

Katie Bairdie

(a strathspey)

A strathspey is a dance that originated in the north east of Scotland. They say it was made up in celebration of a battle won by the highlanders. However it came to be, the dance is danced in a sort of "step, step, step and hop" kind of way. There are lovely slow and graceful strathspeys that are often song like, and then there are the faster strathspeys, and if you play a strathspey fast enough, it'll turn into a reel. Here's on with words:

Katie Bairdie had a *coo*
White and black *aboot* the *moo*
Wisnae that a dainty *coo*
Dance Katie Bairdie.

Beagle Brodie had a *coo*
White and black *aboot* the *moo*
Wasna that a *wordy coo*
B'langed tae Beagle Brodie.

Beagle Brodie had a *gryce*
Hit could scate upon the ice
Wasna that a *wordy gryce*
B'langed tae Beagle Brodie.

Beagle Brodie had a hen
Sooked the hoose baith *but and ben*
Wasna that a *wordy* hen
B'langed tae Beagle Brodie.

coo = cow, *aboot* = about, *moo* = mouth, *gryce* = pig, *hit* = it
sooked = made itself at home, *but and ben* = kitchen and parlor

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