

THE WEE PRINCE: GLOSSARY

This 350-word glossary lists the main words used in [The Wee Prince](#) (published by [Edition Tintenfass](#) ISBN 978-3-946190-59-2). Other words used in the text, and other senses of the words listed here, can be checked in the online [Dictionary of the Scots Language](#).



ablaw blooming: *He had come tae a gairden that wis ablaw wi roses.*
ae one, single: *This asteroid has been seen jist the ae time throu a telescope.*
aforesyne formerly; in former days: *Aw growen-ups were bairns aforesyne.*
aftwhiles often: *Ye maun aftwhiles greet, gin ye lat yoursel be tamed.*
ages wi the same age as: *'Forby, I am ages wi the sun.'*
ahint behind: *It will be like an auld buckie shell that is left ahint.*
aiblins perhaps: *Aiblins the sheep has etten the flooer.*
aince once, one time: *The flooer had aince seen a caravan gang by.*
aince mair once more; once again: *Syne I did my drawin aince mair.*
aleeve alive: *The freends that met me on my return were hert-gled tae see me aleeve.*
anent about, concerning: *I suin kent mair anent this flooer.*
aneth beneath: *It wis born o the traipse aneth the starns.*
antrin odd, peculiar: *But there is an antrin thing.*
atweel well, indeed: *'Atweel, ye can juidge yoursel,' the king answert.*
auld old: *I dout I hae growen auld.*
awee a short while, a little: *dinna hie awa, but bide awee*
awn to own, to possess: *'An whit guid dae ye get frae awnin the starns?'*
ax to ask: *I ax bairns tae forgie me for dedicatin this buik tae a growen-up.*
aye ever, always: *'I am aye wantin tae rest,' said the leerie.*



back-comin return: *Send me word strecht o his back-comin.*
bade lived, dwelt: *On the saicont planet there bade a vauntie chiel.*
bairn a child: *Bairns maun aye shaw muckle forbeirance toward growen-up fowk.*
begoud began: *'My freend the tod...' he begoud tae say.*
belike probably: *Naebody had ever fund it; an belike naebody had ever socht it.*
belyve at once, immediately: *Belyve ae morn, at skreek o day, she kythed.*
beseek to beseech, to implore: *'Bairns,' I beseek ye, 'tak tent o the baobabs!'*
biddins orders: *But, as he wis weel-natured, his biddins were ayewis wiselike.*
bide 1 to live, to dwell: *this growen-up bides in Fraunce whaur he is hungert an cauld 2 to wait:*
'I will bide on you here.'
bield to shelter, to cover: *Lamps maun be bieldit, for they can be slockent by a pluff o wind.*
birl to turn round: *Ilka year the planet has been birlin faster.*

blame fault: *'It is your ain blame,' said the wee prince.*

blate, blately shy, reticent; **shyly**: *for aince I winna be blate*

blether to chat or chatter: *'Whiles we've been bletherin a haill month has gane by.'*

blin blind; hidden, obscured: *'Aw that maitters is blin tae your een.'*

blythe happy, content: *Syne at three o'clock I will begin tae be blythe.*

bodie a person: *An the grown-up wad be gey pleased tae meet wi sic a sensible bodie.*

bonnie **1** beautiful, pretty: *'The starns are bonnie, because o a floer that canna be seen.'* **2** great, considerable: *I hae met a bonnie nummer o fowk in my life that were fashed wi muckle maitters.*

bou to bow, to bend over: *He boued his heid ower the drawin.*

braw fine, excellent: *I gied up whit micht hae been a braw career as an airtist.*

brocht brought: *The drouth brocht his speech tae an en.*

brukken broken: *Pairt o the ingine wis brukken.*

buckie **1** a shell: *'Whit I see here is nane but a buckie.'* **2** a hut: *a brichtly lit express train shoogled the signalman's buckie*

bumbazed astonished, taken aback: *But the wee prince wis bumbazed by this offer.*

bumbazement astonishment: *wi my een stertin oot my heid in bumbazement*

busses bushes: *'It is true, is it no, that sheep eat wee busses?'*

byordinar **1** unusual, extraordinary: *I weel kent that something byordinar wis happenin.* **2** extremely, unusually: *'Atweel, grown-ups are byordinar streenge.'*



