

## Street Talk by J. K. Annand

There was a rammie in the street,  
A stishie and stramash.  
The crabbit wifie up the stair  
Pit up her winda sash.

"Nou what's adae?" the wifie cried,  
"Juist tell me what's adae."  
A day is twinty-fower hours, missis,  
Nou gie us peace to play.

"Juist tell me what's ado," she cried,  
"And nane o yer gab," cried she.  
D'ye no ken a doo's a pigeon, missis?  
Nou haud yer wheesht a wee.

"I want to ken what's up," she cried,  
"And nae mair o yer cheek, ye loun."  
It's only yer winda that's up, missis.  
For guidsake pit it down.

## Learning Resources

### Reading

Read the poem and listen to the audio file.

If there are unfamiliar words, try to work out what they mean according to their context, or look them up using a Scots dictionary – you can use an online Scots dictionary at [www.dsl.ac.uk](http://www.dsl.ac.uk).

Next, in a group of 3, read the poem out loud. One person should be the narrator, one person should be the wifie and the other person should be the child.

### Listening and talking - group discussion

1. Tell the people in your group about a time you got a row or a complaint from a neighbour. What happened? Did you deserve the row? Did you give the neighbour any cheek?

### Creating

There are lots of Scots words meaning row, fight or commotion:

how-strow	frother	currieshang	bree
striley	rammy	feuch	squalloch
stashie	clamjamfry	stramash	rummle

Use one of these words to create an acrostic poem.