

**MANX FOLK AWARDS 2020 ~ KS3-5 RECITATION**

**Themselves**

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Was it a shadow – a trick of the light?

Something familiar - yet just out of sight?

Was there a rustle – a shifting of air?

Did I imagine a creature just there?

Who made that sound like the laugh of a child?

Running away in the night dark and wild

Was it a vision – a presence unseen?

Could I be sleeping? Or was it a dream?

Come little people, enchant me once more

I have no fear of your spells or your lore

Others may think you are pixies or elves

I know for sure you are simply “themselves”!