caller cool, fresh: *The caller nicht air will dae me guid.*

cauld cold: *It is gey cauld on your planet.*

certies assuredly, to be sure: *Certies I will dae my best tae mak guid likenesses.*

chaw to chew: *Boa constrictors dinna chaw their prey.*

chiel a man, a chap: *'I ken a planet whaur bides a reid-faced chiel.'*

claes clothes: *cled in dapper claes*

clam climbed: *Syne the wee prince clam a muckle moontain.*

clanjamfrie a crowd, a mob: *the haill clanjamfrie o humanity*

clauts claws: *'Lat the teegers come wi their clauts!'*

cled clothed, dressed: *cled in dapper claes*

collogue a meeting, a conference: *the International Starn-keekin Collogue*

conflummix to confuse, to muddle: *'Ye conflummix ilka thing. . .Ye taigle things thegither.'*

confort to comfort, to console: *But a thocht cam tae confort him.*

coorie to snuggle, to nestle: *I cooried him in my airms like a bairn.*

craitur a creature: *a pictur o a boa constrictor wi a craitur in its thrapple*

cried called, named: *I saw a braw pictur in a buik cried True Tales o the Rainforest.*

cuist a cantrip cast a spell: *But it cuist a cantrip ower the haill hoose.*

daffin playing, having fun: *'I dinna hae time for daffin.'*

daftish a bit foolish: *'I hae been daftish,' she said tae him, at lang an last.*

daith death: *It wis a maitter o life or daith for me.*

dander to walk, to wander: *Gin ye dander slaw, ye will aye be in the sunlicht.*

daurna dare not: *Whan a mystery is that ondeemous, ye daurna misobey.*

dee to die: *'Because I am like tae dee o drouth.'*

deed indeed, certainly: *'Deed no, ye niver ken,' said the geographer chiel.*

deeps depths: *My hoose derved a saicret in the deeps o its hert.*

deid dead, extinct: *He had ae volcano that wis deid forby.*

dern to hide, to conceal: *My hoose derved a saicret in the deeps o its hert.*

describe to describe: *'Ye can describe your planet tae me!'*

ding to strike, to hit: *'I'll need tae ding it wi a haimmer.'*

ding doun to knock down; to dash: *My airtistic ettlins were dingit doun by the grown-ups.*

dintit hit, struck: *gin I had been dintit by a fireflaucht*

dirl o lauchter a peal of laughter: *An the wee prince brak intae a dirl o lauchter that ill pleased me.*

disjaskit dejected, disheartened: *I wis disjaskit by the failure o my Drawin Nummer Ane.*

doos doves: *wi geraniums in the windaes an doos on the ruif*

dorty haughty; peevish, sulky: *Fegs, but she wis a dorty craitur!*

dottelt confused, witless: *a bittie like my dottelt drouth*

douce gentle, sweet: *An there is douce lauchter frae the haill starns.*

doucely gently, softly: *'Deed, I am,' answert the flooer, doucely.*

dounby down there: *'There is naebody dounby naither.'*

doun-come descent: *my doun-come tae the Yird*

dourly solemnly, soberly: *I like fowk tae tak my misfortunes dourly.*

dout 1 to doubt: *He doutit he wad want tae return.* **2 to suspect, to fear:** *I dout I hae grown auld.*

dowff an dowie sad and melancholy: *'Hech!' said the wee prince, an he felt gey dowff an dowie.*

drappit, drapt dropped: *The story cam slaw, as it drapt frae his thochts.*

dree to suffer: *'Ye are richt certain it winna gar me dree lang?'*

dreidfu dreadful, terrible: *Tae forget a freend is a dreidfu thing.*

drouth 1 thirst: *'I am like tae dee o drouth.'* **2 a drunkard:** *On the neist planet there bade a drouth.*

