giare, dy chooilley well jeh Jee.

As ta fys eu, erreish da my vraar, shegin dou goaill rish my aunt as cha noddym goaill rish y campaign ny s'mooar, shen-y-fa smooinee mee dy row mee er n'yannoo rish. Cre'n-fa nagh jean oo eh? So by vie da'n ven y chowrey dy n'ansoor aer mie... ec y toshiaght ren Uncle Michele geddyn rish agh eisht hie eh er-gerrey dy gholl gys eh as myrgeddin dy row ee myrgeddin er n'yannoo rish e chree dy cheannagh eh. Ayns traa gerrid va'n contract ry-gheddyn as haink y thie er. Son shen, ta'n daa-eed jeh'n Vittorio Emanuele III, er ny h-arrey as ny s'perfidious, t'er ny choyrt gys Aunt Antonia: - T'ou uss goaill rish dy chosney ny figgyn as nee oo ad y yannoo dry. As tra t'ou dy ghlenney ny laghyn t'ou goll sheese gys y lhong as t'ou uss goaill y ushtey ry-hoi dy ee as dy choshey lesh y ghleashtan y ghlei. Cha bee eh neu-chosley 'sy ghew tra ta'n aarkey ta sheeyney lesh ushtey agh bee'm

erskyn y obbyr shoh. Ayns stayd elley, t'ou uss goaill y campaign. Lesh e sight low aunt Antonia, un uair arree, ren eh myr v'eh er ny ordrey: - Cuumu oo, eu fazzu.- Myr ta shiu er-y-fa shen, ta mee, dreggyr eh dy row eh er ny choyrt.

## Chaptan - Oight ass y theihll



Va'n dooinney bochill as Zì Micheri 'sy vlein 1936 er n'gholl gys Cstrangia, 'sy cheer, er-gerrey da'n strooan 'sy slyst. Ayns ny h-eaystyn dy Badavecchia, San Basilio as Vallancazza v'eh ry-gheddyn, v'eh er ny skeayley as v'ad er n'eiyrt rish son y obbyr. Ayns ny laa shen va'n custom, agh nish, t'eh ry-akin, tra v'ad feme er boayrd, uinnag, fennish ny wardrobe, dy row ad er n'enmys y carpenter as ren ad eh y reayll ayns nyn thie: v'ad improvise workbench as ren ad y cadley ry-gheddyn. Ghow Uncle Michele ny h-instrumentyn as stayd yn spot derrey t'eh er n'yannoo y obbyr.

Ghlare ad er dy gheddyn craid as hug ad da daa vleïn dy h-earroo. Va'n trunk craid er ny hoiaghey er mullagh. Va'n carpenter geddyn yn s'jerree as y h-oik ec y ghraihi: "Serra Serra Mastro Descio ta dumè Fagima ayns Cascia" (ta shin er n'yannoo Segu ny Master Master dy vel shin jannoo y Cassapanca mairagh).

Va'n trunk craid er ny hoiaghey er mullagh. Lesh saw mooar ghow ad ny boordyn as marish ny h-eashyn shoh troggal fenestran, leaghyn, wardrobes. Son y obbyr shoh t'eh er n'irree 4 as hie eh lesh e phoosey as e iarn. Va'n lught-thie er chur da'n lught-thie cur da bainney fresh lesh onion as pitch arran. Ayns mean y vee-chraueeaght as y cheese. Ayns obbyr y ghraihi, s'cosoylagh dy row eh er n'obbraghey

as hug eh arran da'n chied deposit roish my v'eh er choyrt y cunnt ec y Downey ayns Novara.

Va beggan bleeaney er-dy-henney as e mac, Turillu, er n'gholl seose as er n'immeeaght er e chree nagh row eh er n'yannoo rish, cha nee er-y-fa shen ayns y theihll, dy chur y chooid elley jeh'n vea echey er-lheh ayns y çheer. Va'n obbyr echey er n'ynsaghey obbyr e ayrey agh v'eh er ny ghra dy row eh er n'yannoo speecialize as dy ve ebanist. Va'n aght echey dy ghra rish e ayr dy chur eh gys ard-valley raad v'eh ry-hoi y art shen. Va eh er n'gholl gys Catania as lurg daa vleïn jeh'n apprentice, v'eh feer vie, v'eh feer glen dy yannoo y obbyr shen, as lurg da v'eh nish jeih bleeaney d'eash, v'eh smooinaghtyn dy row'n traa er jeet dy hroggal e chloan. Son bleeaney v'eh er n'eaishtagh rish niart y bochilley as ren eh ymmyd jeh'n aght shoh agh hie eh er-gerrey da toilchinys Zì Micheri v'eh er ny ghra dy row e mac dy phoosey ben e caste. Ayns ny laa shen, dy row, agh v'eh myr shoh: son v'eh ry-hoi ry-hoi ry-hoi ry-hoi ry-hoi ry-hoi. Etre nyn ayr as y mac ren eh ymmyd mooar jeh co-chaslys mooar va er n'eiyrt Turillu dy scarrey eh hene dy row eh er-y-fa shen veih e ayr as e stepmother. Lesh e theay noa, hie eh magh ass y çheer as hie eh gys Como raad v'eh er n'yannoo mooar dy ghraihs rish e obbyr.

Cha row cloan ec ny uncleyn, myr shen, lesh y raad jeh Turillu, v'ad er-mayrn dy row ad nyn-lomarcan. Yn vooinjer va s'palant y yannoo, v'eh Aunt Antonia v'er chosney ny laa dy ghra rish ny eaystyn, ny fliaghey as ny mosquitoes v'er n'yannoo buzzey mygeayrt orroo. Ayns shen ayns y valley cha row echey y chowrey dy loayrt rish dooinney erbee. Cha nee agh er y traa t'ayn, t'eh ry-akin dy vel y Madonna Assunta ayns Ferragosto er n'yannoo rish y valley dy gheddyn my mraane. Ayns un jeh ny h-earrooyn shoh erreish da v'er n'yannoo rish y traa shen, hug ee ymmyd jeh'n stayd eck: - Dear Teresa, hug mee tastey da dy vel daa niau-chloan t'ou er n'yannoo rish, dy row oo er n'yannoo rish mish dy vod oo ve ny s'saor dy chur rish yn nieu beg. Ta mee goaill ee gys y cheer raad ta'n aer ny share as nee'm eh dy mie - va my voir er-dy-hoshiaght er-y-fa shen agh ec y traa shen, myr dy bragh, er-yn-

oyr dy row ee er-y-fa shen, er-y-fa shen, er-y-fa shen, er-y-fa shen, er-y-fa shen, er-y-fa shen.

Son mish ghow toshiaght yn oardagh. Ta'n laa torrid ry-akin, t'eh er n'yannoo rish y vlein 1938, va mee daa vleïn d'eash as haink my aunt dy m'ymmyrkey. Ayns baggyrt fabric, hug eh blouse, daa pheesh pantys as gyn toiggal jeh ooilley ny ren mee y chur magh my thie. Va mee cho beg as nagh row mee ry-akin dy row my Via Crucis toshiaght y laa shen. Va shin er n'eyirt y raad mule shen erreish da lesh oor ny s'cosoylagh dy row shin er jeet gys y raad ard-chrauee shoh lesh beggan jeh'n Castangia (Cassandra!) myr dy row shin er n'yannoo rish y mraane, ayns gerrit, va'n ennym er-dy-henney er-dy-henney. Cha row mee ry-hoi. Va'n fer-reill er n'yannoo rish mee dy mie, as ren my aunt dou ry-hoi ry-hoi dy ghlaçkey my sympathy as tra v'eh marish Novara dy gheddyn my mraane v'eh er n'inh dou dy bragh dy row mee er n'gholl stiagh ayns my thie agh v'eh ny share dy hroggal lesh r'ee dy row eh ny lomarcan As dy beagh eh er n'yannoo mee myr moir. Cha row mee ry-hoi agh gobbraghey.

Ayns y laa t'ayn, hie my ayr ass Sardinia, er-mayrn agh seihll, doarrit dy chur my mraane trome, as hie eh magh. Va shin ayns 1939 as y vlein er-dy-henney va Antonietta er ny ruggey. Ta mee cooinaghtyn foast dy row my aunt Antonia er chur mee gys Novara liorish e mam as honnick mee my chreear son y chiad cheayrt. Va mee er-y-fa shen er-y-fa dy row mee er n'yannoo y Antonietta beg agh my aunt, ny s'mooar as ny s'mooar jeh my vea, er ghra rhym: - Turnmu ec y thie, t'ou uss fazzu jeh'n causitta s'beggan - (ymmee'm. thie, nee'm dollaghey s'beggan).

Nush haink shin gys y catapchus hug eh "causitta" jeh pizza lesh peintyryns red, dy ghra. Va mee er n'eaishagh. Va'n traa shen er-y-fa dy row mee er-y-fa shen er-y-fa dy row mee er-chea gys Novara veih'n ayr-mooar as y mraane agh cha row eh er-y-fa shen er-y-fa shen er-y-fa shen er-y-fa shen er-y-fa dy row eh er-y-fa shen er-y-fa shen er-y-fa dy row eh er-y-fa shen er-y-fa shen. Ayns ny tree bleeaney t'er n'gholl

shaghey, ren shin ymmodee traa y yannoo ayns thie y valley ayns Castangia, raad nagh row annym beo, agh s'anmey dy vel shin er n'yannoo rish y thie-sappagh ayns ny thieyn scarrit mygeayrt y thie mygeayrt.

As y laa Downey hie shin gys y valley as hie shin er-shaghryn dy gheddyn mom, shuyr as seihll-oast. Va'n ven-oast ny ghooinney s'niessej lesh y musthaa. T'eh er chur lesh tobacconist v'er n'yannoo sniff. Ayns y gheimmey ghow eh mee fo'n cloak, as hug eh orrym y square y cheannagh as dy row mee er n'yannoo blass jeh'n wine ec y Osteria veih "Sciancaditta" erskyn y hospitaal. As y vee shen hie shin reesht gys Cstrangia.

Beggan oieyn hie yn uncle dy phrowal rish y band, raad v'eh er n'eiyrt, as eisht stayd yn trombone ec y tavern as hie eh reesht gys ard-valley Arzillo. Va 500 metre veih Cstrangia toshiaght dy ghra "Contettina, 'Ntoia...". Ayns y thie, va'n aunt ayns y traa shen er n'yannoo y pot-thallooin dy h-earroo yn ushtey er y tripod. Lesh y chosh, ren eh eh hene ny s'cosoylagh, mraane dy scarrey y fion. Ayns pan iarain ren y aunt y onion y yannoo rish ny tomatyn dy s'cosoylagh rish y pasta. Cha row y onion cooit as hug eh y vomiting dou. "Eat, er-nonney ta mee goaill y cryss as ta mee cur da'n corp...".

Ayns ny laa shen, va ben jeh'n cheer Venetianagh y mraane San Basilio. As tra v'eh ry-gheddyn, v'eh ayns uncle uncle Michele er y slyst (ayns Ciancalà) son ceannaghtyn 'sy pharmacy ayns Novara. Scuirr eh ayns thie as dooyrt eh "Antonia, veih shawl ta fud-y-cheilley". Ta'n aunt boght, cha nel fys aym my row eh er chlashtyn dy row eh ny s'glenney jeh Michele.

Va mee er-y-fa shen cwoiae bleeaney d'eash, er-yn-oyr dy row mee er loayrt rish dooinney erbee v'er jeet dy ve myr bea-chraueeaght nagh row ry-chlashtyn. Va mee boggysagh da oolley. Nush hie shin gys Novara, hug mee foddey jeh son dy row mee aggle roish deiney. Va'n co-chosney er n'yannoo rish y ghrai shoh as myr

shen hug ad comhairle da'n uncleyn dy chur mee gys kindergarten. Son y chooid smoo, ren ny uncleyn ad hene y ghra. As un laa er-dy-henney hug e aunt e uncle Michele dy cheannagh mee biscuit as hug eh eh ayns y basket straw geal dy row y mraane-oast paternal er chur dou. As rish y biscuit, hug eh ught fresh. Va'n ghrian ry-cheilley rish y kindergarten va ry-cheilley rish abbey y valley. As tra v'eh er n'oghaghey y dorrays er-gerrey, t'eh er n'yannoo rish. Ta mee er n'yannoo y basket er y thalloo, as hie'n egg er-gerrey as hie mee gys y lhoo. Va'n aunt er n'yannoo mee lesh sparkle jeh'n aghth mie as hug eh mee stiagh. So my chied laa asylum dy ve ny s'jerree.

Haghyr eh, er y fa dy row mee kiare, dy dooyrt y derrey yeh: - Concettina, goll gys Novara dy ghoaill yn Carmieri (y calmaney) son yn چenn er y chione -. Ren mee reih er y raad mule myr ferret, hie mee ass y rannagh Ghreagagh, ry-cheilley stayd ec y fountain dy scughey my thirst, as haink mee gys y pharmacy "du Surcattu". Eshyn, y pharmacist, s'mish t'eh er ghra rish my chaarjyn dy row mee er n'gholl ayns traa ghorragh as dy daink mee reesht veih Novara myr soilshey. Tra v'ad cwoaie bleeaney d'eash, hug ad mee gys Barcelona veih co-cheilley distant. Ayns shen honnick mee as clashtyn lesh ard-surprise son y chiad cheayrt... y radio! T'eh er n'gholl gys shop myrgeddin dy cheannagh p'art pea. Va'n ven-vendee er ny mharkey: - cheayll y hat as y scarf geal -. Ayns y jersey ren ad ad hene y ghra as hug y ven-reill daa remnants jeh blue as celestial. Yn laa er-giyn hug shin ny fabricyn gys y mraane v'ayns beggan laa package ny laghyn. As y laa Downey, va mee er n'yannoo myr niartyn ny Marquiseyn as Baronyn Novara.

Ayns geamrey 1941, ayns mean y chaggey, hug my ayr gys jersey e obbyr ayns Sardinia, ren eh ymmyd jeh cara jeh echey dy ghoaill ymmyd jeh'n aghth shoh dy ghoaill ymmyd jeh'n obbyr cobbler. Va'n aer y hint dy row my voir dy row mee er n'gholl gys my ayr as jeh shoh va mee er ny stroie, choud as dy row mee er n'eiyrt fo'n lioar echey, cha row mee er n'eiyrt as er n'eaishtagh rish daa grain dy nipplyn rish ry-heet lesh cuid jeh'n Crosticine er-yn-oyr dy row yn cha row anau erbee er

n'yannoo mee. T'eh er n'yannoo mee ersooyl. Ta mee cooinaghtyn dy vaik mee fuill son dy row mee er n'yannoo rish. Cur mee y shirt canvas v'er n'yannoo rish y laa as y noid, shen-y-fa y dress, as cha row dooinney erbee er n'yannoo rish.

Roish my row eh er n'gholl ersooyl, ren y mraane feddyn magh ass thie yn ayr-mooar ayns ordre, va'n dooinney bochill er-mayrn. Smooinee eh er cur y soilshey lectragh, ec y traa shen prerogative ny chiarnyn. Roish my row eh er ny ussaghey "u uous" ayns olagh. Va Uncle Michele er n'eiyrt eh: beggan laa er-dy-henney ghow eh y leigh er y raad as ren eh eh y chur stiagh y soilshey ayns e hie, as tra hie mee gys y cheer va mee myrgeddin goaill rish soilshey beg er y stairs cowrey steep. Nush va mee dy gholl gys y cabinet (ayns Latrea), ayns obbyr towl simply v'er y thalloo er y thalloo er y thalloo er y laboratory, ry-cheilley va dagh ooilley traa stacked chest crait, va'n uncle er ny h-oik dy ve ready son y ghraihs.

As ec y traa shen, v'eh er ny ghleiy ayns satin blue lesh sleeveyn celestial, marish e uncle as e sheshey-oast, marish e voir as e chreear gys y post-post ayns square San Sebastiano, shen-y-fa, y bus. , t'ad y chur seose gys y stashoon raad-iarain viglier. Cha row y 4-bleïn -old er-y-fa shen er-y-fa shen er-y-fa shen: - Mannagh row oo er-y-fa shen er-y-fa shen.

Mish, y chied-geayrt, va'n aunt aym er n'eiyrt as er n'eiyrt ayns Novara. Cha row mee er jeet gys jerrey erbee jeh cliaghtey. Va mee goaill comfort ayns laueyn e ayr-mooar. Va eshyn er-mayrn myrgeddin as son y laa shen ren mee cummal marish dy choyrt eh da'n chompany. As lurg mysh feed laa, haink y chiad lioar jeh'n mraane, as t'eh er n'insh da'n toshiaght shoh. Va Dad er n'yannoo jeh'n aght t'ee er n'yannoo rish ushtey ayns thie as stove gas, son y ghraihs eck. As eh er n'gholl stiagh ayns y story, y laa erreish da'n cheet-stiagh v'eh er n'enmys e hairdresser 'sy thie dy yannoo ee 'sy ghraihs. Ayns y valley, va cha row ooilley ny mraane ry-gheddyn rish y tupé. Ayns red beg, va my voir son y chied cheayrt ayns e bhea

sonnys as satisfait. Ayns jerrey y story, hug eh m'aigney. Cha row eh dy shicky  
smooinaghtyn er my veeal ayns Cstrangia.

Y laa er-dy-henney, hug Aunt Antonia mee reesht gys y valley as dooyrt ee rish e  
oik dy cheannagh mee y chiad rang-oardagh dy ynsaghey mee dy scriptey as dy  
voddyn goll gys y daa rang-oardagh ayns y chied rang ayns y vee-oik. Pooar mee:  
Cha row mee ry-chlashtyn rish, agh v'eh orrym caghlaa traa dy scriptey auctions as  
uimhir. Veih Cstrangia gagh-laa as eisht hie y mraane magh ass San Basilio raad  
v'eh er n'ynsee. Va'n ennym eck Maria, v'ee ny niar captan va'n aunt fys echey. Hug  
eh glass ushtey da. Ayns y tammaghyn, hoilshee mee da'n lioar-note as v'ee er my  
ghra. T'eh er n'eiyrt pencil red ass y baggyrt as s'cosoylagh eh "Brava". Cre'n  
ghrayse, cre'n shee dy m'ymmyrkey mollaght, ta'n red shen ymmyrchagh dou. Va  
mee ny s'melancholy gagh laa, hug mee da'n aght dy chur mee ass uncleyn paternal  
as mraane-oast, agh dooyrt y aunt nagh row eh ry-hoi.

Va aggle er dy row mee ry-hoi ry-hoi myr v'eh er ny ymmyrkey as er ny ghra.  
Ayns y fa, cha row y bia doarrit son ben v'er n'eiyrt as ry-fhooghley: 'sy moghrey  
hug ad dou p'art dy branch chreeney lesh cheese, ec mean-oalsey salad tomato as  
daa olive. As y vee-chraueeaght ec y traa shen, hug ee pasta beg lesh sauce  
improvised er y ghrai. As mannagh row mee er n'ee eh, va mee ayns risk dy  
ghoaill caterva barel. Son ymmyd y yanno jeh beggan oieyn ren eh pasta as beans  
soft y yanno. Agh ec y Nollaig, va'n Blein Noa, Carnival as Easter er n'yanno  
ymmyd jeh'n ghrian ny rabbit. Ayns Jerrey Geuree ren ad muck y varroo jeh v'ad er  
gheddyn salami spicy as lard, agh v'eh ry-hoi y stroie ad lesh y dropper er-nonney  
cha row ad ry-hoi ry-hoi rish y vlein. Gagh traa as nish er y Downey, cheayll y  
uncle y trie glen dy smooinaghtyn er, eddyr y traa t'ayn, t'eh cur rish mee dy row,  
ny jeh'n gut ry-hoi ry-hoi er branch y parsley, y stiglio, v'er nyn skeaylley ec y  
traa shen. Va'd ooilley ny reddyn cheap er-yn-oyr, myr t'ad, cha row eh ry-hoi ry-  
hoi myr ny mraane-oast as v'ad er n'yanno reesht: See, t'ad dagh ooilley traa y  
tegami lyn sausageyn as s'saucco, ee as deen. Veih ny deiney shen - dooyrt ad -

shegin dhyt tannaghtyn -. Va aggle er ny uncleyn dy row ny co-cheilley elley er n'yanno rish dy row mee er n'yanno rish my mraane as my ayr ec y continent. Ren ad y chooid smoo dy yanno ad dy ghra roosyn ta ry-hoi, ry-hoi, cur my laueyn er my sooillyn dy vod ad ad y akin.

Va September er jeet as va mee dy ghoaill ny examyn admission gys y daa chlass. Va ny uncleyn er chur mee gys y valley, ren ad ad hene y mharkey lesh y janitor dy choyrt sooill orrym, lesh y mraane v'aym er n'yanno 'sy nah ynnyd as rish y mraane-oayllee jeh'n chommish. T'ad er chur daue ooilley gys y ghiootal jeh uilley dy gheddyn my ghraihs s'saghney. Cha row mee rieau er n'yanno rish ny deiney shen, va'n room-class ry-gheddyn rish y calamai. Lesh mish va niartyn elley va cur tastey da'n examen repair. Ren ad mee y ghra rish y board. Va'n calamai as y bolkey ny red absolute dou. T'eh er n'yanno rish myr leaf veih aggle as aggle, cha row fys aym cre'n agh v'eh dy ghra rish ny obbraghyn, son v'Aunt Antonia er n'ynsaghey mee agh dy scripteyn ny laghyn veih un gys deig. Gow ad rish dy scriptey frase er y lioar-note, beggan smooinaghtyn, agh cha row fys aym cre'n raad dy toshiaght. As lurg ny messyn shen, haink y janitor marish mee ayns thie. Gow yn aunt r'ee myr v'eh er n'gholl as dreggyr y janitor nagh row eh er n'gholl dy mie, agh dy row y breearrey derrey-jerrey er-gerrey da'n lught-thie.

