

## Shetlan by John Peterson

Du may waander on fir ever,  
An seek idder laands dee lane,  
Bit someday du'll come driftin  
Ta da laand o laands agen.

Shos a laand o faeries dancing  
In a ring o snaa-white scom,  
Whaar da grit, grey sea lies skulkin  
l' da dim, saft simmer hom.

Dere, A'm pluckin kokkiluries,  
An gadderin paddock-stols,  
Or guddlin tricky skeeticks  
Ida clear saat-waater pols,  
A'm rickin peerie sillicks  
Wi a preen an dockin-waand  
Or poking efter smislins  
Ida ebb-stanes ida saand.

Shos a laand whaar winter's souchin  
Trowe da spondrift an da squaal,  
An da smorin mooricaavie  
Fills da Nort-wind's oobin waal

Dere, I look alang da tide-line  
Among da tang an waar,  
Fir barrel-scows, an battens,  
An bits o brokken spar;  
Fir da muckle seas is brakkin  
In stoor laek clouds o snaa.  
An der tales o vessels wrackin  
Wi dir sails aa blawn awa.

## Learning Resources

### Reading

Read the poem and listen to the audio file.

Please note that the following questions can also be found on the [interactive, online reading exercise](#) based on *Shetlan*.

1. From the poem, find three words which tell us that the poet is describing how the seascape looks in Summer.
2. From the poem, find three words which tell us that the poet is describing how the seascape looks in Winter.
3. In the section of the poem that begins, 'Dere, A'm pluckin kokkiluries', the poet goes on to describes several activities that he takes part in during summer. What are the three activities that he describes?
4. In the section of poem that begins, 'Sho's a laand whaar winter's souchin', the poet describes what he can see on the beach during winter. Find at least one thing that he sees and try to describe it in your own words.