

## The Bubblyjock by Hugh MacDiarmid

It's hauf like a bird and hauf like a bogle  
And juist stands in the sun there and bouks.  
It's a wunder its heid disna burst  
The way it's aye raxin its chouks.

Syne it twists its neck like a serpent  
But canna get oot a richt note  
For the bubblyjock swallowed the bagpipes  
And the blether stuck in its throat.

## Learning Resources

### Reading

Many or most of MacDiarmid's poems are not accessible to younger children. 'The Bubblyjock' is one of the exceptions. The poem portrays, very cleverly, the peculiarities of the turkey.

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).

## Creating

Draw or trace a favourite animal. Label its body parts in Scots.

Scots	English
neb	nose
shanks	shins
mou	mouth
een	eyes
luif	paw or hoof
hunker	haunches

## Writing

Write a poem in Scots about an animal or creature

Think about:

- the parts of its body
- the movements, both large and small, that it makes
- the sounds it makes

You can use Scots to make words like these:

Scots	English
sturdy-shankit	sturdy-legged
lang-craigit	long-necked
pipe-shankit	thin-legged
lave-luggit	droopy-eared