drucken drunk, drunken: *'Because drucken men see dooble.'*

dumfounert confused, bewildered: *He gowped at me, dumfounert.*

dwam a daydream, a reverie: *An he sank intae a lang an langsome dwam.*

dwinnlin dwindling, fading: *like the dwinnlin spray o a fountain*



echt eight: *My drinkin watter wadna last scarce echt days.*

een eyes: *'Aw that maitters is blin tae your een.'*

eenow just now, a moment ago: *'Hou did ye smoor oot your lamp eenow?'*

etten eaten: *'Has the sheep etten the flooer, ay or no?'*

ettle to try, to attempt: *I ettle tae describe him here sae I winna forget him.*

ettlins attempts, ventures: *My airtistic ettlins were dingit doun by the grown-ups.*

fain o fond of: *'I am wondrous fain o sundowns.'*

falderals trifles, idle fancies: *'I canna be daein wi falderals.'*

fank a coil, a loop: *a fank o gowd, the colour o munelicht*

fantoosh fancy, ornate: *the king's fantoosh ermine gown*

fareweel farewell: *'Fareweel,' said the wee prince.*

fashed wi bothered or troubled with: *'But I am fashed wi muckle maitters.'*

faur, faurer far, farther: *'Strecht aheid, a bodie canna gang faur.'*

fawn fallen: *The nicht had fawn.*

fell very, extremely: *'It is fell scourie, an fell jaggie, an fell sautie.'*

fell acquaint wi became acquainted with: *And that is hou I fell acquaint wi the wee prince.*

ferlie wonder, marvel: *Syne I thocht lang on the ferlies o the rainforest.*

ficklie tricky, difficult: *'They hae nae roots, an that maks their life gey ficklie.'*

fient a never a, not a single: *He lowsed frae me wi fient a soond.*

fier a companion, a partner: *his fier wi the ae lamp at the Sooth Pole*

fireflaucht a bolt of lightning: *I lowpit up, gin I had been dintit by a fireflaucht.*

flawn flown: *I hae flawn the haill warld ower.*

fleggitt frightened, scared: *'Fleggitt? Hou wad we be fleggitt by a bunnet?'*

flisk to sweep, to whisk: *a fank o gowd, the colour o munelicht, fliskit ower the sand*

flooer flower: *'Gin a sheep eats sma busses, dis it eat flooers forby?'*

fond tae keen to, eager to: *He wis fond tae help his new freend.*

for aye forever: *'Ye are responsal, for aye, for whit ye hae tamed.'*

forby 1 except: *Vauntie chieles hear naething forby up-biggin. 2 beside, in addition: 'Forby, I am ages wi the sun.'*

forenent in front of, facing: *richt there, forenent the wee prince*

forenicht evening: *'I will be a hantle mair feart this forenicht.'*

forgaithert gathered together, assembled: *on the morn we forgaitert, a week syne*

forgie to forgive: *I ax bairns tae forgie me for dedicatin this buik tae a grown-up.*

fowk people: *a bonnie nummer o fowk*

freend a friend: *'Yon chiel is the ainly ane I coud mak my freend.'*

fykie 1 tricky, complicated: *I had tae dae the fykie repair mysel. 2 fussy, difficult to please: 'This is an unco fykie flooer.'*



ganged his gate went on his way: *Syne, wi a souch, he ganged his gate.*

gant to yawn: *'They are sleepin inby, else they are gantin.'*

gar to make, to cause: *He lauched, touched the raip, an gart the pulley stert.*

gart me grue made me shiver: *Again the sense o something unmendable gart me grue.*

gently politely: *'Can I sit down?' the wee prince speired gently.*

gey very: *The answer is gey simple.*

gif, gin 1 if: *'Gin a bodie wants a sheep, yon is pruif that he exists.' 2 as if, as though: I lowpit up, gin I had been dintit by a fireflaucht.*