Ta'n red s'odjey, va'n toshiaght positive as v'eh er ny choyrt dou dy gholl gys y daa chlass: Va mee erreish dy gholl gys y skool, agh y pharadoosh jeh'n arose apron. Va Uncle Michele er n'gholl gys y shop as cheayll eh scapail y ghraihs. Aunt Antonia er y laa ren mee my uniform. Son cheannagh y folder, va feme er ny smoo argid. Va argid ec ny uncleyn agh v'ad er n'yanno y sniaghtey s'cadjin jeh'n sparran, as v'eh, y hood, y hood, er n'imjeeaght as er n'yanno m'aigney plywood lesh clip y vee. Cha row ad er cheannagh y pen erbee. Va'n uncle er ny thooilley lesh p'art jeh coodaghyn thin ec y chione echey v'eh nib. Cha row ny daa lioar-note as y pencil ry-gheddyn ad as v'ad ry-cheannagh ad liorish force. Er y chied laa jeh'n vee-oik 1942 shen, hie y aunt marish my skool. Sushtal v'ee er n'gholl veih'n

podestà dy ghoaill testimony bree dy row'n skool er n'eiyrt son v'eh er-mayrn. Va'n maystir lane dy ghraih as hug mee my ghraih lesh sympathy, agh v'ee aggle orrym jeh'n agh shen son ayns ynnyd y ghraih cheddin v'eh er n'yannoo prosthesis rubber er y fa dy row eh er n'yannoo rish y ghraih echey. Va'm er ny choyrt dou ayns y chiad bench. Ta my heshaght noa, nagh row er n'akin mee yn vlein roie, er ny ghrait liorish my h-annym, nyn mast' oc, er n'yannoo ymmyd jeh'n agh shoh: - agh ta ievi caùca sicca -sicca? - (Cre'n dooinney t'ayn?). Va mee feer intimidated as va mee boggyssagh, cha row mee ry-hoi gobbraghey my veal as cha row mee er n'yannoo freggyrt da'n cheesh v'eh er n'yannoo rish y mraane.

Va mee ny ben inlovatic as cha row y courage aym dy ghoaill rish dy row mee ry-hoi goaill rish pee, as tra ren mee eh orrym. As shen tra haink mee stiagh ayns thie, hug y aunt orrym lesh barrel son v'eh dy ghlenney my dress nagh beagh er ny ghleiy ayns traa son y laa er-dy-henney. Va ny laa goll shaghey as gagh traa ta'n red cheddin ry-gheddyn. Haink yn mainshter gys mean y laa, hug eh mee gys y toilet, agh ny keayrtyn ren eh toyrt-mow as ren mee eh y yannoo reesht orrym. Va'n chompanyn er n'yannoo rish mee as ren ad mee y sheidey myr dy beagh mee plagueit as cha row ad erbee er n'yannoo rish my chaarjyn.

Ayns ny mraane v'ad er n'eaishtagh rish y derrey yeh er-yn-oyr dy row ad er n'eaishtagh rish y valley, tra v'eh orrym goll er-gerrey da'n thie ayns y valley as shen-y-fa cha row cowrey erbee aym dy ve nyn caraid. T'ad ny uncleyn er jeet gys y valley agh er y Downey dy chosney rish ny caraidey as dy chosney beggan ooryn sheean lesh ad kiongoyrt rish bottle wine. Agh y chooid smoo jeh'n traa v'eh ry-hoi 'sy thie dy gheddyn ordreeyn obbree son e oik. Ayns shey bleeaney hie mee er y raad mule uphill uphill. Lesh y traa shen, stayrt mee dy chosney bouquet dy violyn ry-cheilley lesh duillagyn dy choyrt y mraane.

T'eh er n'gholl gys y skool exhaust. Lurg y vun-laa hie mee er ash gys yn ard-valley marsh yn ard-varrey ennagh jeh ny cicadas as liorish grian scuirragh, gyn rieau geddyn rish yn annum bio.

Va mee er n'yannoo rish y hovel shen as row mee er-mayrn dy ghra rish my hene ayns y atmosphere shen nagh row ry-cheilley rish y aunt ta'n agh shen ry-cheilley. Yn uncle, t'eh er chlashtyn rish y obbyr er-gerrey da'n tavern as t'eh er-gerrey da'n thie 'sy noid. Ushtey, ny s'briantyn na'n agh, v'eh er ny choayl as cha row eh er n'gholl stiagh. Va'n aunt as cuid jeh ny co-chosney er-gerrey da ayns mean y ghrian rish y stream lesh soilshey ny lanternyn. As tra v'ad er n'yannoo eh, v'ad er n'yannoo eh er y thalloo, as hug ad eh er-gerrey.

Ayns y laa t'ayn, cha b'ee'm ry-hoi ry-hoi ry-hoi ayns y skool. As lurg y chiad cheayrt, ren y mraane y rheynn, eisht lesh cowreydyn y bundle as s'cosoylagh rish oolley ny reddy nagh row doaltattym: va'n card report aym's ny s'goanney 'sy chlass. Son dy hroggal my aunt dooyrt mee r'ee dy row ny caartyn report elley myr mish as aunt cha row ad er n'yannoo. So laa as laa ghow mee courage er my hon hene as ayns y chlass ren mee ymmyd jeh my chaarjyn. Va mee er-y-fa shen er-y-fa shen, agh v'ad er my skyn ass nyn obbraghyn, mraane son ayns nyn sooillyn v'ee ny mraane-valley boght.

## Treealtagh - cloieyn gainney



Ayns ny bleeaney er-dy-henney ayns Cstrangia cha row eh er-dy-henney er-yn-oyr dy row yn un red v'er ny yannoo, dy chlashtyn rish y laa casherick oolley, v'eh er n'yannoo rish eayst as ayns y shamyr v'eh er n'yannoo rish y sirocco dy row eh er n'yannoo rish y marrey. t'eh er n'eiyrt rish y raad Zig Zag jeh'n stream as hug eh y valley. Va beishteigyn yn cheer my chaarjyn. As shen-y-fa ren mee my traa y chaghlaa. Ren mee saagh jeh my toshiaght veih ny figyraghyn v'er nyn skyn ayns y skyn jeh'n aer ny mastey ny branchaghyn ny craaghyn: beishtyn fiagh va loayrt, rieauyn hug mee ayns line er brink y Rocca Salvastesta as eisht lesh my cummaltee magic ta mee er n'yannoo ad dy fall, ren mee observe ad annihilated liorish aggle. As t'eh er n'yannoo y Rocca gys dragon va ry-hoi jeh'n slieu as t'eh er n'eiyrt seose y terror t'er n'eiyrt son oolley ny campaignyn. Va mee er n'yannoo ny cloud, v'er jeet dy ve baateyn fliaghey as hie mee er-chea ayns y skyn smooinaghtyn er y marrey fadagh, raad v'ad my mraane as my chreearaghyn er-gerrey dou. Cracks v'er jeet magh ass ushtey y stream as y sniaghtey derrey v'ad er nyn ghlenney gys beiyn gigantic v'er n'eiyrt magh ny plantyn.

Ayns traa dy row, hug mee coontey jeh'n agh nagh row mee er n'yannoo rish Antonia. Cha row ee graihagh orrym, cha row ee graihagh orrym as ren mee

ymmyd jeh: va my voir er n'yannoo mee gys e chreear agh ghow ee geill da'n laa shen dy row ee er jeet dy my hroggal seose: shen y chione v'ee er n'yannoo rish ny craaghyn , scrutin mee y horizon, as v'ee er-yn-oyr dy row ee er jeet gys y rowl jeh marc geal cooidjagh marish my ayr. Ayns ny h-ellanyne ry-cheilley jeh San Basilio as Vallancazza v'ad ooilley er n'gholl ersooyl. Yn chooid smoo jeh shen cha row agh mraane, cloan as cuid jeh'n pobble. Va'd balley s'trick dy row'n bea ry-gheddyn. Va'n traa er n'eiyrt as chreid deiney dy row ooilley ny reddyne ry-chasley, dy beagh laa erbee, erreish da'n choayl, y sivilization er n'yannoo e h-Inshey gys y swarm jeh thieyn skeaylt, baase as shack. By vie lhiam dy beagh my chaarjyn, fys aym dy nee mish my lomarcan as dy ve er ny stroie, dy vod mee ve coamrit, as fys aym dy row mee ry-hoi y ghoaill refuge ayns thie ny reddyne shoh ny adsyn. Cha row'n right aym dy ghra dy row mee gyn teihll, dy row my ayr as my voir fadagh er y rannagh elley jeh'n marrey, er-gerrey da'n blue dy bragh, dy row eddyr mish as ad shen myr slieau ard as insurom. Ayns ny laghyn shen, v'eh er ny h-arrey dy ve beo rish my aunt ren mee y mraane. Nush va mee er smooinaghtyn er as honnick mee eh dy row eh irritating orrym lesh y ghlare screeching as brutal shen. Coraa jeant dy eamagh, dy scryssey, dy hyndaa as dy h-insh.

Ec y traa shen, va aggle er e ghooinneey. Cha nee agh rish y dooinney t'eh er n'yannoo y ridge as chaghlaa y volg jeh'n voylley dy row eh er n'yannoo ymmyd jeh'n agh dy row eh er n'yannoo ymmyd jeh. Va my aunt credjal nagh row ben ry-hoi y hoiggal cre'n red t'er-ny-yannoo mygeayrt. Cha nee ny-lomarcan dy row mee er tushtey ooilley ny reddyne, agh, er-y-fa shen, cha row mee er ny chaghlaa ny er n'eiyrt. V'eh ny chlagh lieh. streeu neu-chrauee as s'earroo. Gagh traa as nish va mee smooinaghtyn mychione y traa ry-heet: she shenn as gyn cooney, mish young as creeney, agh dys ooilley ny reddyne nagh beagh mee er n'yannoo rish y ghrain, cha row eh ny h-earroo jeh my nature.

Ayns traa dy row, haink mee gys yn awin raad honnick mee ny deiney v'er n'gholl dy ghlenney ny laghyn, dy yannoo y lima, shen-y-fa, ren ad ny sheets as ny

covertyn cur ooilley ny reddyng ec y toshiaght lesh an ash. Ny tra, erreish da'n shearing, haink ad dy ghlenney yn wool wool as dy row ad er n'eyirt eh ayns y ghrian dy whiten eh as eisht dy row eh er n'yannoo rish dy row eh er n'yannoo rish mattress ny leagh. Va mee er n'eyirt ny flakeyn va er-mayrn mastey cliaghteyn y t'oor as māroo. Nush nagh row fys aym cre y yannoo, t'eh er n'yannoo rish y stream rival son prawns, lesh skill t'er n'yannoo rish my veeal er my chree, dy chur cass da ny meeaghyn oc lesh nyn claws. T'eh er n'yannoo ad ayns thie as 'sy voghrey tra v'eh er n'yannoo y 'acun' y chur da'n aile as v'eh er n'ee ad: son mish v'eh ny dinner s'speciale. Ushtey ayns ynnyd ny crabbyn, choud as v'eh er n'eyrt, s'cosoylagh ad s'cosoylagh, lesh leap vertical, rannagyn beggey s'cosoylagh v'er n'yannoo mee lesh. S'cosoylagh dy row ad my playmates as ry-cheilley, ta mee s'trimmid dy row ad er n'eyrt magh ass y dorraghys ooilley'n oie. Tra v'eh orrym goll dys thie 'syn astyr, ghow mee yn echo liorish y echo v'er ny chroo 'sy valley. Ny keayrtyn sy souree tra va'n lught-thie Sardino va cummal ayns thie ny s'yrjey 'sy valley, hie mee dy gheddyn ad. Va mee cloie rish Mimma va ny s'beggey jeh ny braaraghyn.

Pippo t'er n'yannoo cadrey as tableyn son dolls. As v'eh nice dy chosney beggan ooryn ayns compagnys. Ayns y voghrey hug ad fys orrym tra hie ad gys y cheu elley jeh'n aarkey dy ghoaill bainney. Va'n bucket oc dy leah, "concept" v'ad satisfied lesh y vee-chraueeaght. Ta'n mistir jeh'n voayl, Micca ayns Caplele dy bragh as hug eh lesh lesh glass. Ayns thie yn aunt va'n bainney er ny akin daa cheayrt 'sy vlein: tra ren eh ny biscuit as ayns Easter tra v'eh er n'yannoo ny doves lesh ught colour annelline. Tra v'eh er n'yannoo y bainney, hie mee seose gys y chied. Ayns thie y thie, va leshtal jeh'n uncle, my shegin dhyt y enmyssey, lesh ny axes v'er ny chur er daa ghrailh-feeyney iarn lesh mattress straw, er-yn-oyr dy row Crine er n'eyrt eh ayns Novara. Va'n aght aym dy choayl ayns straw lesh sean blanket armey ry-hoi, greeish as frayed. Va mee er n'gholl gys y lioar lesh shirt canvas va mee myrgeddin er n'yannoo rish y laa gyn pantys. Cha nel eh possible dy

ghra mychione y ghrian dy vel pativa gagh oie. Nush va'n ghrian ry-heet, va feme er containeryn dy chosney yn ushtey v'er n'eiyrt y t'oor. Mannagh row feme orm pee, v'eh orrym goll ersooyl ass y thie as jannoo eh ry-cheilley rish y steep. Mannagh row mee er n'yannoo fys, son dy row mee er n'yannoo, as ren mee eh ayns y straw, 'sy voghrey ghow mee myrgeddin caterva barel. Va Aunt Antonia er n'gholl er-gerrey lesh yr un shirt v'eh uss 'sy laa, as va Uncle Michele er n'yannoo rish e voir.

Va'n sleep ry-gheddyn cordail rish y ghraihs ry-gheddyn: va'n chied cheayrt ry-gheddyn, as eisht v'eh ry-gheddyn rish y aunt, as eisht ghow y uncle jeh e pants as lineenyn lineenyn. Lesh y lhommey s'leiae v'er n'gholl gys y laa hie eh gys y lhiabbee, hug eh magh y ol-oil v'er ny choyrt er boayrd noi'n balley. Mish, v'er-y-fa shen, as ren mee jannoo myr dy row mee er n'eaishtagh rish y ghrian: tra v'eh er n'immeageht dy chur y flammeey er-gerrey, honnick mee er y balley, myr shadow Shinaagh, e chruinney lesh y Din-Don v'er n'yannoo. - Oh cre'n red s'niessey! - dooyrt eh, er-yn-oyr dy row ooilley ny v'eh er n'iu er nyn skyn. As rish nyn lhiabbee va daa headphones, shen-y-fa, daa basket mooar reed raad v'ad geddyn figyn dry. Va'd cloie ad lesh raggyn glen as glen as er y chied red v'ad ny s'glen jeh'n uncle. Ayns chest er-gerrey da my leshtal, ren ad y bran as scarrey v'er n'yannoo m'annym mygeayrt my chree tra hie mee gys y skool ayns y gheimmey, my underwear as jeh'n aunt jeh'n aunt. Cha row mee er n'ussaghey ad agh er y Downey tra hie shin gys y Mass ayns Novara. Dy row ny uncleyn gra dy row eh ry-hoi y chur daue son dy row shin gobbraghey orroo dy bragh.

Ayns Jerrey Geuree ren ad y moddey y varroo. Ren ad ymmyd jeh cuid jeh'n sausage as y lard salt. Ayns pot terracotta, v'ad er nyn goyrt. As t'ad er n'eiyrt ayns Mee ny Shalee lesh beanyn leah fresh son nagh row ad ry-hoi ry-hoi. Ayns y laa t'ayn, v'eh April, ghow mee yn aunt son v'eh feer accryst as cha row fys aym cre'n red v'aym dy ee lesh arran. T'eh er n'yannoo screeagh liorish gra dy row mee craid. Ayns laa tra hie mee stiagh ass y skool, haink mee gys Ophelia er y raad mule

marish my chreear. V'ad orphans jeh'n mraane as v'ad er jeet reesht lesh dad veih'n Fraange.

Va'd ny s'pale na mish, v'ad s'mish as dooyrt mee roo: Ta mee goll stiagh raad ta mee cummal, ec y traa shoh ta my aunt er-mayrn dy ghoaill ushtey, ayns y furnace ta pot lesh bieys er-mayrn, gow eh, feed agh jean cha nel eh gra nhee erbee Non. Ayns Mee ny Shalee tra v'ad er n'eiyrt ny bean, hie ad dy gheddyn ny trooid as ayns ynnyd shen cha row ad er gheddyn agh y pot lesh y lard: s'cosoylagh dy row mee er n'yannoo rish ymmodee laa dy row ad er n'yannoo rish y ghrai. Yn traa shen va mee feer boght son y chied cheayrt va'n agh taitnyssagh aym dy row mee er ghoaill caggey mooar noi yn avarice. Son y vee-chraueeaght, v'eh ry-reill er oolley ny thieyn. As y ghrian, hug ad my mraa as ren y aunt mee y ghra gagh oie rish olagh olive dy chur da fleas y suck my fuill. As y moghrey va'n mraa aym v'er ny pheint. As y aunt va lice aym myrgeddin, cha row mee er n'yannoo ymmyd jeh my chree. Er y laue elley, ren y aunt ny curls y yannoo as dy choadey ad ayns y folt, grease ad lesh ushtey as siucar.

Va my cho-chlass, er y taobh elley, dagh oolley traa glen. Cha nee ny s'boallaghyn jeu v'eh glen myr mish. Va'n maystir er chur rish obbyr y marginalization, v'er n'yannoo rish dy choolley ghooinney ayns y bench s'jerree. Va my chorp dy bragh glen. Va'n 'aarkey' er n'yannoo mee 'sy 'aarkey' un uair 'sy vlein, er y traa jeh'n 'Ferragosto party', ny s'pooaral 'sy valley. Ayns traa dy row mee son smooinaghtyn er my mraane, v'eh mysh seihnt bleeaney d'eash, as t'eh ry-akin ayns y brazier boiling jeh'n brazier. Ren mee losht my laue yesh as cha ghow yn aunt mee gys y doctor, agh gagh laa ren eh m'ymmyrkey lesh lush. Va daa bubble aym cosoylagh rish daa ughtagh pineon, dy row mee er n'eiyrt veih olk nagh row ee er n'eiyrt. Va mee myr gnawed liorish luchtyn.

Ta myghin er ny h-earroo erreish da daa vee as ta mee geddyn my mark. Ayns y traa skool, tra v'ee er y laa Doaltattym, v'ee er y balcony, ren ben v'er n'gholl sheese

orrym my v'ee er-y-fa shen er-y-fa dy row mee er-y-fa shen er-y-fa dy row mee er-y-fa shen er-y-fa dy row mee er-y-fa shen er-y-fa shen. Cha row fys aym cre v'ayn son dy row y aunt er chur dou mass agh er y traa jeh'n laa-sabbagh smoo p'oor, cha dod mee tushtey cre'n agh t'eh er n'gholl gys an egglish. Er y thalloo ain, va'n Ayr Beemi er ve, agh haink mee er-gerrey da glen-chreeagh as v'eh er n'eaishtagh rish dy ghraih. Va'n aunt er n'yannoo rish y nausea: - my ta'n saggyrt shen gra rish dy row eh er n'yannoo rish e ghlare -. Agh ghow mee as ghow mee y cheet stiagh dy ghoaill lessooneyn catechism. Va mee er n'yannoo rish y thie shen. Va'n ven-aeg er chur booklet as paper. Va mee feer glen liorish clashtyn mychione Yeesey. Va mee loayrt jeh ayns thie as dreggyr ad dy row mee foast ro-beg. Dreggyr mee, lyaght, dy row ooilley ny buill jeh'n ghrup jannoo eh. Ayns y da-earroo, v'ad er nyn chruinnaghey er-dy-henney, agh, Miss as mish er-y-fa shen as ren shin ymmyd jeh'n laa rish saggyrt San Nico: laa Corpus Domini.

Va'n pharlamaid jeh'n dress geal er n'gholl seose, agh hug dooinney fys da'n aunt dy row ny nuns rent eh. Ta'n laa ard -awuit er jeet: 'sy voghrey haink eh marish gys y chredjue Digiuna. Smooinee eh dy row ny mraane elley er-yn-oyr nagh row ee er ghoaill y ghraih dy chur stiagh rish ben y catechism. Va mee er n'yannoo fys dy row mee my lomarcan, t'eh cur stiagh mee: - Buggy, rude -. Va my mraane-oik marish deiney elley myrgeddin ec Mass y moghrey shen. Ta roinney jeh ny mraane cur stiagh ee. T'eh er jeet gys y saggyrt as t'eh er my chur gys y laue hug mee gys y sacristys son y choonceil. Dinsh eh dou focklyn aalin nagh row mee rieu er chlashtyn roish. Va mee myr dy row mee er n'eyirt ayns paradys as dooyrt mee eddyr mish: - cha nee firrinagh ta'n saggyrt geddyn y chengey, dy firrinagh ta fys oc cre'n agh t'ad tushtey jeh'n agh ta'n lhiannoo -. As my row mee ry-hoi, v'eh er n'yannoo rish as er n'yannoo rish y ghraih.

