

THIS IS THE STORY OF THE BONNY 'JEANNIE DEANS'  
SHE WAS A PADDLE STEAMER BUILT IN GOVAN  
SHE LEFT HER SLIPWAY IN 1931  
TO SERVE AT CRAIGENDORAN  
THROUGHOUT HER DAYS ON THE FIRTH OF CLYDE  
SHE PLIED HER TRADE WI' GRACE AND CHARM  
SHE WON THE HEARTS O' SAILIN' MEN  
FAE ARROCHAR TAE ARRAN

AND SHE WOULD WALTZ AROUND THE KYLES  
HER PADDLES TURNIN', THE WATERS CHURNIN'  
A TRAIL OF FOAM UPON THE BRINE  
AS BRAW AS ONY O' THE 'QUEENS'  
SHE WAS THE BONNY 'JEANNIE DEANS'

MY NAME IS WILLIAM GEDDES I WAS ONCE HER ENGINEER  
THEY SAID FOR FUN THAT I WOULD RACE THE SEAGULLS  
I TELLT THE CAPTAIN THE 'JEANNIE' WAS A STAR  
SO WE CHALLENGED A' HER RIVALS  
SHE TOOK THEM ON AND OUTRAN THEM ALL  
AND BROUGHT ME JOY AND GREAT SATISFACTION  
I TELLT THE FIREMEN TO LEAVE THE COAL  
AND JOIN THE CELEBRATION

AND SHE WOULD WALTZ etc

ON SUMMER DAYS YOU'D OFTEN SEE HER SAIL  
THE COASTAL WATERS AS FAR AS PADDY'S MILESTONE  
HER MIGHTY ENGINES WERE ALWAYS POLISHED FINE  
AND PERPETUALLY IN MOTION  
IN WINTER TIME SHE WOULD BE REPAIRED  
AND PAINTED UP FOR THE COMIN' SEASON  
AND IN THE SPRINGTIME SHE'D REAPPEAR  
STEAMIN' OOT O' THE HORIZON

AND SHE WOULD WALTZ etc

THE DAY ARRIVED UPON THE FIRTH OF CLYDE  
THE 'JEANNIE DEANS' MADE HER LAST DEPARTURE  
SHE WENT TAE LONDON AND THEN SHE WAS RETIRED  
TAE ANTWERP AND THE BREAKERS  
THE 'JEANNIE DEANS' MAY WELL BE GONE  
BUT SHE'S REMEMBERED IN A' THE HARBOURS  
WE'LL NEVER SEE HER LIKES AGAIN  
COME SAILIN' IN THESE WATERS

AND SHE WOULD WALTZ etc