girn to groan, to whine: *The pulley girmed, like an auld whirligig.*

gleg keen, quick: *'Deed I wisna gleg at the uptak!'*

glegsome lively, sprightly: *he wis lampin alang wi glegsome strides*
glent a glimmer, a twinkle: *For ithers they are nocht but glents in the lift.*
gless glob a glass globe: *The wee prince haps his flooer unner her gless glob ilka nicht.*
glisk a flash, a gleam: *There wis naething forby a glisk o yellae by his ankle.*
gollop a gulp: *they eat it in ae gollop*
gowden golden: *He cuist his gowden locks in the breeze.*
gowp to stare, to gape: *He gowped at me, dumfounert.*
gowpenfu handful: *'Dae ye think this sheep needs a gowpenfu o gress?'*
gravat a scarf, a muffler: *I had lowsed the gowden gravat that he aye wure.*
greeable favourable, suitable: *'I jalouse conditions are greeable.'*
greet, grat to cry; cried: *An he lay down in the gress an grat.*
gree wi to agree with: *'I am hert-gled,' he said, 'that ye gree wi my tod.'*
gress grass: *'Dae ye think this sheep needs a gowpenfu o gress?'*
growen-up grown-up, adult: *'Deed growen-ups are unco streenge,' he said tae himsel.*
guddle muddle: *Sae I guddle alang as best I can.*
guid good: *I hae a guid raison.*
guid bit a good deal, considerably: *'It is a guid bit faurer. . . It is a hantle mair difficult.'*
gumption common sense: *I wantit tae see gif they had muckle gumption.*
gyte mad, crazy: *Yet he is the ainly ane that disna seem gyte tae me.*



haill whole, complete: *It owegangs the haill planet.*
hame home: *'I keep thinkin I am at hame!'*
hank a loop or coil; a lock: *his hanks o hair tremmlin in the wind*
hantle 1 a large number or amount: *a hantle ill seeds on the hame planet o the wee prince* **2** a great deal, considerably: *'I will be a hantle mair feart this forenicht.'*
hap to cover, to wrap: *'Ye maun hap me unner a gless glob at nicht.'*
hecht height: *the hecht o the wee prince*
heeze to lift, to raise: *The vauntie chiel heezed his hat in a wee salute.*
hereawa an thereawa here and there; this way and that: *I lookit herawa an thereawa.*
hert heart: *'Ye canna see richt but wi your hert.'*
hert-gled very glad, delighted: *'I am hert-gled,' he said, 'that ye gree wi my tod.'*
hert-sair very sad, melancholy: *He felt hert-sair as he minded his wee planet.*
hie awa to hurry off: *dinna hie awa, but bide awee*
hinny honey: *At keek o day the sand is the colour o hinny.*
hoast to cough: *The flooer hoastit. But it wisna because she had the cauld.*
hoose a house: *a thoosand miles frae hoose or hame*
hou 1 why: *Sae hou wis I waesome?* **2** how, in what way: *Syne ye will see hou awthing chynges. . .*
howk oot to dig up, to uproot: *'Ye maun howk oot ilka baobab strecht awa.'*
hungert hungry: *'He hasna yet been hungert or thristy naither.'*
hunk their shouders shrug their shoulders: *they wad hunk their shouders an treat ye like a bairn*
hurl doun to hurtle or fall down: *it seemed tae me he wis hurlin doun intae an abyss*

ilka each, every: *'Ilka bodie has the starns,' he answert.*

ilkane 1 every one, each one: *Yet here were five thoosand o them, ilkane the same. 2 everyone, everybody: Ilkane hasna haen a freend.*

ill bad, poor: *'I ken a bodie,' said the wee prince, 'that wad mak an ill stravaiger.'*

ill-contrivit mischievous: *Floors are that ill-contrivit!*

ill-luckit unlucky: *'I am sair ill-luckit,' said the leerie.*

ill-trickit mean, nasty: *Serpents are ill-trickit craiturs.*

inby inside: *'Yon is jist the kist. Your sheep is inby.'*

itherwhiles at other times: *itherwhiles I say tae mysel*

jaggie jagged: *But he saw naething forby jaggie peaks o roch.*

jalouse to suspect, to guess: *'I jalouse conditions are greeable.'*

jotter a notebook: *An the geographer chiel apent his muckle jotter.*



keek o day sunrise, daybreak: *At keek o day the sand is the colour o hinny.*

kent knew, understood: *Syne I kent whit he had been seekin.*

kirk a church: *trees as muckle as kirks*

kist a box, a chest: *'Yon is jist the kist. Your sheep is inby.'*

kittle to stir, to rouse: *it kittles your hert tae look at the lift at nicht*

kythe to appear, to come into view: *It wis then that the tod kythed.*

lampin striding: *he wis lampin alang wi glegsome strides*

lane, on their lane self, by themselves: *Grown-ups canna mak sense o oniething on their lane.*