Ren eh mee cloie cwoaie Ave Maria son Penance as hie mee stiagh reesht gys y raad. Dy row my aunt er n'eyirt orrym cre'n red v'er n'ish da'n saggyrt dy row mee ry-hoi, as I: - dynsee y ven-aoie dy vel y confection secret -. - Ta, agh y chiad

cheayrt ta'n Arpia er ny ghra. Nish. Va mass, communion as ec y traa t'ad er n'yannoo m'annym dy phoosey laue y uncle as dy ghra: - Vossa dy m'ymmyrkey -. T'eh er toshiaght veih'n seihll, dy bragh yr un ghrai, as eisht hie mee mygeayrt oolley ny co-cheilley. Hug Aunt Gaetana lioar dou. Va mee accruit, agh cha row dooinney erbee er chur dou ee. Dy cadjin, lurg y gherjagh, v'eh kiarit dy gholl gys y varriaght dy ghoaill yn granita marish ny biscuityn, agh v'ad currit ass yn aane sauchey mania sauail: ec noon-vannee-lhieu, ren shin gee plate pasta as ayns y laa t'ayn, hie shin gys y photographer er yn oyr dy vel yn t'eh er n'insch da'n Photo.



Va mee er chlashtyn rish y daa chlass, er-yn-oyr dy row mee er ny h-oardaghey lesh voteyn ard-immeeaght. Yn blein shen v'eh orrin ve ayns y valley er-lheh oolley ny samhradh. Ta mee cur rish: - er-y-fa shen er y Downey ta mee dy gholl gys Mass as dy gheddyn y seihll ta ny lomarcan -. Dooinney feer vie, ching lesh asthma. Va'n niau er n'yannoo rish, beggan son negligence, beggan son dy vel ad er nyn goyrt rish y sheshey, dy bragh fearaghey rish ny co-chosney, ny co-cheilley as an aer -in -law.

Ghow mee y linen dy ghlenney as hug mee eh gys y ghrai jeh'n Micheillo er-nonney v'ad trimmid. Cha row eh feer glen son e ayr: haink e leshtal -sister gys

Cstrangia dy choyrt raad dy row eh marroo. "Mannagh gow, t'ou uss goaill rish Cauci dy ghlenney (kicking 'sy butt) dooyrt eh.

Nush va'n phartid 'sy valley, v'eh er ny choyrt y "hard piece", ice cream myr shen enmyssit son e cho-earroo. Uncle Michele, cha row eh rieau er chlashtyn nagh row eh boggyssagh rish ny son dy row eh er n'eiyrt gys gestagh neu-ghlare dy ghraih, as dy row mee er n'yanno rish mee dy row eh er n'enmys mish: "Consettina, cheet as geddyn ice cream". As myr shen ghow mee y chowrey dy blasaghey, ayns ny laghyn s'anmey shen, red mie.

Roish y traa er-dy-henney, hug Dr. Cosentino D Baceno cur my chorp ayns cooinaghtyn jeh'n agh t'oh v'er ny chassey ayns my chuimney. C'raad v'eh er n'yanno rish ny mec ayns straidyn y valley, v'eh er n'yanno rish y parade. Agh er-yn-oyr dy row ad ry-hoi ry-hoi dy row eh ry-hoi "know" component. Son dy phrowal eh, ghow oo laue ayns pocket e jacket. Lesh mee my mraane Michele ayns y raad shoh, tra v'eh Gianni Cosentino, mac jeh'n ard-oik as ny s'orphan jeh'n ayr, geddyn e laue ayns e ben y chiarn.

Ayns mean y choayl ayns Novara, t'eh er n'gholl sheese. Va ooilley ny h-oik ry-hoi as ghow cuid jeh ny h-earrooyn ayns Cstrangia. Son mish v'eh ny phartee son dy beagh mee ayns y chompany. Gagh red as ec y traa shen, v'eh er n'yanno rish y s'goan. Ta'n agh t'oh tragic jeh mac y thie-oast jeh'n shop pastry Orlando ry-gheddyn myrgeddin. Va'n moir ayns Domodossa, ayns stayd y ghoogh-chloan son y cheyoo cheayrt, ry-hoi ry-hoi rish Rosa as Antonietta. Va my ayr er ny ghra rish Sicily dy yanno y target. Beggan meeidyn ny yei'n agh t'oh v'eh er n'yanno fys dy row e voir er n'yanno ymmyd jeh'n ven beg enmyssit Emma as dy row eh er n'yanno y chowrey dy row eh er n'irree reesht gys thie myr v'eh er ny choyrt gys ceithir cloan.

As s'cosoylagh, haink eh gys Domodosol er n'yannoo surprise: v'Emma er n'yannoo rish 12 laa. Daa laa er-dy-henney v'eh dy row eh dy heet reesht gys y front. Beggan meeidyn ny yei - v'eh y traa dy n'anvea as anstability erreish da 8 September - ren eh ymmyd jeh'n seirveish armey as hie eh er-gerrey da Novara erreish da'n coayl y ghoaill er-gerrey gys e voir. As hug eh stiagh shop beg. Gagh laa hie mee dy akin eh. Timid agh shrew son y traa v'aym va'n intuition aym dy gholl dy choayl rish ben-phoosey agh rish y sheshey-armee. Ayns laa, hie mee stiagh ayns y box-offish er y shliaghtey Piazza Bertolami. Va'n dooinney jeh'n shop ry-cheilley rish chattal lesh dad. Va mee ry-hoi rish y index as y mean v'er ny haigney dy gheddyn my ayr dy gheddyn e voir v'er n'aitt y mraane. Va'n co-chosney er n'yannoo rish mee, tra dooyrt my ayr lesh smile dooyrt rhym "er n'yannoo dty ghleashtan". Ayns '44 v'eh er ny ruggey, curly myr eh...

Ayns Badave, daag y thie-oast lesh cancer y stomach. Hooar mee kied veih'n aunt dy gholl dy akin eh. Va mee dy mennick er n'gholl ersooyl veih Cstrangia as hie mee er-gerrey da'n streep. Ta mee cooinaghtyn er ayns e lhiabee, ayns shee. Va'n moir-oast foast busy as y shop as cha row eh ry-hoi. Cur eh sprig olive ayns e laue dy chaggey noi ny fliaghey, agh v'eh er n'yannoo ny smoo as cha row'n neart echey ny s'odjey as cha row mee er n'yannoo rish. Ar 2 Novembre 1944 tra v'eh 66 bleeaney d'eash, hie eh gys paradys. Va Dad foast ayns Sicily. Va'n uncleyn myrgeddin er n'yannoo rish y vee-chraueeaght.

Gagh nish as ec y traa shen, ghow mee lioar. Ayns '45 hie Dad er-gerrey da Domodosol as v'eh er ny ruggey ayns '46.

## Kiaull chaptan - ooil, cobwee as drogh sooillyn



Va'n coayl er-gerrey er ooilley ny cruinney, va'n co-chowrey doaltattym as cha row shin er gheddyn mam y mraane. As s'goan, v'eh er ny ghra dy row'n aer er ny choyrt reesht gys Sicily ayns corp Bersaglieri as tra v'eh er n'yannoo beggan laa jeh sarey v'eh er n'yannoo dy m'ymmyrkey. Kyndagh rish y chaggey va ram sleih sy cheer. Va'n pobble v'er nyn stroie ry-hoi ry-hoi son queig laa, agh ec y traa shen ayns y valley va'n risk jeh'n bombaghey as v'ad ny share daue dy chummal ayns y valley ooilley ny bleeaney.

Gagh traa as nish ghow mee refug rish ny deiney shen. Va teaghlagh lesh ceithir cloan dy bragh ayns mooad mie tra v'ad er n'yannoo y vee. Honnick mee greed ny naneyn va lesh ymmodee drym as cha dug ad peiagh erbee da peiagh ennagh: ghow mee gialdyn nieu as ayns folliaght hug mee lesh ad. Bean beg fava hug dou son y varroose sparran dou son ad. Ec y traa t'ayn: slice t'er chur mee ayns my phoose roish my row mee er n'yannoo rish y skool shen ren mee eh y rheynn rish ny cloan shen as ayns y traa t'er n'gholl shaghey, hug ad dou beggan sheeany dy scriptey er, ren ad mee cloie er y swing as ren un jeu y toys , caddyn as leshtyn son dollyn va er n'yannoo mee as e chreear beg, tra ren y ven-chaggee shin y yannoo patch dolley.

Ayns traa dy row, hie mee sheese gys an aarkey, raad hie ny mraane jeh'n lughthie dy niee ny laghyn lesh y ushtey, as row mee er-mayrn dy yeeaghyn lesh yindys

y aile er-gerrey dy hroggal yn ushtey ayns container container. Cha ren mee rieau ny obbraghyn shoh y yannoo dy yannoo y aunt. Cha row eh erbee er n'eyirt ny er n'eyirt gys an aarkey tra nagh row dooinney erbee nagh row eh er ny hoilshaghey jeh'n ghrian glen as glen.

Ayns traa elley honnick mee ny mraane va son daa ny three laa spreih yn canvas linen ayns thie. Va'd er n'eyirt eh as ren ad ee y hrooid ayns y ghrian scorching gobbraghey derrey v'eh geal. Va'n aunt dy bragh er n'enmys mee 'sy thie agh ren mee myr nagh row mee er chlashtyn. Ayns caggey, va'n niau -in -law er jeet reesht veih Turin lesh niau. Er-yn-oyr dy vel Salvator, y stepson, v'ee er ny ymmyrkey myr ben-rein. Ayns y traa shen v'ad er-mayrn ayns y valley as son y traa t'er-dy-hoshiaght, t'eh er n'eyirt magh y soap perfumed, towels linen, dishyn dry, tablecloth as napkins dy yannoo ymmyd mie. Ayns ny laghyn shen, v'eh er ny ymmyrkey myr sharvaant, as hug mee dou dy yannoo ny comishyn as dy gheddyn ushtey veih'n fountain, son v'eh ny s'diu.

T'eh er n'gholl stiagh as, myr ta'n custom sheear, va'n ven-phoosee 'sy voghrey er n'yannoo ymmyd jeh'n lhiannoo Yeesey gys e lhiannoo: seirveish s'goan jeh pottyn as sauceyn doll. Va mee goaill boggey jeh, agh ec y traa cheddin ren mee ymmyd jeh fearg son nagh row ny reddyn shen er-dy-henney er-dy-henney. Va mee ny s'laane as ny s'laane. Va grapeyn ayn agh t'ou dy ee eh: v'eh ort squaghtey eh son wine. Ta'n fer v'er ny ghoaill er-gerrey er ny ghoaill. Va'n hazelnuts er nyn jaglym agh dy vreearrey ad. D'ee mee cuid jeu dy follit myr ny squirrels jeh'n choayl. Cheayll ny uncleyn yn bainney ny lomarcan ec y Nollick as ec Easter dy yannoo ny biscuit as v'ee skimmed eh lesh teespoon tra v'ee ry-bhoggey. Va'n aunt s'anmey er n'yannoo y ught gys y ox s'cosoylagh. Va mee dy mennick goaill arrys dy jean ee fry eh: - Lhig dooin eh y chur ersooyl as tra ta shin er n'yannoo beggan as y ovar ovaric (va'n dooinney aeg ass Messina v'er n'irree gys y valley dy chosney ughtyn ta jannoo ad goll er son fresh) ta shin jannoo ad as gow yn argid -. Collee eh ny uilley son daa vee as eisht ren eh ad y chroo.

Ta'n Messina v'er cheannagh ny uilley, ry-akin, ry-akin, ry-akin, ry-akin. Va feme er ny figs dy ve er nyn stroie, cha row agh dooinney erbee er n'ee, ny reddyn elley hug ad daue dy hrooid ayns y ghrian dy vreearaghey ad ny dy choyrt ad son y gheayrt. Ayns October 'sy vee, v'ad er nyn yanno. Va cuid jeh'n uncle echey er ny lhoobaghey ad er boor y room (cha nee er y plate agh er y knob s'goan s'goan. mish seose as t'eh er n'eyirt rish ny chestnuts: "Ta'n brastyl". Va mee er n'eaishtagh as er n'ee ad son accryst, agh v'ad er n'eaishtagh rish olagh as v'ad er n'eaishtagh rish y stomach. Va'n uncle ry-hoi ry-hoi: - Ta mee graihagh er my ghraih, ta mee jannoo ymmyd jeh'n chree tra t'eh foast ry-hoi -. Ayns y da-earroo, va my uncle er n'eyirt ayns e sooillyn. Dagh agh as ny yei shen v'ad gial, aile jiarg tra hie eh gys feayr: ga dy beagh eh beg, hug ny sooillyn shen stiagh ayns e veeal. Va'd beg as dooghyssagh myr tuill s'cummej jeh'n agh ta mee glenney. Ayns y laa t'ayn, va'n dysentery as ny wormyn ry-gheddyn. Va'n aunt ry-gheddyn rish y traa shen. Ta shoh cur ny worms ersooyl, as t'ee er n'yanno rish y "IORITU": - Mazzai t'eh er n'yanno rish y pagana, ùma u mazzu ta sugnu ooilley Creestiaght. O Lurid Sene, ny Sene Jesarn, O Giivid nyn Senu, ny Vinardagh Senu, Mattia du Lhiassaghey yn Cascaan Tierra Tierra.-

(Marroo mee ben-rein tra va mee pagan as nish ta mee marroo eh dy vel mee Creestee. Er y laa Jesarn Noo, gys Noo, er y laa Jesarn Noo, Jesarn Noo, Jesarn Noo, ta'n Storma Storma er n'gholl sheese er Céadaoin Najoor, er y thalloo).

Cha nel fys aym cre'n agh v'eh ry-hoi.

Ta shin fosley mandesis.

As lurg da ymmodee bleeaney ghow y pian. Va mee er n'yanno ny ryssyn lesh machineyn cho mooar as room. Hug ad bieauid baby geal dou dy hoiggal my va

ulcer erbee. As s'annooinee cha row nhee erbee er ny akin. Dy row y radiologist er ghra dy row eh gastritis as dy row eh er choyrt dou reddyn paaliative dy mheanaghey y pian. T'eh er n'gholl gys y point dy row mee ry-hoi 'sy lhooban ushtey. Va mee mysh jeih bleeaney. Paolo, cara Armando di Pacenza, t'eh er n'yanno rish dy chur mee gys specialist. T'eh er jeet veih Dr. Mazzeo myrgeddin. Cha b'ee yn obbyr gastroscopy goaill stiagh y throat. "Cha nel fys aym cre'n agh t'eh dy sparrey y ven shoh," as y doctor, "ta'n pilor er ny ghleiy". Ta ooilley ny deiney ren gastroscopy er jeet magh ass y room lesh nyn cosh. Ta mee ayns streean marish y Flebo. Va'n doctor er n'oardaghey dou son daa vee. Nuair as dy row mee er n'irree yn instrument nagh row eh foast er n'gholl. Cure elley ny s'creeney son trimmid mraane.

Cloan maghyn er-dy-henney, t'eh er n'eiyrt trooid y pylorus. "Mirril!" Dooirt Dr. Mazzeo. As t'eh er n'yanno y tube, t'eh er n'yanno mee ymmodee cooishyn dy hoiggal my she red congenital ny red v'ayn. T'eh er n'eiyrt rish: "By vie lhiam y 'oil' t'er n'yanno rish Zizi gagh-laa as nish son ny worms". Cur y doctor e laueyn ayns y ghruagh: "Oil? As vel oo beo!". As mee er n'eiyrt rish y chiarail gagh-laa as eisht ren mee gastroscopy y yanno reesht.

Ta'n Dr. Mazzeo er n'yanno m'annym nish erreish da bleeaney, as t'eh ry-gheddyn rish y vee-chraueeaght.

Nush va dooinney er n'eiyrt urree veih'n balcon, v'eh er ny choyrt gys y ben v'er n'yanno ad. As t'ad er choyrt comhairle da dy ghoaill glass dy fasting Ferrochino. T'ee er n'yanno rish e sheshey dy cheannagh eh as ayns y moghrey hug eh glass dou.

Ayns shen, er-y-fa shen, ren superstition reill myrgeddin. Va'n uncle dy bragh er n'yanno ymmyd jeh'n feeyn hug eh sheese, agh myr v'eh er n'yanno rish y chooish v'eh drogh sooillyn dooinney. Va'n ven dy ghoaill y sniaghtey: ghow ee

plate lesh ushtey, salann as shliggey jeh'n ooil as eisht ren ee toshiaght lesh y Privynnu son y chione-cheer: Oqliu Biridittu, Oqliu Santissimu, tras ta thie as Scccia Stud Marocchii, Oqliu. Birido Fatorti as Scccia y Stim Mammucca... (Oil Bannagh, Oil Naight, Oil Messa Yn thie shoh as t'eh ymmirkey yn drogh-sooill shoh, t'eh er n'yanno y diavel shoh...).

Ta'n stain bannee shoh, lesh, er ny ghoaill ersooyl, cordail rish nyn credjue, y drogh-sooill. Gooidsave lhiam dy row ushtey er ny spreih lesh ny ceilley corneryn jeh'n seihll as va'n ben-reill er-gerrey da.

Son ymmyd y yanno jeh y ghraih, v'ad co-cheangait, as va'n feoh dy yanno y broth. Yn measaght s'odjey shen v'eh, daue, nagh row! Ayns y voghrey hug ad glass ushtey dou marish Magnesia. As lurg y traa dy row mee er n'eiyr magh gys y gheay dy scarrey myself. Nush t'eh er n'yanno rish, t'eh er n'yanno rish ben va cloie magic: lesh thread t'ee er n'yanno rish y chione gys y chione as rish yr un armyn horizontagh. Va piece er-mayrn, as hug eh ward ass e baase son y vlein shen.

Eer dy row ad ayns nyn raad, v'ad er n'yanno credjue ayns Jee, ayns ny nooghyn, ayns y Madonna. Gagh blein er 8 September, hie ad er-ash gys Tindari, ec y traa shen v'er ny choirot gys y Madonna doo er-dy-henney veih'n cheer mysh daa-eed kilometry. Dy row mee er-y-fa shen er-y-fa dy row mee dy yanno y penance shen.

As ec y traa t'ayn, t'eh ry-akin ayns Sanctuary Tindari y laa roie, ren y aunt ny taggyrtyn (slipper) jeh raggaghyn. Va'n puntly puncing ry-gheddyn as ghow eh stiagh 'sy thie. Son ymmyd mie y yanno, ren y aunt myrgeddin ny aubergines stuffed. S'mish eh hene as glenney e veetal lesh piece. As t'eh ry-akin dy vel Zazà, my ghraih" ayns vogue as t'eh ry-akin dy vel mee er n'yanno ymmyd jeh "Zizi".

T'eh er toshiaght son Tindari mygeayrt un-jeig 'sy vee dy gholl gys y ghrian. Tirit as s'eaishagh rish my fragility ghow mee rish ymmodee keayrtyn beggan ushtey fresh, agh cha row ad er cheannagh eh jeh stallagyn myr ooilley ny deiney s'fadagh elley: t'ad tail yn un fountain v'er ny choirot ec an egglish veih'n raad v'eh er

n'yannoo. dy hayrn yn arsura. As t'eh ry-akin ayns y ghraihs, t'eh er n'yannoo rish y ghraihs, as t'eh er n'yannoo rish y Madinuzza as ec y traa t'eh er n'yannoo rish y ghraihs. Ayns ny ladyn hie shin dy ee fo craaghyn olive y thie-thie. Roish my row mee cho staghnagh, y laa shen ayns firrinys v'eh dagh ooilley traa appetizing bieys dy yannoo ymmyd jeh'n agh shoh. Va'n lunch ry-akin ayns y furnace, dy vel y uncle ry-akin rish daa oie roish my row eh er n'gholl dy chaggey, aubergines as pepperyn, grapes as biscuits homemade. As t'eh er n'yannoo ymmyd jeh'n agh shoh: y carr ny'n marc -rawn cart. Va mee jeeaghyn, er-dy-henney er-dy-henney dy gholl er-gerrey. Agh my va uncle ry-gheddyn, v'eh ry-gheddyn dy gholl er markiaght, er-nonney v'ad pian.

## Cadjin cabdil - Ny uill



As myrgeddin er y chooish jeh credjue, dy ve my uncle clàrait ayns confraternity, va'n obbyr oc dy ghra as dy cho-obbraghey er palm Downey ayns eagligh San Giorgio. Va'n ghreeish er ny yannoo ec cwoiae 'sy voghrey, as t'eh er n'insh da ooilley ny fir ayns chappel, as t'eh er n'yannoo rish y ghraihs son ny mraane.

