

Context pack: Higher Poetry Collection



Anon., 'Thomas the Rhymer'



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2CN2qw4FqCA>

Drone footage of the Eildon Hills and surrounding areas.

THE SCOTTISH FOLKLORE PODCAST

<https://www.scottishfolklorepodcast.com/tsflp-episodes/1thomastherhymer>

Scottish Folklore Podcast: 26-minute episode retelling the story of Thomas the Rhymer.

The website includes a map of locations from the ballad.



<https://emuseum.aberdeencity.gov.uk/objects/2789/illustrations-to-ballad-thomas-the-rhymer>

Illustrations to 'Thomas the Rhymer' by Robert Burns (1869–1941), held by Aberdeen Archives, Galleries and Museums

Robert Burns, 'Composed in August'

Birds mentioned in 'Composed in August', plus their Scots names, images, and clips:

Red grouse

muir cock, muir bird, muirfowl, gor-cock, reid foul



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Grey partridge

paitrick, stibble hen



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Golden plover

yellae pliver, whistlin pliver, hill pliver, French pliver



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Eurasian woodcock

muff cock, muckle snippack



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Grey heron
hern, Willie Fisher



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Wood pigeon
cushat, cushie-doo



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Linnet
Lintie

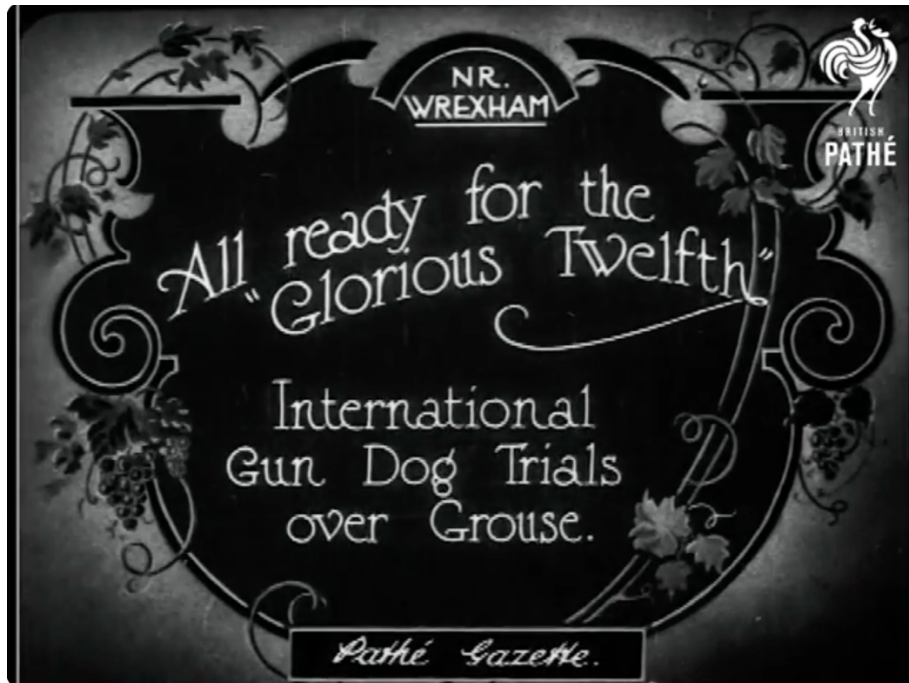


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Swallow
swallae, swallow



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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3nZz7y5_B-A

Archive footage from 1922 of the 'Glorious Twelfth', the start of the shooting season.

Hugh MacDiarmid, 'The Bonnie Broukit Bairn'



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2hov8wXCKnk>

A reading of the poem by John Laurie © 2009 Saland Publishing

Nan Shepherd, 'Summit of Corrie Etchachan'



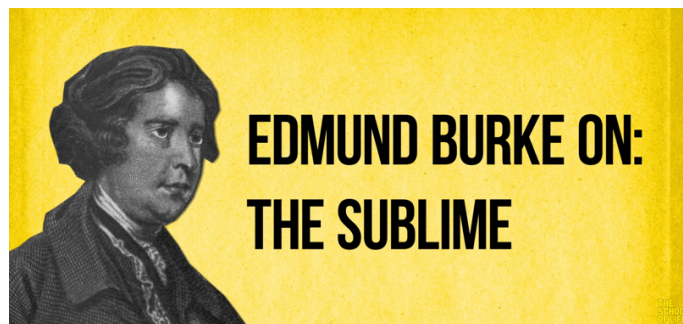
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MKLYBGXocqo>

'The Living Mountain', a 2-minute video produced by RS Outdoors. Footage of the Cairngorms with extracts from Nan Shepherd's *The Living Mountain*.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jys6LshpeiU>

Aerial footage of Loch Etchachan, which occupies the basin of the corrie.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BvzG_p_sdOQ

A 4-minute video on Edmund Burke's philosophy of the sublime. Produced by The School of Life.

Rhoda Bulter, 'Da Clearance'



<https://movingimage.nls.uk/film/0981>

'A Crofter's Life in Shetland', black-and-white silent film/archive footage from 1931, with scenes of islanders at work on their crofts and fishing.



<https://movingimage.nls.uk/film/0980>

'Scenes from a Shetland Croft Life', black-and-white silent archive footage from 1932, showing how peat is cut using a "tushkar" and made ready to be used as fuel in a croft in Shetland.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E4iXM67OIIQ>

'The Highland Clearances of Scotland', a 6-minute documentary that discusses crofting communities and the clearances that dispersed them.

MacGillivray, '33'



<https://australian.museum/learn/cultures/international-collection/ancient-egyptian/egyptian-funerary-boat/>

3D model viewer of an Egyptian funerary boat (Australian Museum)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=enaKRS9YphI>

'The Execution of Mary Queen of Scots', a 5-minute clip from *Bloody Queens: Mary and Elizabeth* (2016), combining a dramatic re-enactment with documentary content about Mary's final moments.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8EruGzQnG2w>

An example of a 'death song': Henry Purcell's 1695 'Music for the Funeral of Queen Mary II', which is set to the text of the Book of Common Prayer. Performed by the Singapore Symphony Chorus and Orchestra.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KvtyH0lo5B0>

A short clip from the Water Lantern Festival in Colorado Springs, where people write messages on lanterns to honour loved ones before releasing them.