lanesome lonely: *'It is gey lanesome in the desert.'*

lang 1 long: *Efter a lang seelence he answert. 2 for a long time: Syne I thocht lang on the ferlies o the rainforest.*

lang an last long last: *'Here at lang an last is a bodie wi a real profession!'*

langsome lengthy, longlasting: *An he sank intae a lang an langsome dwam.*

langsyne, in the langsyne long ago: *'It wis fine an guid in the langsyne.'*

lave the rest, the remainder: *'I had the lave o day tae rest an the lave o nicht tae sleep.'*

leal loyal, faithful: *For a bodie can be baith leal an lazy thegither.*

lee-lane, my lee-lane by myself, alone: *'Be my freends. I am my lee-lane,' he said.*

leerie a lamplighter: *There wis space on it jist for a street-lamp an a leerie tae licht it.*

leevin alive, active: *Twa leevin volcanoes belanged him.*

lichtsome cheerful, light-hearted: *leisur-like an lichtsome*

lift the sky: *The wee prince sat down on a stane, an heezed his een tae the lift.*

lowp to leap: *I lowpit up, gin I had been dintit by a fireflaucht.*

lug an ear: *The sang o the pulley wis aye in my lugs.*

maisterwark a masterpiece: *I shawed my maisterwark tae the grown-ups.*
mak to make: *I trauchelt tae mak sense o this riddlum.*
malafooster to destroy, to wreck: *that ae wee sheep can malafooster*
maugre in spite of: *maugre the hert-feelin o his luve*
maun must: *'Ye maun be gey patient,' answert the tod.*
mensefu clever, intelligent: *For mensefu fowk, they are riddlums.*
mids o middle of: *a soond in the mids o the nicht*
mind to remember: *I didna mind tae add the leathern strap!*
mirk dark; darkness: *They sleep deep in the mirk o the yird.*
mishanter a mishap, an accident: *a mishanter wi my plane in the Sahara Desert*
miskennin misunderstanding: *Words are the soorce o miskennin.*
misobey disobey: *Whan a mystery is that ondeemous, ye daurna misobey.*
muckle 1 big, great: *Syne the wee prince clam a muckle moontain. 2 a lot of, a great deal of:*
For fowk dinna tak up muckle space on the Yird.
muckle maitters important things; matters of consequence: *'I am thrang the nou wi muckle maitters!'*
munelicht moonlight: *a fank o gowd, the colour o munelicht*
murn to mourn, to lament: *He wis murnin his tint sundoun.*



naysaid refused, rejected: *But it wis naysaid jist like the ithers.*
neb nose: *'Ainly the bairns are scroongin their nebs tae the windae-panes.'*
nocht nothing: *'Ye unnerstaund nocht forby the things ye tame,' said the tod.*
nor than: *'Nae thicker nor a finger. . .'*
nummer number: *Grown-ups are fu fain o nummers.*

ocht anything: *He hasna dune ocht in his life forby add nummers thegither.*
ondeemous extraordinary: *Whan a mystery is that ondeemous, ye daurna misobey.*
oobit a caterpillar: *'I maun thole twa-three oobits gin I wiss tae ken the butterflees.'*
oorie: *His look wis gey oorie, like a bodie tint faur awa.*
ootby outside: *I haena learnt tae draw oniething forby boas inby an ootby.*
oot-throu throughout: *oot-throu the sax month they need tae digeest*
ower 1 over: *ower the haill sax continents 2 too, overly:* *But in troth his planet is ower wee.*
owergang to overgrow, to overspread: *It owergangs the haill planet.*

pincil pencil, crayon: *I hae bocht mysel a kist o pents an a wheen pincils.*
pluff a puff, a whiff: *a pluff o wind*
pooch a pocket: *I took my bit drawins oot my pooch.*
pouss to push: *tae pouss a bonnie wee sprig towart the sun*
pruive to put to the test: *I wad pruive them by shawin them my Drawin Nummer Ane.*
purpie purple: *cled in royal purpie an ermine*
pyne pain: *'Comena here tae see that. It isna worth the pyne.'*