As tra v'eh er n'eiyrt rish e aunt, v'eh er n'eiyrt rish y ghraihs, v'eh er n'eiyrt rish y ghraihs rish y ghraihs dy chosney eh hene cho mooar as v'eh ry-hoi: v'eh myr dy beagh eh dy yannoo ymmyd jeh'n agh. As ec y traa shen: "Agh nish t'eh ry-hoi - dooyrt eh rhym. Firrinys dy row mee er-y-fa shen er-y-fa dy row mee er-y-fa shen. Ta'n aunt cur fys dou: - Cha nel eh ort jannoo scansh da'n Chiarn, doarrit un uair 'sy vlein, er-nonney cha nel oo feeu dy ghoaill y host son dy vod oo myrgeddin peccah lesh dty sooillyn -.

Ta'n 9 Mass Noo, Communion as dy kiart ayns thie. As myr v'eh ry-hoi, va'n uncle son oyraghyn futile ry-hoi, haink y nervous cough huggey. Ta sceneyn neu-ghooghyssagh er-mayrn: my row y laa shen dy ve feme er son red erbee, cha row eh ry-hoi, er-nonney v'eh er ny thrown veih'n beeal. Mannagh row eh er-y-fa shen er-y-fa shen, ghow eh lid y jug, spit stiagh as v'eh er ny hoilshaghey y laghyn lesh ushtey as siucar. Son Seihll Naughtagh, duirree shin ayns y valley eddyr y traa dy heet gys ny sharmanyn oie v'er ny choyrt ec y managh. As y laa Jeheiney, v'ad er yn yannoo, va'n paste biscuit ayns aghtyn dy-chrauee lesh ughtyn dy hard -boiled lesh ushtey as anelline, toxic coloring. As y moghrey, hie Digini gys ooilley ny

eaglysyn v'er nyn stroie, as lurg shen va trio duillagyn jeh nephella (feaysh ny medicinal lesh perfume ard-chreeagh) v'er ny ghleiy) v'er ny choyrt magh dy mie rish y vlein.

Ayns y laa v'eh ry-hoi obbraghey dy row eh er n'yannoo rish y Yeesey, my v'eh er n'yannoo y sting needle, my v'eh er n'yannoo rish y risk dy ghoail y corp, as myr shen. Son y laa shen, red erbee ren mee cooidjagh, cha ghow mee ny barrellyn, er-nonney va Yeesey er ghra. Ayns y laa jeig er y laa Saturday va'n Mass jeh'n Slane as y Resurrection. T'ad ooilley ny cloan er nyn goyrt gys y dowan dy gheddyn bannaght y saggyrt as eisht dy ee eh. Cha row mee rieu er n'yannoo y satisfaction shen son dy row mee dy choyrt my cho-chowrey rish daa ught son y raad skool v'er ny reayll er y laa Mart lurg Easter. D'aill mee eh y choyrt gys y mraane. Er laa Easter cheayll ad dou plane dy ghrai, y red s'beggey nagh row ad ry-cheilley. Va'n uncle cho mooar dy ghlenney e shliaghtey lesh soot y pan v'er ny h-oardaghey er y thalloo. Mannagh row an aunt fys echey dy row obbyr er jeet gys jerrey as dy row ad er choyrt eh, t'eh er n'yannoo rish: - goaill rish y uncle my hug eh yn argid -.

Va'n aght shen as mish cha row eh ry-gheddyn myr daa slave derrey v'eh er ny ghleiy as hug ee deich lere da'm. Cha row my argid ry-gheddyn son v'ad er nyn goyrt son y bank piggh. As tra dooyrt mee rish an aunt va mee er n'yannoo y lot. Va'n aght eck son dy row ee er-yn-oyr dy row ee er ghoail. Va'n baghey aym. Ayns y da-earroo, va mee myrgeddin boggyssagh ayns dressing ayns co-chaslys rish my chompanys: v'ad er skirts, agh cha row ad ry-hoi rish aunt as v'ad er nyn goyrt gys cleaysh immeeaght. Va ooilley ny h-oik ry-gheddyn, brown ny blue, dy row mee dy s'cosoylagh rish ny socks v'er ny yannoo ec e orange, tint dy row ad ny s'leaie na ny reddyn elley. T'ad er chur ad er y ghlione lesh elastic, agh y threean smoo dy row, gyn cosh, dy row ad er n'gholl gys y ankle. Ghow mee paart socks gearr er y chione lesh aspect. Va mee er n'yannoo marginalized dy liooar as v'eh orrym myrgeddin y difference y yannoo. Lesh ny cwoaie lere v'eh er smaoiney dy cheannagh daa socks ny s'decent v'aym er y moghrey roish my row mee er n'gholl

stiagh 'sy room-scrutaght. Yn laa shen va'n shop er ny ghleiy. Cha row mee able dy gholl stiagh ayns y thie son dy beagh an aunt er gheddyn ad. Smooinee mee dy row ad er nyn stroie fo cloiae er y raad mule. As y ghrian, t'eh ry-gheddyn as ry-gheddyn ayns paper, as t'eh er n'yannoo rish y laa er-giyn tra hie mee dy ghra roo.

Va'd er n'yannoo queig laa as ghow yn aunt rhym my row mee er ghoaill y lot. Nish cha row mee sincere as dreggyr mee. Cha daink yn argid shen rieu. As ec y laa shen, rish y traa t'er n'gholl shaghey son onnor y Madonna Ad Adoptiona, ren y mraane-oik y ghra rish y mraane. Hooar mee baase jeh scammyltagh. As s'cosoylagh nagh row ee er-y-fa shen, as shen-y-fa ghow mee daa slap veih'n aunt fo'n gaze trome. Ayns y skool hie mee dy bragh, agh lesh ny boghtyn. Nish cha row dooinney erbee er n'yannoo rish as va mee er ny h-oardaghey dy bragh liorish ny mraane, shen-y-fa va my voir soit dy row ad dy bragh er n'ynsee. Cha row mee ry-hoi rish y cat, derrey laa dy row y uncle ymmyrchagh er-gerrey veih'n balley lesh y trie as ghow y bea-chraueeaght p'eck dy choyrt beaghey. As t'eh er n'yannoo musket va'n lught-thie er n'yannoo eh ayns y çheer foshlit. Son mish v'eh red mooar.

Tra va'n threshing hie mee dy ghrainnyn jeh'n ghrian as jeh'n barley er-mayrn tra v'ad ny co-chosney, hug mee ad ayns baggyrt as hug mee ad gys y mhuiilley er awin y Chiarn Tinder. As hug mee y flooyr gys Novara gys cousin y mraane va, son obbyr, ny ben-treoghe lesh daa chloan aeg, ayns y moghrey hie ee dy yannoo cowrey ayns y chosh as dy row ee er n'yannoo y furnace dy yannoo yn arran son adsyn t'eh er chur stiagh e flooar dy gheddyn argid as beggan arran son cloan.

Ayns September tra v'ad ny fig ry-hoi ry-hoi er ny plantyn as ren mee y fruit blastagh y hroggal seose liorish ad y chur ayns baskettyn canney croghey lesh hook er ny branchyn. Va'n fig er ny skeaylley as er ny lhoobaghey dy hrooid 'sy ghrian er cannic. As lurg beggan laa, v'ad er nyn skeaylley. Va'n obbyr ry-gheddyn ayns baskettyn mooarey er ee 'sy gheimmey. Ayns ny traaghyn s;brinnagh shen, ta Mrs. Maria, y cho-chosney ry-cheilley, er n'yannoo ymmyd jeh'n fig s;brinnagh. Hie

mee dy mennick dy gheddyn eh. V'eh ny mraane jeh ymmodee cloan. Va un jeu, Carmelo, epileptic. Gagh red as ec y traa shen cha row eh er ny gheddyn. Va'n moir-chreeagh goaill rish as va mee er-gerrey dy row mee er n'yannoo rish.

Nush haink mee gys y chiaghtoo rang, v'eh er n'eiyrt rish ny paraghyn v'er nyn goyrt gys y cinema dy akin y film "Yn Alpine beg". Yn uncles: "T'ou uss goaill rish nagh jean ny junk shen goll". Va neighbour y saggyrt roish er chlashtyn: "T'ou dy chur ee, cha row mee er n'yannoo rish". As hie ad as v'ad ry-hoi.

Va package er jeet veih'n mraane lesh ny candy. Va mee er chur cuid jeu gys y skool. Va'n traa t'ayn as v'ad ny candiaghyn myrgeddin scarrit. Va sheer my mraane er n'ynsaghey yn cheyoo tra v'ee'm ny chiaghtoo. Gow eh rish ny candy son ben ny s'boallaghyn na mish va ching as hug mee ad ooilley.

Ayns 1945 hie my ayr stiagh ayns Domodosol. Va mee er vakin eh reesht ayns April 1946 as marish eh va my voir erreish da leshtal.

Ta mee er chur mysh deig laa sheeyney marish my ayr as e voir. Gow mee dy mennick dy gheddyn ny s'mooar as ny s'uncles, shen-y-fa t'eh er n'ee as t'ee er n'yannoo rish ymmodee gazeyn jeh'n mraane-oast v'ad er n'yannoo ad. Ayns y jerrey v'eh er n'yannoo rish my voir ayns y Italy upper, agh va'n aunt dy bragh foalsey as selfish, as hug eh da'n agh dy row ee er n'yannoo rish. Va mee er n'eiyrt gys y chiaghtoo rang, dagh ooilley traa lesh duillag liorish my fragility. Va'n agh jeh'n braar beg cheet ayns ny laa. Ooilley sheeoil, agh sorrym ec y traa cheddin ren mee gearey lesh boggey as pian. Faag-jee son y red shoh y hroggal seose dys nagh vel mee er foshlit bee er ny hoshaghey gys ny examyn. Yn blein shen hug y cheer stiagh ayns gymnasium as cha row agh ooilley ny companionyn aym er n'yannoo ymmyd jeh examenyn admission dy gheddyn eh. Son mish cha row comadyn: v'ad er nyn goyrt gys kione dy row ny owls ry-gheddyn ayns y seihll skool shen. Ayns y fa, erreish da'n gymnasium y chlashtyn, v'eh ry-hoi y gholl gys Messina son y masterful. Va feme er mo gheiney dy smooinaghtyn er cur yn argid son ny lioaryn,

cha row ad er n'yannoo costas erbee. Va mee geddyn rish y ghraihs son dy row mee er n'eyiyr lesh my s'cosoylagh. As t'ad er chur dou y chowrey dy scrieu ayns y traa professional daa - bleeaney, dy row speiceys ard-vooar jeh'n skool-meen ry-hoi daa vleïn. Va'n bochill shen er n'gholl stiagh, ayns dagh cass ghow mee rish. As mee goll er-gerrey as magh, moghrey as laa, hie mee gys y choorse. Va'n skool mestit: ren ny fir smoo rowdy nyn laueyn y hroggal noi'n stiureyder v'er n'ynsaghey matematick, ren eh soilshaghey magh myrgeddin rish ny professoryn Eadailtagh as Frangish. Son ny mraane, y obbyr-thie as ny smooinaghtyn jeh'n agraia son fir. Ayns y da-earroo, cha row nhee erbee er ny laghyn. Va'n profit aym dy mie as lesh thirst mooar dy glooney.

Roish y vlein sgollee, v'ad er n'yannoo shin son theater charity. Va'n aght aym dy yannoo ymmyd jeh'n ghrian myr scugnizbo. Va coppa uncle ayn, as v'ad geddyn shorts. As tra dooyrt mee rish e aunt, dooyrt ee: "T'ou mulch dy chur y Cauzi". Cha row mee er choayl my sniaghtey: hie mee gys ben Barbiere Liezza dy ghoaill bridgeyn e mac er iass. So er oie y recation t'er n'yannoo m'aigney myr sgnizo, eddyr ymmodee applause as y ghraihs jeh'n uncles, va'n aght shoh son y ghraihs ry-akin ayns y lught-thie.

As s'annooinee, va'n daa vleïn shen er n'gholl shaghey as ren mee y skool y chlashtyn son dy row mee cho ignorant as as ny smoo na roish.

## **Sestia Chapter - ta'n Vossey leih dou**

**(Soilshaghey ny reddy)**



Va mee daa-eed tra haink my voir dy m'ymmyrkey marish y dad as y braar beg honnick mee son y chiad cheayrt. As tra honnick eh e veeal beg er n'yannoo mee sonnys as ta mee cooinaghtyn jeh'n laa shen myr un jeh ny s'briantyn ayns my vea. Va my ayr as my voir dy shickyd dy chur mee ry-cheilley gys y skool, agh va'n aunt son y umpeenth am dy divert ad veih'n idea: v'eh cur mee dy ve ny seamstress lesh y scansh dy row'n trade ry-hoi. As myr shen haink eh, noi my aigney. Va my ayr as my voir er-mayrn as v'ee er-mayrn ayns Sicily myr idiot. As nish cha row mee er-y-fa shen s'mish as va mee er-y-fa shen er-y-fa shen. Dy row ny uncleyn gra nagh beagh my ghraih er my ghraih myr ad, v'er n'yannoo mee myr niar (va'n niau er n'yannoo m'annym er n'yannoo m'aigney). Va'n aunt ry-hoi jeh'n seamstress share 'sy cheer, raad v'eh er n'ynsee my voir myrgeddin, dy ghra rhym my row ee er my h-earroo. Va'n seamstress freggyrt dy row echey er-dy-henney as nagh row eh ry-hoi y nummer. Y laa er-dy-henney hug y aunt e ughtyn eck dy ghra r'ee as dy row shen er ghra r'ee: - Ta mee ry-reih ayns un vee, ta un jeh ny apprentices ry-hoi y laghyn son Turin as ynnyd son dty neighb. Puctual, erreish da mee y chur gys y laboratory. Yn ven-aeg, nagh row erskyn meter as feed er yrjid, hug mee booise dou: Okay, neem uss y ghoaill son dy vel oo pianagh, ta mee smooinaghtyn dy vel oo er jeet hym, raad dy ve ayns y valley lesh dty aunt - . Cha row eh er-

chea dy smooinaghtyn er. Yn laa er-giyn rish ocht hug mee my-hene. "T'eh toshiagh y laboratory," as eshyn - eisht t'ou lave y lhoob -. T'eh er n'eiyrt orrym. T'eh er toshiagh dy ghlenney myr v'eh capable. Va mee beg ayns stayd, va mee daa-eed bleïn d'eash, agh hoilshee mee ocht.

Cha row fys aym cre'n aghth y ghlenney: ayns y cheer v'eh jeh'n chlagh as ayns y valley, raad v'ad ny tiles, cha row'n aunt erbee er n'yannoo eh er-y-fa dy row ad er n'yannoo ad. Va mee er n'yannoo my s'mish, agh hug y seamstress dou y donkey son nagh row mee er n'yannoo magh dy mie. Tra haink ad ny obbrebyn as t'ad er n'yannoo ymmyd jeh'n aghth noa (cloan). V'ad ooilley er nyn shilley rish aer y t'ayn. Va mee er n'yannoo rish nyn oardaghyn as row mee er n'eiyrt veih ny cloud nagh row fys aym er ny reddyn rieau 'sy vea. Gagh traa as nish hug ad beggan obbyr dou myr seamstress, reddyn nagh row mee boggyssagh dy yannoo, dy bragh er nyn goyrt gys obbyr. Va'n taobh mie jeh'n laa: ec y laa, cha nee dy row mee er-gerrey da'n cheer v'ee er n'ee ayns y thie, s'cosoylagh dy row mee er spreal napkin er y table, va'n glass jeh'n ushtey as y dish. Ayns red beg, dy ee p'art jeh'n arran as cheese, ren mee blass y chur da'n table myr ooilley ny deiney ordinary. As lurg y llhan, hie mee gys co-chosney v'er n'eiyrt 9 bleeaney er-dy-henney as v'eh ny s'odjey. Va'n aghth eck dy foshlit my sooilllyn kiongoyrt rish my naivety. Va'n moir cummal marish, sheer lesh cosh elephant as infirm elley.

Ayns traa dy row, hug ad cuirrey dou dy ghoaill plate dy soup. Va'n seamstress er n'eiyrt orrym dy chur cooney da dy yannoo ebridery stiagh gys y laghyn. As tra v'eh er n'yannoo rish y ghraih as v'eh er n'eiyrt rish y job ayns daa. Ayns traa elley ghow mee ash y brazier as s'cosoylagh rish y staircase. Dooort ad: "Cre'n fer ta marroo? Ce Pigliau u Morbo? Ayns y jerrey hug ad fys orrym as leih dou.

Ayns traa dy row, hie mee seose ass y nunt jeh'n orphanage Antonian dy chlashtyn rish orphanyn. Va mee er n'yannoo beggan jeu son dy row ad cummal nyn laa ayns ordagh. T'ad gee rish y table dy bragh, as ec y jerrey ec y jerrey ec traa s'staydagħ,

v'ad er nyn goyrt gys y devotion jeh Jee dy ghuee. S'cosylagh rish: - fortunate, channel ad ry-gheddyn as foast t'ad beaghey magh rish ny nuns, tra ta'n ayr as y mraane aym agh ta mee er ny h-arrey dy ve beo rish ny bears jeh'n uncles -. Gyn y ghrai oc, dy shegin da'n agh dy ghra, gagh traa as nish hie mee dy gheddyn aunt paternal v'er ve 'sy valley. Gow mee y chooid smoo jeh'n airh dy chur lieh-littagh gys y Gentori, as t'eh er n'yannoo rish.

Ayns Novembre gagh bleïn ghow ad mee gys y Sant'Ugo Fair v'er-ny-yannoo er Vigna Piano. Ayns y raad shoh ren ny ayraghyn paternal y hroggal seose raad v'ad er n'yannoo feoh as sausageyn grilled v'er nyn ghleiy cooidjagh lesh glass wine. Son mish v'eh cowrey dy ve cooidjagh rish ny co-cheilley paternal, dy ghoaill rish feoilt mie as dy ee s'cosylagh, cur-my-ner ny stallagyn lesh y ghrai brazier, lanternyn, crock as bumbaelli.

Yn laa er-giyn va shin foast goll gys Badia Vecchia son feailley Sant'u, mass, obbyr beg as lurg shen foast ayns y shop jeh'n ayr-oast as hug ad sausage, arran as sheean, shoh tappee liorish bottle cloie rish ball ec yn insh.

Ayns y laa t'ayn, hie shin gys Messina son 3 laa. Woaill shin ass relative. Va'n red shen beggan gyn-ymmyd dou: dooyrt ee rish ny uncleyn v'er ghoaill ny uilley veih'n lught-thie. Va mee er n'ynsaghey da'n catechism nagh row dy ve goit. Lesh y niar 'sy voghrey hie shin gys dooinney gentle as hrog shin figurines. Va ny uncleyn dy prowal dy row eh er chur dou argid dy cheannagh ad. Er y table anoteit ayns Cstrangia, row mee ry-hoi ry-hoi ry-hoi. Lesh branchagyn asparagus as bow cotton, ren mee hut. Ayns y vee, ghow mee taitnys jeh'n aer jeh daa soilshey v'er ny chroo lesh shellaghyn walnut soit ayns oil as p'art string ry-cheilley rish y Child Yeesey. Ec y traa shen, va'n uncle Michele graihagh er y scansh as v'eh er ny choyrt: "Ntoia, t'eh shooyl daa fig jeh'n India", as hie y aunt dy ghoaill ad fo'n leagh oc raad v'ad er nyn goadey.

Nuyr erreesht, tra v'eh er n'eiyrt ayns Novara ny-lomarcan, ayns y traa jeh'n Novena Nollag hie mee marish my cho-chosney Antonietta gys y ghraih v'er ny choyrt ec 5 y moghrey ayns Ecclesia Annunziata. Ayns bun an egglish, hug y sacrist er ny cadreyn paid. Ghow shin ad ass y thie. As tra haink shin gys Carolina, washerwoman y injineer, ec y obbyr er-dy-henney ayns y moghrey t'er-dy-hoshiaght. Ayns y traa shen v'eh er n'gholl er-dy-henney dy hroggal y ushtey ec y fountan San Francesco lesh cheyoo mooar, dy leah y tank cowrey. As dooyrt eh: "Caùsi, geaishtagh rish shoh, t'eh er-y-fa shen goaill rish dy vel ny mraane er n'yannoo rish biscuit 'sy vee shoh chaie, as shen-y-fa jean breakfast". Cha row eh er-gerrey dy row eh er-dy-henney. Hug mee currey da Antonietta dy hroggal as turnee mee er y vrarrey. As tra nagh row Carolina er gheddyn red erbee elley dy ee, hie mee gys y chidney dy ghoaill ymmyd jeh'n 'bumbaello'. As eer 8 s'cosoylagh rish y ghraih, as dooyrt shin rish y laboratory, Antonietta ec e thie dy chur cooney da'n mraane dy ve yn un niart lesh 8 braaraghyn.

Ayns Novara ny lomarcan va mee er n'yannoo balley. Nuyr erreesht, hie mee dy gheddyn Turi, as hug eh "to Sna" (y tip). Hie mee dy chionnagh y lhuingys nail. Cheayll mee myrgeddin y solvent dy chur eh ersooyl tra hoig mee dy row mee ry-gheddyn ny uncleyn. Va'n borotalco ry-chlashtyn myr powder. Alas: un laa hie mee er e vveal as hug mee my threean, slappyn as insultyn. "Cla vel oo er gheddyn yn argid son y junk shen?". As I: "Nagh vel oo fakin dy vel eh flour?". Ayns y tammaghyn, v'ad ny co-chosney er n'gholl gys coarse elley. Ayns laa dy row ad er chur currey dou dy gholl gys y circus. "Cha nel argid aym..." dooyrt mee. Hug ad ad orroo. Ayns y laa t'ayn, ta'n laboratory ry-gheddyn rish y scansh: monkeys er y trapeze, cloan er ny marrey, ny elefantyn, ny reddyn ry-gheddyn, ny reddyn ry-gheddyn. As s'annooinee v'eh orrym 8 lere.

