

MM002

Ushag Veg Ruy

Manx traditional (skipping tune version)

Ush-ag veg ruy ny moa - nee doo, ny moa - nee doo, ny moa - nee doo,
1. Nagh chad-dil mish riyr er baare y crouw, er baare y crouw, er baare y crouw, Nagh

Ush-ag veg ruy ny moa - nee doo, c'raad chad-dil oo riyr 'syn oie?
chad-dil mish riyr er baare y crouw as ogh! my chadley cha treih!

Co-chiaull / chorus

Ushag veg ruy ny moanee doo, ny moanee doo, ny moanee doo,
Ushag veg ruy ny moanee doo, c'raad chaddil oo riyr 'syn oie?

1. Nagh chaddil mish riyr er baare y crouw, er baare y crouw, er baare y crouw,
Nagh chaddil mish riyr er baare y crouw, as ogh! my chadley cha treih.

Co-chiaull / chorus

2. Nagh chaddil mish riyr er baare y dress, er baare y dress, er baare y dress,
Nagh chaddil mish riyr er baare y dress, as ogh! my chadley cha treih.

Co-chiaull / chorus

3. Nagh chaddil mish riyr er baare y tonn, er baare y tonn, er baare y tonn,
Nagh chaddil mish riyr er baare y tonn, as ogh! my chadley cha treih.

Co-chiaull

4. Chaddil mish riyr eddyr daa ghuillag, eddyr daa ghuillag, eddyr daa ghuillag,
Chaddil mish riyr eddyr daa ghuillag, as O! my chadley cha kiune.

Translation

Chorus: Little red bird of the black peat ground, where did you sleep in the night? Didn't I sleep on the top of a bush (v1), on a briar (v2), on the tip of a wave (v3) and [finally] between two leaves (v4).

ABOUT: This is a faster 'skipping song' version of the well-known song about a little red bird. Collected from Mr H Bridson of Cronkbourne, the song asks where the bird has been sleeping - finally finding a peaceful night's sleep between two leaves. The better known tune, collected from James Cain of Douglas, is in a minor key and has slightly more complicated words. The sheet music for that version can be found in *Kiaull yn Theay 1* and *Ree ny Marrey*.