pyson poison: *'Is your pyson guid an strang?'*

quat 1 to forsake, to leave behind: *'I winna quat ye,' I said. 2 left, took leave of: syne my freend quat me wi his sheep. 3 let go, relinquished: wha had niver yet quat a speirin efter he had speired it*

queer funny, amusing; peculiar: *'Whit a queer planet!' he thocht.*

querious curious: *The fift planet wis unco querious.*

rakit rubbed: *I rakit my een.*

rax to stretch: *Its roots rax clear out-throu.*

redd oot cleared out, tidied up: *He redd oot his leevin volcanoes wi muckle care.*

responsal responsible: *'Ye are responsal, for aye, for whit ye hae tamed.'*

richt right, truly: *'Ye canna see richt but wi your hert.'*

riddlums riddles: *'But whit for dae ye aye speak in riddlums?'*

rimplin rippling: *the sunlicht skimmerin on the rimplin watter*

rithmatick arithmetic: *'I made fower mistaks in my rithmatick.'*

rive to tear, to rip: *they will rive it tae taivers*

roch rock: *But he saw naething forby jaggie peaks o roch.*

rummle to rumble: *Syne a third brichtly lit train rummelt by.*



sae suin as as soon as: *sae suin as ye ken whit it is.*

sair very much, extremely: *'I am sair fu o wae.'*

sair fecht a struggle: *'It is a sair fecht!'*

sand-rigg a sand-dune: *be sitten down on a desert sand-rigg*

sang a song: *The sang o the pulley wis aye in my lugs.*

sauf to save: *'A bodie can sauf fifty-three meenits ilka week.'*

sautie salty: *'It is fell scourie, an fell jaggie, an fell sautie.'*

sax six: *whan I wis sax year auld*

scart to scribble: *Syne I scartit a pictur o a muzzle.*

scholard a scholar: *a scholard that kens the whauraboos o aw the seas*

scourie dry, parched: *'It is fell scourie, an fell jaggie, an fell sautie.'*

scrieve to write: *an auld mannie that scrievit muckle buiks*

scroongin pressing, squeezing: *scroongin their nebs tae the windae-panes*

scunnert annoyed, vexed: *I tellt the wee lad (a bit scunnert) that I kentna hou tae draw.*

shauchle to shuffle: *but the stushie I made gart the serpent shauchle doucely awa*

shilpitlike puny, sickly: *'Na! Yon is gey shilpitlike. Dae me anither.'*

shoggelt shaken: *an auld whirligig that the wind hasna shoggelt sin langsyne*

skimmer to twinkle, to glimmer: *the sunlicht skimmerin on the rimplin watter*

skirl oot to cry out: *I wis stammagastert tae hear the wee lad skirl oot.*

skreek o day daybreak, sunrise: *I didna finnd his bodie at skreek o day.*

slocken to quench, to extinguish: *pills intendit for tae slocken drouth*

smoor oot to snuff out, to extinguish: *'Hou did ye smoor oot your lamp eenow?'*

socht sought, looked for: *an belike naebody had ever socht it*

solans gannets: *a flittin o wild solans*

somegate somewhere: *he will dander aff somegate, an be tint*

souch sigh: *Syne, wi a souch, he ganged his gate.*

speir to ask: *'Whit happent here?' I speired.*

speirin a question: *He didna answer speirins nane.*

spirl a slender stem: *the spirl o a rose*

stammagastert astonished, flabbergasted: *I wis stammagastert tae hear the wee lad skirl oot.*

stang bite, sting: *'Troth they haena pyson for a saicont stang.'*

stap 1 to stop, to cease: *I stappit richt there, my hert rived asunner. 2 to stuff, to cram: could be stappit ontae a wee bit island in the Pacific*

starn-keekin astronomy: *the International Starn-keekin Collogue*

starns stars: *'An whit dae ye dae wi five hunder million starns?'*

steek, steekit to close; closed, shut: *He drank, his een steekit.*

strang strong: *'Is your pyson guid an strang?'*

stravaiger a traveller, a wanderer: *'Weel, weel! A stravaiger!' he cried oot whan he saw the wee prince.*