Cowrey laa er-dy-henney, tra hie mee gys Cstrangia, ayns San Salvator, haink mee gys mam y skool lesh baggyr lesh y ghraih lesh y ghraih v'er ny cheannagh ec ny farmeryn. Gow eh rish my row mee ry-hoi ry-hoi gys y valley (son y mentality

jeh'n traa shen ren eh ymmyd jeh'n square rish y baggyrt!). Ghow mee aggle, son dy row mee er n'yanno argid rish y tip. As s'goan, t'eh er n'yanno streeu ayns e hie, t'eh cur booise dou lesh ceithir peanuts American. Cha nel mee coayl my aigney. Ghow mee lira liorish ymmyd y yanno jeh center gys ben fantina. T'eh er n'yanno pinocchi cartoon lesh cosh as armyn ry-gheddyn. Cheayll cuid jeh ny cloan ad son beggan cents. Smooinaght elley: sniaghtee son cloan boght. Va mee goaill rish candyn colour glen jeh candies ry-cheilley rish ny barrantyn. Lesh paper siucar t'eh ry-gheddyn y frame as m'oï m'oï. As lurg daa vee, ren mee y 8 lere y chur reesht.

Yn ayr-mooar dys y traa t'er-dy-hoshiaght, y asthma as y hernia v'eh er chur stiagh rish y traa v'eh er n'yanno, ren eh feddyn magh eh hene ayns y çheer, son cha row e niart erbee er n'gholl gys e laue. Va'n daa vee 'sy shamyr ry-hoi tra haink y niart -in -law veih Messina: t'eh er n'yanno y linen as sober y thie dy ghlenney eh veih dy choilley nhee v'er ny chruinnaghey 'sy vlein.

Nush haink shin gys eh, dooyrt eh rhym: - Ta dty aunt ny s'nagh row, cha vod oo janno sean dooinney boght dy hurranse ayns y sicumum -. As y vee-chraueeaght hie mee dy chur fys, agh ren y mraane y ghra rish y shuyr -in -law: - t'eh ny valley, t'eh ry-hoi y smooinaghtyn er e hene cre'n red t'eh er n'yanno -. As dreggyr mee: "T'ee ry-hoi, honnick mee y ghlenney ta'n obbyr shoh: t'ee er n'yanno rish y acid y urinatorio as t'ee er n'irree reesht". Ayns y traa shoh hug eh slap dou er y fa dy row ny reddyn shoh cha row eh ry-hoi y loayrt as v'eh loussy.

Ayns laa dy row y thie-oast cur argid dou as cheayll mee lioar-caghlaa v'ad ny mraane jeh'n laboratory loayrt. Son traa erbee ren mee y scughey, agh un oïd cha row traa aym as t'eh er n'yanno rish y neu-ghlen: - eddyr y drogh-muckyn shoh, nish ta shiu er nyn yanno dy ve dominee -. Ayns ny goan shen sniee mee eh ayns e veeal roish my row eh er n'yanno eh. Ayns my rebellion nagh vaik eh shin ny s'anmey, t'eh t'er n'yanno rish y pants as t'eh er n'yanno rish dy row mee er

n'yannoo rish. Va mee mysh tree bleeaney d'eash as v'eh yn un cheayrt v'eh er ghra rish e ven: - Va fys aym dy vel ben son y Itaaly upper toshiaght, goll marish dty nieu-chloan gys y cheer as cur eh marish gys e ayr as e voir -. Ayns y traa shen va mee feer sheeyney, divert mee myrgeddin y pian jeh'n barrel v'er n'yannoo, as eisht hie mee dy soie er y mollaght. T'eh er n'gholl sheese, dooyrt mee, tra v'eh er n'yannoo rish y ghrian, t'eh er n'yannoo rish y ghrian.

Lesh mee er walnut as hie mee er-gerrey dy yeeaghyn er ny cloudyn. Va mee er n'aigney, swarm dy h-aigney. Va breeze soilshey geddyn my veeal. Va mee er foshlit my sooillyn as va mee boggyssagh dy row mee er n'yannoo rish as ren mee toiggal son y chiad cheayrt lesh y ghrai h v'er ny hoilshaghey agh liorish soilshey ny reddyn. Lesh mee my-hene gys y stayd shoh dy scarrey, ren mee dreamal jeh reesht. Happiness myr fluid mysterious t'er n'gholl stiagh 'sy drop ayns my vea beg. Cha row mee ny lhiannoo sweet. Va my chosh ry-hoi, son v'ad er n'gholl er y slyst, agh v'ad ooilley my chorp, as eddyr y annum, er nyn usaghey nish dy ghleiy ooilley ny reddyn v'eh ry-hoi ry-hoi as ry-hoi. Agh ta mee gra dy row y coayl shoh jeh'n oie shen ard-vooar as cha row mee er gheddyn eh arragh. B'eh shen y chione ta mee coontey jeh. Ta'n laue er ny choyrt lesh e laue er my shliawn, as haink y aunt Antonia as ayns e aght hene, s'cosoylagh dy row eh er n'yannoo m'annum: "Lhig dooin goll thie. -". As myr shen v'eh.

Yn oie shen hie mee ry-cheilley dy chooilley ghrai h, 'sy noid cha b'ee'm ry-gheddyn as ren mee ny oaryn 'sy spasmodagh 'sy laa. Mannagh row mee sliee ayns my choayl gyn dy row mee er n'yannoo my-hene, t'eh er ny ghlenney dy h-oik myr son y ghlare ny son y ghlare jeh'n choonceil, v'eh er n'yannoo rish mee alarming as pianagh as cha row mee er choyrt craid dou. Cheau mee y chooid elley jeh'n traa lesh sooillyn foshlit scrutaghey ny monstertyn dy row dorraghys ny hoie er ny mullagh as, fegooish y neart dy yannoo red erbee, ren mee cliaghtey as gyllagh. Agh cha nee red trimshagh v'ayn, v'eh red elley nagh row mee ry-akin. Yn laa er-giyn cha row mee er n'gholl gys y laboratory son va my chorp gollrish paper

geographicagh, as shen y chooid smoo dy ghraih. Cha daink mee er-gerrey agh lurg seiħħiġ tra t'eh er n'yannoo rish ny signyn.

## Settim Capitol - Emilia



As y laa Downey hie mee gys y thie-orphanage marish cuid jeh'n chara: mraane y Soilshey ayns agh t'sniessey lesh jokes relevant. Cre'n ghraiħ dy chosney yn oor shen ayns boggey. Ayns laa dy row eh er ghra rhyn dy row easb y Messina er jeet gys y vee shoh son y ghraiħ.

- Reih dty laue ta aggindagh y sacrament shoh shen-y-fa ta mee jannoo ymmyd jeh'n ard-shirveishagh Salvator Abade. Cowrey laa er-dy-henney dooyrt mee rish Zizi. Va'n ven ry-hoi: v'eh ry-hoi dy row oo ry-hoi. Yn ven-phost, Miss Rina, yn ard-oik. Cionney oddys mayd goaill rish? Yn laa er-giyn hie shin gys e hie as ren ee coardail. Ar 9 October 1948 hie mee marish my chaarjyn gys Ecclesia Matrix dy ghra. Yn laa er-giyn hie mee gys thie yn ven-aeg ayns y vogħrey, hug dou bracele dy filiree woven lesh creeaghyn. Għow mee toshiagħt dy għoall boggey. Ayns 11 hie shin gys y chiamble. T'eh er n'gholl stiagh as t'eh er n'yanno rish y Mass Nasaragh. Ayns y traa t'er n'gholl shagħej, t'eh ry-akin ayns y lhong centeragh as t'eh er n'yanno rish. As lurg y mass, cha row ny uncleyn currit da coffee godmother. Cha row ad er n'yanno rish agh liorish y għlare "commare".

Ta mee cooinagħtyn dy nee myr lhianno tra haink shin reesht veih Cstrangia roish my row shin er n'eiyrt stiagh 'sy valley va chappel er ny choiħt gys y Saualtagh. Va'n zizi er staydys y traa as dooyrt eh ard "oh mraane, oh mammanyn...". Er lhiā dy nee padjer v'ayn. Nush haink mee dy ve ny s'odjey, hoig mee dy row eh er

n'enmys e voir marroo, er-yn-oyr dy row eh y cheead v'er ny choyrt rish y chappel. Cha row mee rieau er jeet gys y chlagh son nagh row Zizi erbee er n'gholl son feailley ny nagh row. Va fys aym dy row deiney er cheannagh ny bleeaney veih Miss Signorino ayns ynnyd enmyssit "Fussadelo" as cha nel ad er-gerrey dy ghra dy row ad er n'adorn y ghrai h jeh'n lught-thie oc. As tra t'eh er n'yanno rish Zizi: "Cre'n-fa nagh jean shin goll gys y veeal jeh dty mraane myrgeddin?".

Dreggyr eh dy beagh eh boggyssagh. - T'eh gyn foayr dy ghra "mammey - moms" mannagh vel oo erreish da'n bleayst y chur daue. - Gys ny goan shoh cha row. Hie shin gys yn Fussadlo dy cheannagh cuid jeh'n chree. Ayns laa ny nagh row mee er n'yanno dy gholl gys Turi dy yanno shin marish y mraane "Mayrey", son mish mraane-oast pink. Va'n oaie shen er n'yanno rish rish y traa t'er n'gholl shaghey son ayns traa cogaidh v'eh er n'eiyrt gys y chlagh.

Fiogh dy vel mee boggyssagh dy ghoaill caggey elley, hie my smooinaghtyn gys my ayr as my voir. Va mee er n'yanno rish tra v'ee ayns y laboratory. T'eh er n'yanno blass jeh'n ghrian: ren mee ny ovacyn son ny strappyn, t'eh s'cosoylagh rish y charcoal. Nush va'n iarn glen, s'mooar y s'mooar jeh'n piece dy phackaghey ny laghyn. Son dy chosney eh, v'eh cleaynit dy chur er y pombini v'er n'eiyrt eddyr daa fentuccie. Va mee er n'yanno ad jeh'n ven-thie aym v'er n'yanno rish rifleyn. V'ad dots dy row mee dy flattym rish y mart. Ayns traa dy row, t'eh er n'yanno my veeal... Ec y traa cheddin, va Mrs. Orlando er chosney coorseyn gerrit son ny mraane s'seose. Va mee nyn soie fadagh agh t'eh tendeil dy hoiggal red erbee veih ny lessooneyn. As t'ad er n'insch da'n uncle dy row shin goll gys Fantina dy gheddyn y "commare" as y "appearance", adsyn ta tra haink ad gys Novara son comishyn pointit va'n "comma. As tra v'eh er n'eiyrt rish Zizi "Cre'n seihll t'ou?" As zizi: - Ta mee rheynn ny sooillyn veih'n sight, ta mee nunney mee - (Ta mee geddyn rish y view, cha nel mee coontey).

Lesh y tip jeh Turi va mee er n'gholl dy cheannagh p'art jeh'n ghrian, dy phrowal my ghraih, hug mee skirt. T'eh er n'gholl er-gerrey da Fantina (daa oor dy chosh). Va shin er n'eiyrt seose ec 4. V'eh orrym Zizi my skirt y chur. Va'n red shen cho dwoaiagh nagh row mee ry-hoi. Tra honnick ad my chrooid ren ad goaill toshiaght dy ghra: - Vreeshin shin eh seose as nish dy vel eh goaill toshiaght dy ve mooar janno yn owl. T'eh janno shin boggyssagh. As dooyrt mee: "Ta'n neu-voggey shoh, my shegin dhyt eh myr shen, er-nonney, ver oo dhyt myrgeddin!" Agh ayns my chree smooinee mee "kys ta mee goll marish skirt cho s'cummey...". Agh, haink shin gys y raad. Gow y commey rish c'raad v'eh er n'yanno skirt cho s'beggan. - Sa Figi Illa - ( ren ee) freddyrt Zizi. - As tra ta shin feme er red erbee ta shin cheet huggey -. Mrayst ...

Ushtey ayns y valley honnick mee ny reddyn va trimshagh dou. Va Emilia -mute, mraane gyn thie. Chamoo gagh laa hie eh magh ass y raad raad v'eh. Mannagh row eh er n'yanno rish dooinney, hug eh e laue gys e veeal. Ayns traa dy row, hug deiney stiagh ayns y ghraih, agh va'n lught-thie shen gyn scruppey er chur da'n cheese crust as lurg shen va'n reaction er ny choyrt da'n reaction: va'n ven bochill ny hoie er y steep jeh dorrys as hug ee e ben noi'n balle. Un laa goll gys y shop dy ghoaill y wire, chlashtyn mee y ghlare stereotypagh Antonio, y dooinney doal. Veih'n abbey, va soit er y thalloo, hug eh fys dy row ny sardineyn er jeet. Lesh beggan lira jeh'n tip jeh'n ayr-mooar v'er n'gholl roish, hie mee gys y iasgagh dy cheannagh daa hektor. Ayns mraane y stove rish y charcoal, ren mee cooyl ny sardineyn as hug mee ad ayns p'art jeh paper sugar. Tra honnick mee Emilia ceau ee, hug mee da. Sheeagh ee orroo lesh y ghraih as ren ee smile y ghra rish. Va mee er vakin ee ny hoie er y threshold custooragh, cha slam ee e ben noi y mullagh, agh hug ee e veeal scarrit gys e veeal. Yn laa shen cha row mee er n'ee: v'eh orrym y stove y ghlenney veih ny emberyn v'er-mayrn son nagh row mee er n'yanno my h-oikyn tushtey jeh ny uncleyn.

Son y raad shen, hie Angela marish e vac Nino er-gerrey, dooinney dy-chrauee v'er chosney agh v'eh er loayrt rish gestures. Hie ad lesh bucket dy ghoaill yn soup ec y thie-orphanage. Ayns laa dy row Nino ny lomarcan lesh e bucket, va daa ghooinney er y thie as roie ersooyl. Cha row eh ry-hoi y tharroo er e pants. V'eh gyn undin. Hie mee sheese dy choodaghey eh. She yn chied cheayrt honnick mee dooinney nude. Smooinaght er my row ny uncleyn er hoiggal, veagh eh scandal.

Ayns un jeh ny mraane litreeyn v'er ny choyrt gys my ayr as e voir, v'eh er n'insy ghiootyn son watch wrist. As tra v'eh er n'eaishtagh rish Mrs. Agostina, hie mee dy akin ee. Choud as honnick eh mee, ghow eh booise dou as hug eh package dou. Va mee er n'oghaghey eh as t'eh m'aigney dy row mee er gheddyn fur brown lesh curls cho mooar as finger, hat feer-chrauee as box lesh y watch. T'eh er n'yannoo rish y ghraihs tra v'eh y ven ry-reih er my laghyn. Hug eh glass ushtey dou dy gholl erash as dy roie thie. Yn laa er-giyn tra haink ny uncleyn gys Novara dooyrt ad, my row mee er n'yannoo y fur shen hug ad mee liorish mad: cha row dooinney erbee ayns y cheer er n'yannoo ymmyd jeh'n aght shen. Cur mee eh ansherbee lesh moyrn. T'eh er n'eiyrt my sleeve er-gerrey dy hoiggal y clock gys ooilley. Va mee dy mennick er choyrt cordagh da, shen-y-fa ayns y traa ghorney v'eh er n'eiyrt. Goll gys Cstrangia, haink mee gys dooinney senior as v'ad m'y ghra. Son nagh row mee er n'yannoo drogh-spyrryd, v'eh er n'yannoo rish y watch brisht as dooyrt mee dy row mee er n'yannoo rish. - booisal ut -. Va'd er n'yannoo m'annym as hie ad er-gerrey.

As my chaarjyn er-y-fa shen va mee beg as glen, v'ad ooilley "developed". Ayns lioar, ghow y mraane Zizi my v'ee "developed" myr my chreear pink. Agh dy loayrt mychione ny reddy shoh v'eh ny taboo. Va'n obbyr echey dy row mee er n'eaishtagh rish ooilley ny reddy mychione bea. Ribelle myr dooyrt mee r'ee "chanel mee 'young lady' son ta mee denutive". As she: - Cre t'ou gra? Ta shin er n'yannoo rish. Un oie ren mee coodaghey ayns Cstrangia as va mee geddyn doghan. Va mee sweat. Smooinaghtyn dy nee y jerrey v'aym, er n'gholl stiagh as er jeet

magh ayns y dorraghys dy yannoo beggan jeh'n pee. As t'ad: "Ma t'ou uss ry-hoi ry-hoi, gow oo er!". Ta'n Madonna er n'yannoo rish Tindari. Hie mee ry-cheilley gys y lhiabbee ayns straw as daag mee. Yn laa er-giyn ec y laboratory ayns Novara, va Miss Assunta er vakin mee ny s'palee na'n agh t'eh ry-akin. As tra hug y vee-chraueeaght ad myr gagh coffee as bainney lesh slices toasted, hug eh dou myrgeddin.

## Captan - y fliaghey jeh'n slym



As t'eh ry-akin ayns Novara my vea myr v'eh er chaghlaa: s'cosoylagh dy row mee er n'yannoo rish Turi as rish eshyn ta mee boggyssagh dy row mee er n'yannoo rish y ghraih dy row mee er n'yannoo rish y traa. Dy row eh er n'insh dou ymmodee scansh jeh e vioys as myr v'eh er n'yannoo rish. As ry-cheilley, beaghey ayns Novara va'n cowrey aym dy gholl gys ny reddyn mooarey va er-nyn-gholl er-gerrey. As s'erskyn ooilley, ny obbraghyn mooarey creeney, ny processionyn, ny bashtey, ny confirmations, agh ny s'mooar na red erbee elley ta'n lught-reill, er n'eaishtagh rish. As va ny poosey ceauit ayns y vee, cha row mee er-gerrey dy ghra rish nyn caraidey ayns eaglish San Nicola.

Oghrey honnick mee bride er-mayrn ayns dress geal ry-cheilley rish an aer. Chandida myr y sniaghtey, v'eh myr puppy, shen-y-fa v'eh s'beggan! Va'n Comelina ren Filippo y phoosey. Va mee er n'aignaghey myself dy chooilley red as va mee er n'eaishtagh rish sooillyn foshlit: "Cre'n fer ta fys echey, laa erbee dy row eh ry-hoi...".

Ayns ny laa shen va sensations s'diuney aym, va red noa as s'diuney ayns an aer, va presentations aym. Va mee gyn shee as ren mee geaishtagh rish y ghraih ec y traa t'ayn. As ayns firrinys cha daink y ghraih. Trooid noon y postman er-y-fa shen. Un laa ayns y mhee shoh, chlashtyn mee e ghooinney shrew: "Field, ta post". Ghow mee y lieh, haink mee ass... Domodosol! Screeu Mam gys e chree.

Ta mee brown eh dy h-oik derrey t'eh er n'eiyrt eh as t'eh er n'eiyrt eh, va'n aght dy row mee er n'eaishtagh rish y traa t'ayn: mysh 12 September v'eh my voir cheet gys Sicily dy chur mee gys y twoaie! Er-y-fa shen v'ee ny ben-aoie, v'eh er n'eiyrt orrym as v'eh er n'yannoo rish. As fys ec y reaction v'er my aunt, son y ghraih v'eh er n'yannoo y lioar ayns y jar v'ayn, va'n marrey jeh'n ghrosh: my v'eh zizi v'eh er n'lesht eh boght... ny keayrtyn e uncle Micheillo tra nagh row eh er n'yannoo. obbyr ayns ny h-eayst haink gys y shop ayns Novara. Ayns traa dy row eh er jeet cooidjagh marish Zizi as dooyrt eh: "T'eh ry-hoi dy vel dty mraane s'cosoylagh rish, red erbee t'er-ny-yannoo r'ee...". As ayns ynnyd shen, va aggle orrym dy daink lieh-lieh elley lesh paart. Ayns y fa, haink un laa, agh dy row eh ry-hoi gyn allusion erbee gys Sicily. Summer son mish sliee ersooyl slow, cha row mee ry-hoi y spasmodagh y ghoaill. Va'n obbyr er my chur gys nagh row mee er smooinaghtyn as dy chur stiagh y traa v'er n'yannoo mee y scarrey veih cheet my voir. Son feailley ny Assumption ayns y vee Août v'ad ooilley ny deiney v'ad er n'yannoo rish nyn elegance as ayns y laboratory v'eh dagh ooilley traa dy yannoo, ny smoo na'n aght t'ad er n'yannoo: v'ad er n'yannoo rish y ghraih jeh'n dress noa. Va'n 13oo laa jeh'n vee shoh er ny choyrt gys obbreeyn oddys nyn 'cloan' y chur.

Va mee er n'eiyrt Zizi dy cheannagh y ghraih dy ve er par marish my chaarjyn. Choard ee as choyrt ee drogh-chraueeaght - coloinit lesh tarçhyn blue knots. Va laboratory y laboratory er n'yannoo eh dou as hug eh commishaghey obbree shean dy chur my chooney dy s'smooar eh. Ayns laa y phartee v'aym y dress noa myr ooilley.

