

Roman Marching Songs

The Roman soldiers enjoyed singing as they marched to their next destination. Copies of the songs have been found in archaeological digs near Hadrians's Wall.



One song they sang in Latin was 'Old MacDonald'. Can you have a go at learning it? Translation – all the words are pronounced phonetically –if it is different I have put the pronunciation in brackets after the definition.

Can you work out what some of the words mean? Are some similar to words we used today?

<p>Senex =old Habebat =has (hab ay bat) Fundum = farm Et =and In =in Ille= his (illay) Porces = pig Boves = cow Oves = sheep Anatas = duck Cum =with Hic =here Hoc= there Ubique= everywhere (ooh bick way)</p>	<p>Senex Macdonaldus habebat fundum, EIEIO Et in ille fundum habebat porces EIEIO Cum oink oink hic, oink oink hoc Oink hic, oink hoc ubique oink oink Senex Macdonaldus habebat fundum, EIEIO</p> <p>Senex Macdonaldus habebat fundum, EIEIO Et in ille fundum habebat boves EIEIO Cum moo moo hic, moo moo hoc Moo hic, moo hoc ubique moo moo Senex Macdonaldus habebat fundum, EIEIO</p> <p>Senex Macdonaldus habebat fundum, EIEIO Et in ille fundum habebat oves EIEIO Cum baa baa hic, baa baa hoc Baa hic, baa hoc ubique baa baa Senex Macdonaldus habebat fundum, EIEIO</p> <p>Senex Macdonaldus habebat fundum, EIEIO Et in ille fundum habebat anates EIEIO Cum quack quack hic, quack quack hoc Quack hic, quack hoc ubique quack quack Senex Macdonaldus habebat fundum, EIEIO</p>
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