strecht straight: *'Strecht aheid, a bodie canna gang faur.'*

strecht-forrit 1 straight-forward, easy: *but it is gey strecht-forrit. 2 frank, honest: I haena aye been strecht-forrit in talkin about the leeries.*

sunlicht sunlight: *the sunlight skimmerin on the rimplin watter*

sweirt tae loath or unwilling to: *he wis sweirt tae leave this planet*

swither to hesitate, to dither: *An I swither ower the colour o his claes.*

syboe a spring onion, a scallion: *jist a syboe sproot or the spirl o a rose,*

syne 1 then, after that: *Syne he lauched aince mair. 2 ago, previously: the place whaur I cam doun a year syne*



taigle to tangle or entangle: *'Ye conflummix ilka thing. . .Ye taigle things thegither.'*

taivers shreds, pieces: *they will rive it tae taivers*

taiversome wearisome, tedious: *It is gey taiversome wark,' the wee prince added.*

tak tent be careful, beware: *'Bairns,' I beseek ye, 'tak tent o the baobabs!'*

tak the strunts to sulk, to go in the huff: *'She wad tak the strunts gin she saw this,' he said tae himsel.*

tear-blobs tear-drops: *An syne the wee bells are turnt tae tear-blobs.*

tentlessly carelessly, without care: *For I dinna want fowk tae read my buik tentlessly.*

thegither together: *He hasna dune ocht in his life forby add nummers thegither.*

thocht thought: *Aiblins he thoct I wis like himsel.*

thole to bear or endure, to put up with: *'I maun thole twa-three oobits.'*

thowless feeble, listless: *Floers are thowless craiturs.*

thrang busy: *'I am thrang the nou wi muckle maitters!'*

thrapple throat: *a pictur o a boa constrictor wi a craitur in its thrapple.*

thrum to purr, to vibrate: *An yet something thrums throu the seelence.*
timorsome timid: *Syne it raxes itsel an sterts, at first timorsome.*
tint lost, missed: *He wis murnin his tint sundoun.*
tod a fox: *Syne the tod kythed.*
toom empty: *'Ye are bonnie, but ye are toom,' he gaed on.*
towmond a year, twelve months: *'The nicht, it will be a towmond...'*
trauchle a difficult task; a bother or hindrance: *It is a trauchle tae stert drawin again at my age.*
troth indeed, truly: *Troth, the grown-ups winna believe that nane.*
trystin-place meeting-place, rendezvous: *this maitter o the serpent, an the trystin-place*
tuip a ram, a male sheep: *'Yon is a tuip. It has horns.'*
two-three a few: *I saw them, twa-three year syne.*

unco **1** remarkable, extraordinary: *'Ye are an unco craitur,' he said at last.* **2** remarkably, extraordinarily: *'This is an unco fykie flooer.'*
up-biggin praise, flattery: *Vauntie chieles hear naething forby up-biggin.*

vauntie proud, boastful: *On the saicont planet there bade a vauntie chiel.*
virr vigour, energy: *but certies she had unco virr!*



wabbit tired, worn out: *as he wis wabbit, he gantit*
waesome woeful, sorrowful: *He gied me a waesome smile.*
wagang departure: *An whan the oor o his wagang drew near...*
walthie rich, wealthy: *'An whit guid dis it dae ye tae be walthie?'*
waukent wakened, woken: *Syne wis I gey surpraesed tae be waukent, at keek o day.*
weel-luckit lucky, fortunate: *'They are weel-luckit,' the signalman said.*
when a few, a handful: *I hae bocht mysel a kist o pents an a when pincils.*
whitna **1** what kind of, what sort of: *'On whitna planet hae I fawn doun?'* **2** what a: *Whitna ferlie it wis!*
whittie-whattie a jot, an iota: *nummers dinna maitter a whittie-whattie*
wiselike sensible, reasonable: *But, as he wis weel-natured, his biddins were ayewis wiselike.*
wondrous **1** wonderful, marvellous: *He had a wondrous air o autoritie.* **2** extremely, exceedingly: *'I am wondrous fain o sundouns.'*
wure wore: *I had lowsed the gowden gravat that he aye wure.*

yird, the Yird earth, the Earth: *They sleep deep in the mirk o the yird.*
Yule, Yuletide Christmas: *the lichts on the Yule tree*