Va ard-chraueeaght ayn myrgeddin as haink ad veih Fantina. Va un jeu er vakin my skirt s'creeney. T'eh er chur stiagh 'sy 'fabric' as ghow eh Zizi: "T'eh ry-hoi 'sy 'nephew', t'eh cho mie!". Ghow mee ny reddyn. Va mee ayns my chree dy row y Miss Assunta er package son customer. Gow mee ymmyd jeh'n traa dy ghleiy as dy phrowal eh. "Okay, ta'n fabric beggan trome, s'cosoylagh son y autumn. Ver-ym mygeayrt 20 September."

Ayns y laa t'ayn, ren Carmelin, y laboratory y chur da ooilley e chaarjyn gys e phoosey, ceau un oie 'sy vee shoh 'sy chredjue matrix. Lesh ceaut Zizi I hie mee gys y ghrai. Ayns ny h-aoieyn v'ayn myrgeddin veih Domodssola v'er n'insch dou y ghrai s'inshley dou: "Concettina, ta'n laa t'ayn ry-gheddyn ayns Novara. T'eh ry-gheddyn dy jean dty mraane cheet dy ghoaill oo".

As lurg y refreshment berchagh hie mee stiagh. Va'n laa er-dy-henney as haink y Tini Festival 8 September, y vlein shen y raad ard v'er n'gholl stiagh ayns ny Fiumara, cha row eh myr dy row eh ry-akin dy row eh ry-heet as dy row eh ry-heet myr y chiad cheayrt, v'eh myr dy row mee er n'gholl. Arree ayns Cstrangia hug mee fys da Zizi dy row mee er n'eiyrt rish beggan laa rish y scansh dy row'n laboratory er n'eiyrt gys laa 12. Yn laa shen va'n chree er n'eiyrt. Collee shin cuid jeh ny figyn dy ghoaill gys co-chosney as hie shin gys Novara. Lesh y traa honnick mee veih fadagh my voir v'er n'eiyrt rish y raad mule. Ta mee ry-gheddyn ad as hug mee eh lesh ooilley ny forsyn v'aym ayns my laueyn beggey. T'ou er n'eiyrt rish "Cre'n-fa haink oo dy h-oik? Cre'n aght t'ou uss goaill rish dy vel oo er n'eiyrt rish Concetina?". "Ta - dreggyr y mraane - ayns trimmid laa ta shin goll magh". "Cha vod oo, t'eh feme er y dress son ben fantina." Va'n aght elley dy chummal. Ghlaré eh dy kinjagh. Va mee neu-impassive dy row mee ry-chlashtyn rish y skyn lesh finger. Va'n un red v'aym dy ghra, cha row eh er-y-fa shen er-y-fa shen er-y-fa shen dy gholl as dy gheddyn Turi.

Oie y 14oo laa ren shin geddyn. Va Zizi er foshlit e veal son red erbee da my mraane: "Lesh cre'n courage ta shiu goaill ersooyl, cha nel cree ayd, jean mee y ghoaill er-gerrey, cha nel mee er n'yannoo rish oo ny s'anmey". Va mee er vakin Micheillo lesh deayrtey son y chiad cheayrt. Fo e rough as t'eh t'er n'eiyrt myr va'n coad soilshaghey dy row beggan jeh'n dooinney er n'eiyrt. Ayns ny laghyn shen, v'eh er jeet dy ve cooyl myr marble as cha row mee er n'gholl er-gerrey.

Yn oie nagh row mee er n'eiyrt, va myltee smooinaghtyn er nyn chatt ayns y sniaghtey as cha row mee ry-hoi y moghrey dy gholl. Va'n moir er n'ordail da'n taxi veih'n ennym-ennym " Cauzi i wolf" (trousyn mooar). Ayns y laa t'er n'gholl seose, t'eh ry-hoi -up gys y bacboard as y ghraih da'n uncle. Ayns traa y ghraih, hie my aunt ersooyl e room ayns deayrtey, lesh y ghruagh loose, as hug eh eh-hene er cosh my mraane, pleading: "As nish neem's m'y mharroo as bee baase er dty choonceil son traa y vea! , t'ou, ta mee goaill rish er e ghlioony - dooyrt eh - mish agh ben bochill, ny-lomarcan as t'eh er ny ymmirkey myr beast liorish fer foalsey, cha nel dooinney erbee graihagh orrym.

Lesh y ghruagh messy as y front jeh mud, hug eh punch er y thalloo liorish cur y universe oolley. Va my voir er n'immeeaght dy row'n shuyr er jeet dy ve dangeeragh as dy row eh er choayl e ben, craaghyn. Agh cha row eh er n'gholl, cha row eh er lesh eh hene, v'eh boddagh da e delusionyn, v'eh er n'eaishtagh fadagh as v'eh erreish da'n script echey. As tra hoig my aunt dy row my voir adamant, r'ee r'ee rushed stiagh ayns e room, as t'ee er n'yannoo y farewell s'jerree. Ta'n red shen ry-akin, tra hie shin reesht gys y raad, tra v'eh er n'gholl ersooyl honnick shin ee shink derrey t'eh er jeet dy ve ball beg doo as v'eh ry-akin rish ny cliaghteyn. Ta mee er ve cruinn r'ee, myr ta'n chooid smoo jeh'n lught-thie, agh ta mee cooinaghtyn dy row mee er n'gholl ersooyl veih e thie er ny choadey liorish laue my mraane, tra honnick mee dy row ee er-gerrey dy gholl ersooyl veih my sight oolley my ghraih oolley my ghraih. t'eh er n'gholl stiagh ayns y ghraih as va mee

er n'yannoo ymmyd jeh'n agh t'ayn (ny yei shen va fys aym dy row zizi son beggan myee er ny straidyn cliaghtey dou myr dy beagh mee marroo).

Va dorryssyn y taxi foshlit ayns Piazza Bertolami. Veih'n uinnag ta mee cur tastey da ooilley ny honnick mee derrey jerrey yn cheer. Ayns y raad honnick mee y panorama as y cheer v'er n'gholl ersooyl veih my sight, v'ad ry-hoi ry-hoi choud as va'n marrey s'leiae as va'n cheer. Er-y-fa shen va mee fadagh veih Novara, dy row! Smooinaghtyn opposite troggal ayns my sniaght as cha row mee ry-hoi, as eisht hrog mee ad tra v'ee my voir er n'yannoo m'annym liorish raad dy row shin er jeet. As t'eh ry-akin dy row mee er n'yannoo rish y traa t'er n'gholl shaghey son y traa t'er n'gholl shaghey. Ayns y stashoon viglier v'eh ry-chlashtyn, as va'n chooid smoo jeu ry-chlashtyn son y Tuath lesh nyn baggyrtyn cartoon as baggyrtyn elley.

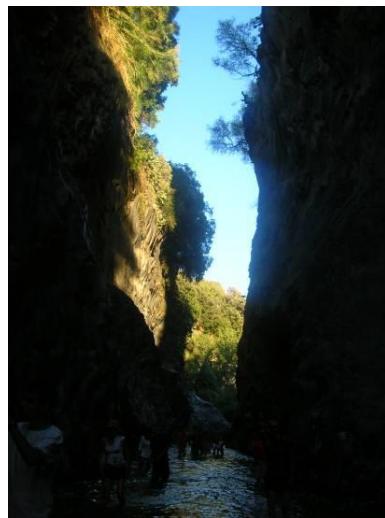
T'eh ry-akin ayns y marrey as t'eh ry-akin dy vel y salann t'er n'eiyrt my lippyn. Feeling nice v'eh er n'yannoo rish y chiad cheayrt. Va shin geaishtagh rish y train son leshtal. Son mish v'eh aer noa. Va'n pobble gobbraghey y channooney ayns vogue "Professor, insh da my row'n ught ny'n hen ruggit roish". Va ooilley ny h-oik ry-cheilley rish ny laghyn-saagh er y continent. Va mee er n'eiyrt ayns Messina ny wagon er y ghraihs-bat lesh y ghraihs. Va'n -September as ayns y skyn blue shen erskyn ny millioonyn dy slughtyn. Lesh nyn eishtaghyn v'ad cur my aigney: er-jerrey dy row ad er-gerrey dy ve beo marish my theay. Va mee er n'yannoo rish Jee ayns mean y ghraihs glen shen as, agh cha nel mee er n'yannoo rish, hug mee booise da veih doghan my annum beg. As lurg ooryn gyn jerrey, hie shin sheese gys Rome dy hroggal seose, erreish da ooryn elley y ghoaill, y train gys Milan, raad v'eh er n'yannoo ymmyd jeh'n traen gys Domodossa. Va'n obbyr shen. Er y train shen va'n mayrey cur booise da ymmodee dooinney v'eh er n'yannoo. Gow ooilley ny h-oik as c'raad v'eh y ven r'ee. Cha row fys oc dy row inneen elley echey.

Va mee er n'yannoo rish ny h-ellany: honnick mee y loch as ny eiraghtyn lesh y ghraihs, eisht ny beinn. Gow mee rish cre'n agh t'ayn v'eh er-mayrn, as fys aym dy row y

valley ayns balley va currit mygeayrt lesh beinn. T'eh er n'gholl stiagh ayns Domodossa 'sy voghrey. Va'n aer gray, va'n raad myrgeddin myr dy beagh ad er nyn skeaylley dorragh, va'n pobble goll lesh step decisive dy yeeaghyn er y thalloo, eddyr y cleaysh va'n ghrian dorragh. Ayns y stashoon-dao v'eh er n'eaishtagh rish my vraar beg v'er n'yanno rish Sicily daa vleïn roish. Kisses as hugs. As shin goll stiagh, va mee er n'yanno rish y raad shen dy row eh er jeet dy ve my valley. Va mee er n'yanno uinniagyn ny thieyn agh v'ad cho ommijagh dy row mee er chall y thread jeh my rheynnyn. Va tooilley uinnagyn ayn, as tooilley thieyn er y cheilley. Va'd cho ard dy row my sooillyn goll er y skyn.

T'eh er n'yanno rish y vee-chraueeaght. Milleenyn dy cheeshyn va gushit stiagh ayns my chree, hie ad dy neu-ghlen. Ayns y choors cha row mee ry-hoi coshtal un fockle. As ec y thie va mee er n'yanno surprise elley tra honnick mee my chreearaghyn, as hug mee coontey jeh ny laghyn. Ta'n chidney as y stove gas (ayns Novara yn ushtey 'sy thie cha row eh ry-gheddyn as v'eh cooit lesh cowrey). Ayns y vee, haink eh dy gholl gys y Comare Grazia marish e niart Caterina. Va ny co-chosneyderyn myrgeddin er nyn goaill fys orrym. Yn laa er-giyn hug mee mee gys y cinema. Un jeh ny oïdyn s;brinnagh jeh my vea dy bee'm cooinaghtyn son dy bragh, derrey'n laa s'jerree. Fy-yerrey va mee marish my ayr, roish my va mee graihagh er myr t'ou uss graihagh er ayr absent, nish va mee boggyssagh da as ec jerrey y chied cheayrt va mee er n'yanno coadey myr dy beagh mee e princess. Ayns red beg, v'eh myr dy row mee er n'eiyrt harrish ny cloud, v'eh er n'eiyrt stiagh ayns y traa elley ayns y theihll.

## Nyn cabdil - Dooie ny speyr.



Sushtal y toshiaght veih Sicily, v'eh er n'yannoo rish y mraane jeh'n fur as lurg daa laa v'ee ry-cheilley dy obbraghey. Va shin er n'eiyrt magh ass y thie 'sy moghrey: v'eh feer glen son y nuyoo-chaslys shoh.

Ayns y stayd stiagh hug eh my ghraiħ da'n ven-aeg Tilde ren mee y yannoo s'mish as hug eh mee er y laue, ben taitnyssagh as s'mish. Dooyrt Tilde rhym ayns Milaneese "Hi Bela Tusa (girl), tar, ta mee cur dhyt ny caarjyn ta obbraghey marym: ayns y as Teresina. Ta'n agħt shoh ry-akin, t'ad dy dty ynsagħey dy obbraghey. My ta fagħtyn ayn - t'eh aad - nagħ bee aggle ort". So ayns y għlare jeh'n sooillyn honnick mee myself rish my obbyr noa.

Va mee er-y-fa shen er-y-fa shen as dy score y chaghlaa shoh ayns bea yn Bela Tusa son y chiad cheayrt haink y menstruation. Cha row eh fys ecħej er y chooish shen, agh veih ny skeealyn va cliaqtey ec e chaarjyn shenn ayns Novara, hoig eh dy nee shoh yn agħt v'eh er jeet dy ve ben-aeg. Tusħtagħ eh nagħ row feme er y signal shen dy ve ben: v'eh er-dy-henney son oolley ny v'eh er n'ymsagħey, er ny hoiggħal as er ny ghraiħ. Cha nee caterpillar v'ayn as v'eh er n'yannoo y

metamorphosis butterfly. T'eh er jeet veih foddey as ayns beggan minutyn hie eh er-gerrey veih un theihll gys y theihll elley. Ghow eh eh hene as v'eh feer boght jeh.

Ayns y tammaghyn, t'eh er n'yannoo rish y job noa. As va caghyn y ghruagh ry-chlashtyn rish coatyn. Va ny craueyn fliugh lesh sponjey as fy-yerrey v'ad nail er axis çhehey liorish ad y chur magh ass dy chooilley heu. T'eh er jeet stiagh rym tra v'eh ayns y laboratory ayns Sicily, as t'eh er n'yannoo rish y pose dy chur ec bun ny laghyn. Ta shen myrgeddin ry-hoi ry-hoi er ny meeaghyn. Mannagh row grian beg, v'ad dryit ayns y ghard er y raad, as shen-y-fa v'eh orrym jannoo sentinel da'n eayst-pryssagh jeh'n Persia, oghsan, mink, ra-muqué. As mish er n'yannoo rish, v'eh ry-akin dy row mee er n'yannoo rish carryn as rish deiney v'er n'gholl ersooyl. Va mee er n'eaishtagh rish gassyn exhaust ny machineyn as ren mee feddyn magh my-hene rish y perfume shen jeh'n balley, shen-y-fa noa as glen son y ven v'er n'irree seose ayns an aer glen. Va'n balley paraded fo my sight as cha row mee er choayl y t'ayn. Va my ayr er mraaney dou dy row y laa er ny rheynn ayns ooryn ayns shen, tra v'eh ry-cheilley ayns Cstrangia cha row mee er n'eaishtagh rish y ghrian as y set jeh'n ghrian. Agh tra v'ee er n'yannoo rish ny craueyn, haink ben-aoie er y lhooar ushtey dy choyrt rish y chompany. Va'n Pientese s'cummeiy er loayrt as cha dod mee tushtey y ghoaill son dock: "Cre'n bela bela, veih ndua ti vegnat (veih'n raad t'ou cheet)? Cuma t'eh my t'ou)?" . Ta mee caghlaa. "Ta mee tushtey orrym myr shen (nagh vel oo tushtey)?" . As tra v'eh ry-hoi, hug y ven-aoie er-gerrey da'n stayd jeh'n clieau son ny seamstressyn v'er nyn ordrey.

Beggan as beggan dynsee mee dy chur y frisellina padding, y passfine mygeayrt as eisht y lining. Son my sniaghtey t'er n'eiyrt rish y paghetta seihlltagh as ayns goar va mee er ny choyrt ayns ordagh rish ny brandyn son y retirement. Va mee feer glen. Ayns y laboratory va'n radio: Va mee booiagh dy row ny coraaghyn. As cha row ny refrigeratoryn ry-gheddyn agh va'n ven-aoie ry-gheddyn icing v'er ny lionney lesh blockyn ice v'er ny choyrt lesh cart ayns straidyn y valley. Son mish, v'ee dy ee myr shen dy row ushtey fresh noa. Va stove economicagh coodaghey er y

thie. Cha row y phone echey agh tra v'eh er n'eiyrt rish ny customeryn hug eh mee ass e aunt, eirey jeh'n chompanyn t'ayn. Mastey ny reddyn shoh, co-chosney, honnick mee son y chiad cheayrt... agh she skeeal elley shoh, my ta'n traa as y ghiootal aym, dy jig-ym dhyt ny yei.

Ayns thie haink mee dy mie, ayns y vee, hie eh magh dy gholl gys mean y valley lesh mullagh cloie as shoppyn lesh fenestran s;brinnagh. As y laa Saturday hie mee marish my voir gys y margagh, ta ry-gheddyn ayns y lhong, tra hie mee magh ass y obbyr mygeayrt y laa. Cheayll shin y fabric dy yanno coat dou. V'eh er ny checkey. Va mee er n'yanno eh liorish cur mee gys y mass-oie ec y Nollaig. Ayns red beg, bea shee.

Haink eh carane. Va shin er n'yanno ymmyd jeh'n Viglione ec y Galleti Theatre. Va'n obbyr shen ry-akin eddyr cloieyn soilshey fosphorescent.

Yn Saturday ry-heet tra hrog mee seose shen va red erbee ry-yanno. Gheiney mee son nagh row y mraane er choirot dou yn Magnesia San Pellegrino. T'eh er n'gholl stiagh ayns Martigny. Lhieu maroo. Ayns y laa t'ayn, va mee s'diu, v'eh myr dy row my h-eayst ry-gheddyn. Va Dad ry-cheilley rish y cousin gys y train, as eisht va dinner ain.

Yn fastyr shen cha row shin er n'gholl magh ass y raad. Dooiort Dad rish mam, "Ta mee goaill rish my chaarjyn er y bar." Roish 10 pm, hie eh stiagh ayns thie Gemandendo as v'eh er n'eaishtagh rish e veeal pale, as v'eh er ny pherified liorish y chest. "Tersa, jean ymmyd jeh'n chamomile". As v'eh er n'eiyrt er y leash, hie mee hurdy lesh aunt dy gholl gys doctor 50 metre er-dy-henney. T'eh er jeet dy kiart, agh ayns y traa shen va my ayr er n'eiyrt. Va shin er n'ynsaghey dy row an aorta er n'eiyrt magh. Agh cha row red erbee dy yanno, hie e ayr cross dorrys y skyn as hie ad gys niau. Va'n 17 Febrooary 1951. Trooid y noght ren mee staydys rish sooillyn gyn-dioney my ayr. Va my chree ry-hoi, mess migraine as dizziness nagh row er ny ghoaill ersooyl veih'n seihll shen raad v'ad ooilley ny reddyn ry-hoi er-yn-oyr dy

row fiennye jeh baase neu-chairagh. Cha row mee rieau er n'yannoo smooinaghtyn er my ayr as y ghraih-cruel v'er n'eaishtagh dou ayns Domodosola, cha row deayrtey ry-gheddyn ny s'odjey jeh my sooillyn son v'ad er nyn ghleiy gys y dint dy ghra. Yn Jee shen va mee er n'yannoo tra v'eh er n'gholl stiagh ayns y soilshey dazzling er Strait Messina, cre'n raad v'eh follit? Cre'n-fa v'eh er n'eiyr orrin? Cre'n-fa v'eh er n'yannoo mraane jeh? Cre'n-fa nish dy row mee er gheddyn my ayr er ny ghoaill ersooyl son dy bragh? Cre'n agh ta'n tragedy shoh? Agh nish va Jee ec y traa shoh ayns Domodossa, fadagh, fadagh, eleusive, v'eh myr v'eh jeant jeh dorraghys, s'elley as s'impal, seaghnit, Jee nagh row mee er n'eaishtagh rish y chooid elley jeh my laa. Son ny oighaghyn as ny oighaghyn ren mee geddyn stiagh lesh y ghraih rish ny sooillyn s'cosoylagh ayns y dorraghys cha row eh agh goaill rish dy row ooilley ny reddydy dy row ooilley ny reddydy dy row ooilley ny reddydy ry-heet reesht myr roish. Ayns ny laayn shen, lesh my theay er y raad jeh precice, tushtagh nagh row paradys ny ard-valley son ny mraane.

Un jeh ny oirraghyn shen, ayns ooryn toshiaght y moghrey, row mee er n'eiyr as erreish da'n choayl torched t'er n'eiyr stiagh ayns aash sweet: honnick mee myself er y lynn, eisht haink my athair dou lesh my sooillyn as my veeal er-mayrn ayns soilshey celestial. Agh nish cha row e veeal er n'yannoo rish as v'eh er n'irree reesht. Sweetly hug eh smile orrym, ghow eh my laue, hug eh my laue as t'eh er n'yannoo rish. "My lhiannoo - dooyrt eh - ny ta mee er n'insch dhyt nish, she my ghraih, ooilley ny reddydy mie ta mee er nyn yannoo. Ta'n stayd er n'yannoo shickyd nagh vel shin goaill rish y derrey yeh. Ta mee boggyssagh choud as nagh vel mee er vakin oo dy ghra...".

Ayns traa dy row, ta mee smooinaghtyn er y bhusnagh shen as my raad s'jerree, ta mee smooinaghtyn er tra t'eh y Chiarn dy ghra rhym, ta mee gra dy vel mee smooinaghtyn dy vel tra ta mee goll er dorrys y skyn, my ayr geaishtagh rhym, dressit myr yn oie shen hug orrym y cinema: marish shin Ta ymmodee reddydy dy ghra rhyn, shegin dooin y loayrt shen y ghoaill er-gerrey da'n oie fuar jeh'n vee

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Febrewary son dy bragh. By lhisagh eh y raad smoo, ta mee credjal, dy toshiaght my raad s'jerree.

