

The Unst Boat Song

(After a version by Songs of Separation, sung in the Cathedral Cave on the Isle of Eigg)

Starka virna vestilie
Obadeea, obadeea
Starka virna vestilie
Obadeea, monye.

Strong west wind
Trouble our men
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Trouble our men – let it be calm

Stala, stoita, stonga raer
O, whit says du da bunshka baer?
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Litra mae vee drengie

Put in order and support the mast and yards
Oh what do you say – will the boat carry her sail?
Oh what do you say – will the boat carry her sail?
I'm pleased with that, boys

Saina, papa wara
Obadeea, obadeea
Saina, papa wara
Obadeea, monye

Bless us our father (we are our father's sons)
Trouble our men
Bless us our father
Trouble our men – let it be calm