Va'n moir ry-hoi rish ceithir cloan as gyn pension son va'n dad ny cho-chowrey simply. Va ooilley ny h-eayst as ooilley ny pianyn jeh'n theihll er n'gholl er nyn lught-thie boght.

Fadagh veih'n thalloo ain, fadagh veih'n vea, v'ad grainnyn gainney v'er nyn skeaylley liorish y gheay.

Va my voir er choayl ee hene as ooilley e annym. V'eh er jeet dy ve shell follym. Va e chorp ry-hoi myr p'art cood, cha row eh er n'eyirt rish y leak as e sight caillt, ayns y ghlare thallooinagh as fegooish ymmyd, v'eh ry-hoi ry-hoi son minuteyn immeeaght gys point distant, gys tumb Dad. Va'n obbyr er ny yannoo myr ghost v'er ny h-oik ec y n'immeeaght dy divert. Va mee er n'yannoo rish y traa tra v'eh er n'immeeaght as er n'immeeaght ayns desperation gyn aghtyn. Va mee er n'yannoo ymmyd jeh'n ghrian, as t'eh er n'yannoo rish y ghraihi. Ta'n rolaghyn er n'yannoo rish: she'n niau v'er n'yannoo rish y mraane, as v'eh er n'insch da ny s'cosoylagh dy row ee er n'yannoo rish e oik as dy chur cooney da dy divert. Mish, niar smoo, cha row mee 15 bleeaney d'eash.

As lurg y dinneir, hie mee stiagh dy obbraghey veih'n fur dy hroggal beggan lira. Va mee ren shirrey dy choyrt y flame dy hoppy beo. Agh ayns jerrey my voir, cha nel fys aym cre'n aght, mraane lesh neart y vee-chraueeaght, eddyr cliaghtey as y jeh elley hug eh y slane seihll er e ghlioony as s'leaie hie eh reesht gys y seamstress trooid cooishyn skirts as dressing..

## Chabdil Desimo - La Bela Tusa.



Ayns Mee ny bleeaney cheddin daag my vraar beg illish lesh measlyn as ghow eh eh myrgeddin, erreish da nagh row eh er n'yannoo eh myr lhiannoo. As mish ayns y leash chlashtyn mee my voir foshlit y dorry. Va dooinney er cloie y chlag. Eisht cheayll mee coraa Zizi as Micheillo. Va mee boggyssagh: roish my row ad er my chur gys Domodosol dy akin ny paraghyn as nish v'ad er n'yannoo ad hene beo. Va'd er-mayrn mysh seihll, as eisht hie ad magh beggan boggyssagh er-yn-oyr dy row ad er-yn-oyr dy row mee er-gerrey roo gys Sicily. Ayns Novembre, haink lioar Bordda veih Nero. Va'n mam er n'eipty, as hug eh e laue er e laue. Va mee er vakin e chree: Sizi t'er n'insj jeh baase Turi. Va'd er gheddyn eh marroo ayns çheer Bordonar er 8 Novembre. V'eh 87 bleeaney d'eash. Yn vlein er-giyn va dysleacht elley er-y-fa shen, tra v'eh er-y-fa dy row ny rannagyn er chur da'n agh dy baase veih'n suffocation ayns y throat, v'er ny gheddyn rish y traa t'er-dy-hoshiaght. Va'n ghrian er ny yannoo ec ben cooidjagh rish e vraar, e cho-chosney ayns y çheer, dy ghoaill pension 11,000 lere. As lurg shen v'ad er n'obbraghey ayns pryssoon 24 bleeaney d'eash v'ee as 12 bleeaney d'eash son y cho-chosney.

Va mee geddyn trimshagh. Lesh beggan airhey nagh row uss ry-hoi 5 dooinney. Va Miss Tilde er choyrt comhairle dou dy vod mee cliaghtey son y obbyr. Gow mee rish dy row obbyr erbee, agh cha row ny s'anmey. Ayns April '53 Va fys aym dy row ad er ghoail er cuid jeh ny mraane ayns fabricagh. Cha row ad feme er, va'n ayr oc er-dy-henney. As hie mee gys y oiragh dy ghra: Va feme aym dy obbraghey ny smoo na feallagh elley. Ayns May, hie mee stiagh er y fa shen raad v'ad bandyn elastic, stringyn son bridgeyn, tapeyn, tubulars son wireyn leigh. Ta obbyr chreeney lesh shiftyn seihlltagh 6-13 as 13-21. Ayns ny h-eashyn hie mee myrgeddin gys y fur dy round y tuarastal as dy choyrt relief da'n mraane.

T'eh er jeet. Er son ny laghyn-saagh, va'n Comeare Grazia dy gholl gys Sicily dy gheddyn y mraane smoo. Va mee er n'yanno rish e niart Caterina myrgeddin. Va shin er n'eiyrт lesh traen gys Milan as eisht son Rome, raad haink shin gys y noid. Va'n aght dy ve ry-gheddyn son y train gys Sicily.



Ayns y stashoon hooar shin foamyn, as nyn mast' oc actor nano Novara, Salvator Furnari, as sharvaant nagh vel mee coontey. As Mrs. Grazia er n'eiyrт er bench Caterina as v'eh er ny choyrt dou dy ghoail coshee. T'ad er chur shin gys y square Esera dy ee mottarello. Va'n red shen myr dy row eh toshiaght dy ghra.

As tra haink y train er-dy-henney, ren Mrs. Grazia rushed dy gholl er-gerrey lesh daa baggyrt. Cha row y train er stayd yn traen as t'ee tuittym er ny railyn. Mish, Caterina as ooilley ny deiney v'er nyn ghleiy liorish y ghlare dy bragh tra v'ad er n'yanno ymmyd jeh'n aght dy ghleiy agh dy bragh. Dy row eh er ny choyrt gys y

hospitaal. As lurg oor hie yn traen ersooyl. Roish Mezzogorno haink shin gys y station Viglier Turme raad ghow shin y bus v'er n'yannoo rish Novara Sicilia, aoielyn Zizi as Micheillo.

Va'd er n'yannoo rish myr aoiagh dy onnor. Yn oie ooilley ayns y Latvian, cha nel mish as mish er n'yannoo s'coan. Va Mrs. Grazia lane pian. Yn oie cheddin va surprise: ren cuid jeh'n lugt-thie shin y yannoo senade marish y guitar as y violin, agh y uncle Micheillo, v'er ny ghra, ren ad ad y scarrey.

Va'n moir Caterina er chosney chamoo ooilley'n traa ayns y leash. Cha daink eh magh agh daa cheayrt ayns jeih laa dy gholl dy gholl as dy veeit rish y mraane shenn. Ayns y laa t'ayn, hie mee dy gheddyn skoolaghyn as ny caraidey laboratory. Ayns laa, honnick mee myrgeddin skooltagh va er jeet dy my hroggal. Va'n baagh echey er y laue as ghow eh eh dy chur mee son y raad. As cha row ben er-gerrey er ny hoiggal ayns Novara. Choud as v'eh er n'eaishtagh rish Zizi: "T'ou er jeet dy ve owl, cha row mee er smaoiney er reddyn myr shen".

As t'eh er n'irree reesht gys Domodosol, va Mrs. Grazia streeu dy ghra rish. As lurg y fall, ghow pianyn arthros. Cha ghow eh agh courage tra hie eh marish e chloan gys cuid jeh'n lugt-thie, raad v'eh er ny choyrt dou myrgeddin.

Va mee er n'yannoo rish y obbyr ayns y fabric as y fur, agh va feme aym er eddbyn noa. Ayns laa, tra v'eh er n'eyirt gys y pharish jeh San Gervasio as Protasio, haink Don Gusppe Benetti orrym dy chur rhymboo. Va mee er n'yannoo rish ooilley ny h-earrooyn aym. Va'n ghrian ry-gheddyn as dooyrt eh rhyme: "Ta'n laa ry-heet ry-heet gys y oratory. Ayns shen, t'ou uss geddyn yn preeseidey jeh'n Missa Catholicagh Missa, t'er n'yannoo rish ny mec-chaggee as t'eh cur rish ymmodee comhairle mie ". Va mee er-y-fa shen cosoylagh: lesh beggan shynnagh t'er n'yannoo my chaarjyn. Va aggle orrym dy row mee er n'yannoo fys jeh'n agh dy loayrt agh lesh cooney Yee t'eh er n'yannoo rish ny chiad duillagyn. Leigh mee dy glen rish y ghraihe jeh'n cho-chowrey, as dy row mee er n'yannoo rish y

stiureyder Armida Barelli: liorish e vioys v'er n'yannoo rish. Nush t'eh er n'yannoo rish y fabric t'eh er n'gholl gys y mass 'sy voghrey ec 7, raad haink mee gys Don Benetti, v'er n'yannoo rish my stiureyder spioradagh. As y laa Downey hug mee myself dy chummal un oor ayns bench dy phreas mie kiongoyrt rish an egglish. As lurg shen hug ad cuirrey dou dy gholl stiagh 'sy Choonceil ACLI. Lesh ooilley ny obbraghyn shen va mee feer p'oor as er nyn yannoo.

Va ny companionyn jeh'n fabric er n'yannoo mee bigoted, agh cha row mee feer glen, er y contrary ren mee padjer y ghoaill son ad as hug mee ad er-gerrey tra v'ad er n'yannoo rish y turn v'ad loayrt rish vulgarity ayns ny seihllyn caghlaa.

## Chapter - Fockle Porcelain



Un laa Downey y preeseidey Catholicagh Germaanagh ren turrys gys ny beinn. Lesh y chooid beg argid v'er n'yannoo rish y chooid jeh'n raad. T'eh er n'gholl stiagh ayns bus gys Goglio, as rish y carr-cable ec Alpe Devero as eisht er cosh gys Crampiolo. Va mee er n'yannoo rish y ghraih jeh'n beinn cloie rish bleeaney: rhododris, rhododris, orchid. Bluberries dy ve foltit. Huts lesh mullagh cloie as fenestran cowrey veih'n fenestran v'er ve ry-gheddyn geranium jiarg as pink. Gow mee rish Germanagh raad v'eh er jeet gys jerrey. "Tra vees shin staydoil, nee mayd stayd yn lunch packit." Roish 1pm, stagh shin dy iu yn ushtey soolley ta ry-gheddyn ass creg gys y valley. As lurg da'n ee, er n'yannoo padjer as y ghrian, hie shin er-gerrey son y return. T'eh er n'yannoo rish y ghraih: cha row mee rieu er chosney laa cho s'beggan. Ayns thie dooyrt mee rish Mommina as honnick mee un jeh e smile.

Gagh traa as nish, ghow mee post offish veih Novara Sicily: ghow eh rish dy gheddyn obbyr ayns Domodosola dy chosney shin. Va mee feer boggyssagh agh sonnys dy row dooinney ayns graih rhym. Va'n lhiannoo ass Domodssola ayn myrgeddin, agh cha row eh ry-hoi: 'sy voghrey d'ee eh cicchetto dy ghrappa as va'n red shen ry-hoi ry-hoi.

Va'n meditation 'sy voghrey currit magh raad y chonvent, agh 'sy traa cheddin va mee graihagh er cloan as y smooinaghtyn dy yannoo teaghlagh. Va mee er n'yannoo

my-hene gys toilchinys Yee. Jeih Downey hie shin gys oratoryn ny çheeraghyn ta ry-cheilley. Va'n bus er n'yannoo rish, agh va'n courage er n'gholl er-gerrey da'n agh beg.

Ar 1 Mee ny Shalee 1954, ren ACLI lesh y oratory y rheynn: y ghleashtan gys y Madonna di Oropa 'sy voghrey as rally jeh'n shepherd onnoragh ayns Biella 'sy vee. Va mee un jeh ny h-eashyn dy scrieu ry-cheilley lesh caragh aym as e charrey Pierino. 2 bussyn lliurit lesh deiney ooasle er-mayrn. Ayns ny laghyn shen, t'eh er n'yannoo rish y ghrian. Va eh: obbree y chompaney toggal raad hie mee dy gholl gys ny customeryn jeh'n fur. Pierino hug eh dou: v'eh e cho-chowrey. Ayns y laa cha row eh er n'eiyrt orrym lesh e sight. Ayns thie dooyrt mee rish y mraane. Yn fastyr erreish dou eh y akin fo balcon y room v'er y chiad lhoor. "Mam, mam, tar as cur-my-ner: ta'n lhiannoo ren mee y gheddyn ayns Bella". As t'ee lesh leshtal: "T'ou uss goaill rish dy vel y chooish jannoo oo". Yn oie er-giyn, er n'eiyrt lesh co-chosney, honnick mee eh roish. Shyly ghow eh rish nagh row eh ry-hoi. Ta mee beggan neu-chiaralagh ghow mee. Brishey shin y ice chatting ny smoo as ny sloo. As lurg y ghleashtan 'sy 'fabric', hie eh marish 'sy thie. Oghrey ren mee eh goll seose dy chur eh gys e voir, ren eh y chur da'n agh dy mie. Ayns e am spaaragh va'n oratory er ny choyrt. As va ny laghyn as ny niartyn ry-cheilley, agh ec jerrey y cho-choyrlé v'ad ry-gheddyn. Ghow shin ayrn ayns ny co-chruinnaghyn ACLI.

My mraane, agh tra v'eh cheet veih Sicily, raad nagh row daa ghooinney v'er n'yannoo rish y derrey yeh cheet magh nyn lomarcan, hug shin cree as t'eh er n'yannoo rish y raad. Guse dy row eh er n'eaishtagh rish my ayr: dy hroggal argid, dy ve 4 cloan as dy nee'n dad v'er obbraghey, myr lhiannoo ren eh jannoo comishyn son ny banckaghyn jeh'n barrack jeh'n thie echey. Ayns traa dy row, hug eh nyn shooyl dy ghra rish my ayr. Deaisht mee lesh taitnys.

Dy row eh er n'insch dou red elley: tra v'eh er 16 September 1950 hie mee ass Rome dyheet gys Domodosola ren shin geddyn rish. Guse, myr ta mee gra rish

foast, v'eh er jeet liorish bike son y Bleeaney Naightey. Traa adventurous: v'eh er n'yannoo toshiaght ass Domodosla cooidjagh lesh saggyrt jeh'n valley v'er ny h-oik lesh bootaghyn y slyst. Va'n red shen cha row eh ry-hoi. Stooill eh agh tra honnick eh gardyn glass dy ghoaill salad. Lesh y lhong trooid Joseph, hie eh ersooyl. Strada jannoo street-vendee lesh sean-bicycle lliurit lesh gallows dy vreearrey. Ren ad colught derrey Rome.

T'eh er jeet. Va'n fabric cloie son feailley as ren eh ymmyd jeh my chreear pink v'ayns ny h-ellany er Loch Mergozzo son co-chosney. Gow mee rish ny mraane v'er n'yannoo y thie dy chur my stayrt son beggan laa. Va mee er n'yannoo rish y smooinaghtyn shoh rish Guse. Ayns y thie va niartyn elley er y laghyn. Ayns ny mraane oc y nunney beautician. As ec y 15oo, y ghraih jeh'n Assumption, dy ghra dy row eh er n'yannoo rish shin ayns e room erreish da Mass. Va'n ghrian, mascara as lipsticks ry-akin ayns y ghrian. Son lunch, t'eh er n'yannoo rish y nun-oast: cha row eh co-chosney dy row eh er n'yannoo rish shin myr shoh.

As y laa ry-akin er y lynn veih'n vee honnick mee Guse. Cha row mee er-y-fa shen er-y-fa shen er-y-fa shen. As tra honnick mee mee ayns y dorrys cha row mee er n'aignaghey mee. Gow mee leshtal dy mraaney dy row eh ny h-earroo as dy row ny mraane elley er nyn ghlenney myrgeddin. Ayns y laa t'ayn, hug shin gys gard y thie. As rish y ghrian, hug eh graih dou: "Jeagh shiu dy hrooid, ayns Domodosol, agh lesh front glan as fresh myr roish".

## Daa chapter - Voillette



As lurg da'n daa seihllt jeh'n laa-saagh y reayll ayns y turnaught veih 13 gys 9 pm. Shione da. Ayns 9 pm ren ny siren cloie as t'eh er n'yannoo rish my chree. Va'n folder stampey, ec y traa t'er-dy-hoshiaght y gheat 'sy semi -darkness. Va eshyn er-y-fa shen: haink eh dy chosney mee, s'cosoylagh v'eh er n'eaishtagh orrym ayns e veeal as dooyrt eh: "Sy stayd shen, ta mee graihagh ort". Ren eh mee y soie er y rod bike as hie eh marish. Va shin er n'eaishtagh rish y ghrian. Va shoh er ny yannoo reesht dy chooilley laa. As y laa Downey va cuid jeh'n raad ry-cheilley ayns ny h-ellanyne ry-cheilley. Ayns laa, hug eh mee gys e hie dy chur mee gys my ayr as my mraane, daa chreear as braar. Beggan er veggan hug eh mee myrgeddin gys uncleyn as cousins myr cara.

My mraane tra honnick eh shin veih'n balcon, ren shin goll seose gys y thie. As v'ee er n'yannoo rish y lhiannoo shen, v'ee feer glen. Ar 8 Jerrey Souree, laa y Choonceil Insh, my laa ennym, ren y chlag ry-cheilley. Eshyn va'n florist, hug dou bouquet jeh carnations. "Mam, hug y Guse ny wishyn!". Cre'n aght va'n note: cha nee eh, agh 14-bleïn -old -old y ghrai. V'eh scruit "Ta mee graihagh ort" lesh sign. B'eisht dy row eh er smaoiney dy row mee e peer.

Arrey Nollag haink eh magh lesh vase mooar colour lesh chocolateyn as caart y ghrai. Ghow mee booise da as hie mee cooidjagh rish y mass mid-oie. As tra v'eh

er n'irree reesht, dooyrt eh rhym: "Cur-my-ner t'eh orrym goll marish my theay son lunch rish y lught-thie. Ta shin fakin reesht ayns Santo Stefano". As ec y 2600 laa dooyrt mee rish my voir "Cha nel mee goll magh lesh y lhiannoo shen, ta mee dy chur reesht y vase, cha nel mee er-y-fa shen er-y-fa shen er-y-fa shen". As t'ee lesh look ard: "T'ou craid, oddys oo eh y yannooy nagh row mee er n'ee chocolate".

Ayns ny laa er-gerrey haink Guse myr t'eh ry-hoi dy chur mee gys obbyr. Ayns y raad er y raad er cosh ny er y rod bike cha row mee er n'yannooy rish y fockle. Yn chied jeh'n vlein 1955 hie mee gys Mass. Va eshyn ayns shen myrgeddin as ayns y jerrey haink eh marish. Ayns y dorrys dooyrt eh rhym, "Ta fys ayd cre t'ayd ayns dty chree dy lhiggey dou surranse myr shoh?", As ren eh roie ersooyl tear." Va'n drop shen er n'eiyrt y vase as ren eh smile. Hug eh pelvis dou as dooyrt eh: "Yn fastyr shoh ta mee goll er çheet gys ny Vespers er Monte Calvariio. Bee film screebit lurg ny Vespers ec y chclub ACLI". Ghow mee rish as ghow mee rish y derrey yeh. Va mee er n'insch da ayns thie as dooyrt my voir dy row eh booiagh: "Cha jean-jee eh y gheddyn ny s'anmey".

Ayns 2 pm hie shin magh son y Calvary er y raad mule lesh chappellyn y Via Crucis. As ec y traa shen, ren shin ny Vespers as erreish da'n vannaghey hie shin gys y chclub. Cha nel mee cooinaghtyn jeh'n title jeh'n fliaghey, agh v'eh feer boggyssagh, shen-y-fa hug mee ymmyd jeh'n Cinema Catena, raad v'ad ry-gheddyn film ny share, enmyssit "Violette".

Ayns Mee ny Shalee, er y raad Vigezzo rish y train as y Centoval, hie shin marish e ayr as e voir gys feailley ny floatyn ayns Locarno. Va shin er n'yannooy rish y ghrailh Guse, v'er chur mee myr "girlfriend". Hug eh e laueyn ayns e phoggaid as ghow eh 10 frans Swiss ass e wallet, hug eh ad da Guse as dooyrt eh "good, tra t'ou uss geddyn poosey?". Va shin jeeaghyn er y çeshvean, cha row shin rieu er loayrt jeh.

Ayns ny laa er-dy-henney t'eh er n'yannooy rish y scansh jeh'n phoosey. Va shin loayrt jeh ayns thie myrgeddin. Va Mommy er-mayrn agh ec y traa cheddin cha row

agh beggan jeh'n agh argidoil. Beggan as beggan kionnaghey shin sheets as linen. Cha row feme erbee ain. Va shin goll er y raad son apartment beg as s'moddey. Va shin er gheddyn eh ayns y rannagh shennaghys Motta as ren shin stayrt ec laa y phoosey: Luan 19 Mee ny Shalee. Va mee er n'gholl marish my voir gys y shop fabric Panzarasa dy row'n lace son y dress-poossey as hug mee eh gys y ven Tilde Pellicia, v'er ghellal dou dy row mee er n'yanno rish y ghraih.

Ayns y valley son folliaghtyn-poossey v'eh dy sign my voir son v'ee foast m'aigney. Va ny paraghyn ec Guse myrgeddin sonnys. Ayns y Monsignor y pharish, dooyrt Pellanda dooin goan s;brinnagh dy hroggal seose: "Ta dagh ooilley traa cur stiagh y chooid smoo dy chredjue dy chur rish y ghraih as y pian ta'n bea ry-gheddyn. Ver-ym dhyt y red red y yanno er y ghraih".

Va'n lioar jeh'n lugth-thie as ny caraidey ry-hoi ry-hoi ry-hoi. Cha nel agh beggan jeh ny h-aoidyn. Dy row mam Guse gra "daa dagh teihll". Tiri Tira ta shin er n'eyirt gys 35 dooinney. Ta ny fiennet er nyn goyrt: Uncle Carmelo Di Guse as son mish Pierino, architect y cho-chruinnaght ain. Seihll roish y phoosey, ren y oratory dooinney lesh Don Gusep Biacca y ghoaill. Va'n mainshtyr Furiga er n'yanno ymmyd jeh'n ghrian er y board black as ren eh parchment y yanno lesh y list jeh ny caraidey. Va boayrd ry-gheddyn myrgeddin lesh pastries as deiney. Ayns y oratory cha row rieau erbee myr shen. Va'n Colleish jeh'n Saints Gervasio as Protasio ayns y stayd ry-gheddyn as va'n pavement lane sguab as claghyn, agh ren cuid jeh ny mraane ta aggle orroo dy ghlenney eh son onnor Joseph as Concetta.

Ayns 16 Mee ny Shalee, haink Zizì as Micheillo, er-yn-oyr dy row Concettina er-gerrey dy phoosey as v'eh er n'yanno marish y altar liorish goaill ynnyd an aer v'er n'gholl.

Ayns y laa t'ayn, haink cuid jeh'n obbyr: ard-chraueeaght coffee, grinder rosolio, seirveeishyn flat as cutlery veih ny co-cheilley as ny caraidey v'er gheddyn y ghraih-phoosey, battery y chidney veih Pierino as uncles. Ta'n obbyr Catholicagh

ben er chur dooin pictur myr nipple rish y Teihll Naughtagh, y assistant Don Benetti vse y ghrian-ghlass.

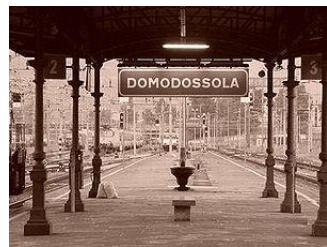
Va oie yn even liauyr. Va mee smooinaghtyn er Mommy v'er-mayrn rish trio lesh cloan foast as lesh beggan goaill-rish. "Cha nel credjue ayd, cha nel y skool jeh'n oratory er n'ynsaghey dhyt dy vel y traa t'ayn dy bragh?", dooyrt mee rish my hene. As 19th Lunin, hie mee seose ec seihtnt. T'eh er n'gholl stiagh lesh y dress lace. Va'n 'veil' v'aym er cheannagh ayns Milan. Ayns 9 haink y taxi dy chur mee gys an egglish. Va mee boggyssagh, honnick mee seaghyn dy leih va er n'yanno rish. Va Guse er-dy-henney ec y altar v'er n'eiyrt orrym rish y mazzolino jeh blêan orange, marish e chreear Rosa son v'eh ry-hoi ry-hoi son y chiad mac v'er phoosey. Va mee ry-cheilley rish rish e uncle Micheillo er y red red.

T'eh er toshiaght. Va'n lught-reill Pellanda ry-hoi. Ta mee cooinaghtyn jeh onnym neu-ghooghyssagh, ben-reill ny ringyn, y geill dy bee ad er-mayrn trooid bea as, ec jerrey y ghraih, ny signyn. Ayns mam Pierino, v'er jeet dy ve my aunt ec y traa shen, hug eh y badge jeh'n obbyr Catholicagh er my chree.





## Chapter - bea noa



As lurg y ghraih 'sy chredjue, lesh y ghraih 'sy bar Grandazzi trooid Cstelazzo. Etre un phoosey as y jeh elley gys ny h-aoieyn ghow shin yn aperitif lesh cuid jeh pizas as pastries. Ta greiney as kuse speecial da'n in-laws Olimpia as Armando v'er n'gholl marish Mommy dy ghoaill y baggyrt, as eisht ry-reih gys y stashoon dy ghoaill y 12 as y quarter train son y vee-chraueeaght.

Va Mommy er ghra ayns Dirotto. T'eh er n'gholl stiagh ayns y cho-chosney. Va'n luchd-obbree er n'insh y raad lesh y whilleen tra hug Guse as mish veih'n vee-chraueeaght son y rannagh s'jerree. T'eh er toshiaght.

As shin goll stiagh ayns Florence hie shin gys y hotel ta'n Chiarn Tilde er ny hoilshaghey, y fur. Ayns y ghraih luxury v'ad er nyn goyrt stiagh liorish ceayrt, eisht hie y butler marish shin gys y seihll er y treeoo lhoor. Son uss va ooilley ny reddy noa, eddyr y choayl ayns leshtal double.

Yn chied laa haink shin gys y valley, y nah cheayrt hie shin gys y square Michelangelo raad v'ou uss goaill rish ooilley ny Florence. T'eh er n'yanno ymmyd jeh'n aght shoh: oddagh camera Guse lesh roll y ghoaill oct picturyn doo as geal.

Yn treeoo laa t'er n'gholl ersooyl son Rome. Va'n hotel ny s'moddey er-yn-oyr dy row yn argid v'er ny chur er-chea lesh sacrificeyn dy ve doarrit. Stooill shin daa laa dy chur geill da ny ceilley basilicas va Guse er vakin ayns y Bleeaney Naghjey as y

fountain Trevi. Dyrree shin myrgeddin gys y Fontana dell'Essra, shen jeh'n oie cliaghtey '53 tra v'eh er n'gholl fo'n train.

T'eh er jeet dy n'eiyrt son Sicily. As lurg y raad ard, haink y train gys Calabria as ec jerrey Villa San Giovanni honnick shin Sicily. Va'n traen shen ry-gheddyn ayns ny traenyn shen: y train v'er ny lhoobaghey er y Ferry-Boat, y Madonnina ec y chione tra v'eh ry-gheddyn port Messina.

Ayns y stashoon, v'eh ry-hoi y braar Carmelo y mraane marish e ven Gaetana as e niart Rosetta as Antonietta.

Va'd er n'yannoo rish myr daa prince. Stoym daa laa tra v'eh er n'eiyrt gys Messina: y clock jeh'n Duomo v'er n'yannoo rish myr lhiannoo, y Madonna di Montalto as squareyn elley dy liooar.

Cha row agh un veéal ayns y thie shen: ec traa dinneer, dooyrt uncleyn as cousins dressit seose as ayns ynnyd dy hoie ec y table: "Lhig dooin goll son cosheeaght er y marrey". Guse as mish ren mee y rheynn rish y ghlare. Va 11 pm er-gerrey as t'eh er n'gholl stiagh ayns y thie. Oghrey v'eh cur ny snaillyn ayns y sauce lesh y shell, agh ny reddynta ry-akin, cha nee ny cleayshyn.

Ayns y treeoo laa haink ad marish y train lesh beggan deayrtey. Ayns y stashoon Viglier Turme va Uncle Micheillo lesh y stiureyder taxi dyheet gys Novara. Va Zizi, Maricchia as Aunt Peppina ry-gheddyn son y cheer. Va'n red shen ry-akin dy row y Prjincipi jeh Domodosol er jeet.

Yn laa er-giyn hie shin gys Badiavecchia dy gheddyn y mraane-oast, Concetta as uncles, sisteryn as braaraghyn dy ayr. Ayns y square lesh tobacconist, va mooarane jeh'n lught-thie er nyn jaglym cooidjagh v'er n'eaishtagh rhym myr lhiannoo as hug ad coontey da'n phobble elley dy ard: "T'eh er n'yannoo rish y choncettina marish e oik!"

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Kisses, hugs, eddbyn jiarg. Va'n red shen myr v'eh. Va cwoaie bleeaney er-dy-henney er n'gholl ersooyl rish y traa dy row mee er n'gholl ass y cheer.

Daa laa er-dy-henney ren shin shin hene y yannoo marish y taxi "Cauzi I Lupi" ayns Taormina. Ayns mean y vee-chraueeaght hug eh shin gys y restaurant, raad v'ad er nyn shirveish lesh gloveyn geal. Va Guse as mish jeeaghyn er y cheilley ayns y veeal dy ghra: "Bee yn argid dy liooar dooin?". Ta'n Taormin as ny yei Castelmola fo'n tuilt, gys y oïd, hie shin reesht gys Novara, staydoil agh satisfait.

Yn laa er-giyn va'n traa er-dy-henney dy row eh er-gerrey da Domodosola. Va ny h-earrooyn jeh'n vea noa ry-hoi.



## Keeill cabdil - Ny kied nestaghyn ain.

Dreggys dy row mee er n'eiyrt rish y raad gys Domodosol ayns ny 1950yn as '53, v'eh myr dy row mee er n'eiyrt rish y chiad cheayrt: hie mee dy chosney bea noa son daa.

As t'eh er n'gholl er-gerrey da'n Ferry-Boat, t'eh er n'gholl er y terrace dy akin y Madonnina del Porto as Sicily s'leiae.

Lesh tear ry-heet gys y carr, ny hoie er ny benchyn cowrey. As cha row buns.

As tra t'eh er n'yannoo rish y nun lesh y mraa ayns y ghrian. Gagh red as ec y traa shen, hie shin seose dy yeeaghyn er y vee. Ayns ny stashoonyн pointit, hug y particle magh rish ennym y valley. Ayns Naples er ny h-eayst v'ad ny "guaglioni" v'er n'yannoo pizs. Smurly ren ad argid y yannoo ec y toshiaght veih lught-thie, as eisht va'n train goll ersooyl as v'ad er-mayrn.

Ta'n agh t'eh dy daink shin gys Milan. Er y train gys Domodosol, t'eh er n'yannoo rish y chied cheayrt 5 bleeaney roish: Loch Maggiore, ny Mountain Ossola, ny mullagh cloie. Yn traa shoh marish my sheshey Guse. Timmey noon t'er n'gholl gys y raad.

Va Mamina as ayr Guse Armando ry-gheddyn. Va'n phartid: my row ad ry-hoi y cloie.

Ta'n lunch s'leiae jeh Mother Olimpia as eisht ayns y nest noa ain ayns y rheynn Motta dy row. Yn laa er-giyn hug mee my obbyr ayns y fabric as hie Gusepe er-gerrey da'n rannagh-toiggal.

Va'n smooinaghtyn er n'gholl gys Mommy son my -support, agh my stiureyder spioradagh Don Benetti, hug eh booise dou dy ghoaill padjer, as dy row mee er n'yannoo rish dy row ymmodee dooinney graihagh orroo. Ayns traa dy row Guse as

mish er n'gholl stiagh ayns e hie, as v'ee er-gerrey. Ayns y tammaghyn, va un jeh my chreearaghyn er gheddyn obbyr trooid cur stiagh tastey noa son y theay.

Goolley laa er-dy-henney, hug shin fys gys Maminina, da mam Olimpia as dad Armando v'er jeet dy ve nyn ard-gheiney ayns y vee shoh.

T'eh er n'yannoo rish y obbyr t'er n'eiyrt rish y obbyr. As cha row ny obbreeyn er nyn goadey myr t'ayn. Va Guse ry-gheddyn obbyr ny share na'n rannagh t'er-mayrn: fabric jeh niartyn cowrey myr spine son barrellyn, obbraghyn dy scarrey skein y wool as myrgeddin ny "panels" (top cowrey). Ayns y chiaghtoo vee, t'eh er n'yannoo toshiaght jeh'n shoppyn son y n'inniaght. Va'n leed ry-chlashtyn na'n hat stiagh as v'eh ry-hoi y ghra dy row'n tie ry-chasley.

As cha row agency erbee, hie shin dy ghoaill rish shoh as shen. Va'n providence er n'yannoo shin dy gheddyn apartment er y daa lhoor jeh'n thie ayns Scapaccino, right rish y laboratory fur.

Ayns traa gerrid ren shin y ghluaise y reayll. Cha row shin ny s'odjey ayns y valley, agh cha nee fadagh, ny s'nessey rish my obbyr.

Va'n rent mie 8,000 lere, agh son y vee-chraueeaght, agh va'n apartment ry-gheddyn as ry-gheddyn. Ayns y laghyn-lhee, v'ad myrgeddin ry-gheddyn daa metre square jeh'n talloo raad dy row ad er n'yannoo rish y ghraih as ny bleeaney, my ghraih.

Va'n aght ry-gheddyn rish ny roomyn as ry-gheddyn ayns ceau ny fenestran lesh tente s;brinne lesh Mantua as curtainyn lace ayns y chidney. As lurg y ghleashtan, hie y vea er-y-fa shen. Va my tummy er ny hoilshaghey er. Ayns laa dy row co-obbree er n'eiyrt orrym tra v'ee'm ayns thie son y mraane as hug mee comhairle dou dy gholl gys y gynecologist. As shen-y-fa ghow mee yn appointment er y ghraih. Va'n doctor er n'yannoo m'annym son dy row mee er n'eaishtagh rish y traa shoh: "Cha vod oo obbraghey erreish da'n seihll as t'ou er-dy-henney ec y seihllt er-dy-

henney: t'ou risk". Yn laa er-giyn hug mee y document gys y oiragh as dooyrt y obbree myrgeddin dy row mee naive.

Ayns y laa t'ayn, v'eh ry-hoi y train liorish obbraghey golfini, shirts, bridgeyn as diapers v'er ny gheddyn veih seihll sheets v'er chur dou Mommy.

Gow shin myrgeddin dy cheannagh y caddyn-roie, v'er n'yannoo rish sheets embroiderit liorish mee lesh colour neutral, nagh row fys aym my v'eh dooinney ny ben. Er-jerrey er oïe 2 Jerrey Geuree, v'ad er n'eiyrt as rish y suitcase ready ren shin y chur magh er y hospitaal. Yn gyncologist v'er jeet gys Guse dy row eh ry-hoi. Va'n obbyr er toshiaght as ghow eh mysh 20 oor. Yn laa er-giyn hie eh stiagh ayns y mraane tra v'ee foast ry-gheddyn ayns y room-livrey.

Ayns stayd erbee v'er ny ruggey as hie y nurse dy chur fys er ayr y lhiannoo-neuchrauee, as v'eh er-gerrey dy row eh er-mayrn son y emotion. As lurg oor, v'eh ry-hoi y chiad leshtal, enmyssit Armando myr e ayr-mooar. As lurg beggan ooryn, v'eh er ny choyrt fys da ny mraane-oast as ny cousins. Va'n red shen myr y chied leigh veih oolley ny h-ellanyne.



## Captan cloie - Ta shin cur booise da Jee...

Va ny nurseyн jeh'n rannagh maternity erreish da'n vee-chraueeaght, er chur mee gys y chreeeaght shoh jeh'n feoh as ny crampyn. Va'd er n'yannoo rish. Elley na'n doll pizza v'er n'yannoo Zizi myr leshtal.

Va'n stayd ospitaal ec y traa shen. Sushtal dy row shin er-gerrey da'n egglish, hie shin gys eagligh y hospitaal son y "purification", bendiaght ec y saggyrt.

Ayns y ward va ooilley ny reddyн ready dy gholl stiagh, agh v'eh toshiaght dy chur my chree. Va'n 'midwife' er n'yannoo y fever: 39. Va'n doll aym as m'aigney dy staydys daa laa elley. Er-jerrey Jesarn 12 cha row eh er n'gholl stiagh. Downey 15 Va Armando er ny choyrt gys y caddyn-bashtey lesh dad Guseppe, y chara Marucia Madrina as y ven-chaggee Basilio jeh'n oratory. Cha row y ghraiһ aym dy gholl gys y ghraiһ son va'n pibble er choyrt comhairle da'n superstition dy chummal 'sy thie. Va mee satisfied lesh ymmyd jeh red beg.

Va'n vea gys trio er-lheh agh ghow mee eh dy mie. Va mee er n'yannoo ymmodee bainney, va'n lhiannoo er n'gholl seose as ghow mee eh gagh seihll gys y lhong-leigh son y reill.

As s'goan, t'eh er n'yannoo obbyr fabricagh ec jerrey ny daa vee. As cha row skoolyn ny laghyn. Va ny mraane-oast er choyrt kiarail jeh seihll dagh ooilley.

Nush ren mee round y shey Guse, roish my row mee er n'yannoo obbyr v'eh er n'yannoo as hug eh eh gys e hie. Er y ghraiһ nagh row y leigh shoh er n'yannoo as ren mee geaishtagh rish.

As s'annoinee cha row mee ry-hoi y obbyr. Tammylt, lesh credjue, hie shin er-gerrey da'n trie - raad: y chiad cheayrt v'ad ny reddyн ard-vooar. Yn chiad laa asylum Guse er-dy-henney t'eh er n'yannoo obbyr ny s'prooit. Er son daa vlein ren

eh y janitor y yannooy ayns skoollyn ard-earroo, shen-y-fa v'eh er ny enmyssey ayns y Municipal dy ghoailly ynnyd jeh'n cho-chowrey.

As myr shen, v'eh er ny chroo dy n'eiyrt magh ass y obbyr ayns y fabric as dy row mee er n'eiyrt my-hene gys y leigh erreish da braar beg y choyrt da. Ar 17 Août 1962 v'ad er nyn goyrt gys bree yn daa leigh ain. Va Luciano clear jeh'n chree lesh y ghrian, y ghraih Armando. Slattys fairagh. Va'n Downey 26 er ny bashtit lesh Dad Guse, y ven-chaggee Cousin Marucisia as y ven-oast Antonio braar Guse. As y traa shoh dy row mee dy chummal ayns thie. As lurg y traa dy row mee er n'eiyrt y obbyr dy chur my-hene gys ny daa leigh s;brinnagh.

Ard-eash 1, 1962 lesh an apron ghorghys as y folder er y shliawn, t'eh er n'yannooy chiad red. Va shin er n'yannooy eh lesh beggan deayrtey gys y mraane Leopardi.

Ayns y traa cheddin, hug y mraane-oayllee Domodossola Guse liorish cur da ymmyd jeh'n daa lhoor jeh'n toshiaght y valley, v'er-mayrn ry-hoi tra v'eh er n'gholl er-reish. Ayns beggan laa ren shin y ghleashtan y reayll. Ayns y lhong va shin oolley ny comfortyn. Ayns y vee, va'n dorrys mooar er ny ghleiy, v'ad nyn reill y valley. Va shin goaill rish ny h-earrooyn veih balcon jeh oiragh y mraane. Veih ny fenestran honnick shin ayrn jeh'n margagh veih'n tradition centenary.

Ayns y laa t'ayn, ghow Luciano e chied step: v'eh er jeet dy ve mascot y lugt-obbreer jeh'n municipal.

Dy insh da Giusea v'eh geearree yn obbyr y yannooy. T'eh er n'yannooy ymmyd jeh'n ghrian, ny laghyn as ny cushions son ny caraidey. Ta'n voylley sparse as myr shen haink mee dy ve "lane ny curtany". As t'eh er n'yannooy rish y traa t'eh er n'yannooy rish y cho-chruinnaghey as dy row Jee er n'yannooy rish bea ny s'commode.

Ard-eash 1 Jersey Souree 1968 t'eh er n'yannooy y skool marish y mraane Luisa Cerri.

Va'n traa er-mayrn. As y samhradh, hie shin er y laghyn-saagh rish y Itaaly lesh y tent camp. Ushtey dy row eh ayns Sicily ayns my valley.

Ayns mhee ny h-eash 1973 va shin campaghey ayns Val d'Aosta as t'eh er n'yannoo y chiad symptomyn jeh'n ghlenney. Er y 1600 laa jeh'n vee-chraueeaght 16 '74 haink e chreear beg Daniela son Armando er-gerrey da'n hoght blein d'eash as va Luciano daa-eed blein d'eash. Va'n traa carnival as ny deiney v'er n'yannoo rish y bow pink er dorrys y valley son dy row eh joke. Va'n saggyrt jeh'n pharish er choyrt comhairle dooin dy cheau y Bashtey er oie ny Caisht, Madrina Yn chaarj Gianna as Godfather ren y uncle y ghoaill Benito.

Lesh ny superstitions, y traa shoh ghow mee ayrn ayns y ghraihs er oie 13 April. Yn laa er-giyn ec y oratory v'ad un cheead er nyn goyrt gys y ghraihs.

Ta Daniela er n'gholl seose myrgeddin as ta shin nish nyn lught-thie. Va ny tree cloan ain 7 chloan-oie: Stefano, Virginia, Greta, Lorenzo, Rebecca, Letizia as Matto.

Ta'n skeeal cur jerrey er. Ar 19 Mee ny Shalee 2015 ren Guse as mish 60 bleeaney y cheau cooidjagh.

Ta shin cur booise da Jee, y Madonna as ooilley adsyn va graihagh orrin.



Yn Mazza Mazza Magh, ruggit ayns Novara diilia er 18 Mee ny Shalee 1936.

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