



Glossary of Scots Words

The poem is written using a Scots dialect. Some of the words might be familiar to you. Some might not. Don't worry - this glossary will help you to understand the meanings of any of the Scots words that you might not know.

The words are in alphabetical order so you can use the glossary like a dictionary and if you speak another language, you can add those word(s) too.

Scots word	English word/phrase	In my language
aboot	about	
aff	off	
Ah	I	
aroon	around	
aulder	older	
bealin'	enraged	
blether	chat	
coory	to stay safe by being close to others	
couldnae	could not	
daein'	doing	

doobt	doubt	
doon	down	
een	eyes	
fae	from	
family/faimilies	family/families	
feart	scared, frightened	
fitba'	football	
fur	for	
freens	friends	
gie	give	
greet/gret	cry/cried	
hail	whole	
Heidie	head teacher	
Hooses	houses	
high-heid yin	a high-up person in an organisation	
joab	job	
jing-bang	everything	
jist	just	

ken/kent	know knew	
kiddie-on	pretend, false	
lassies	girls	
maist	most	
malarkey	nonsense	
naw	no	
noo	now	
oan	on	
oor	our	
oot	out	
schule	school	
scrivin'	writing	
shou'der	shoulder	
speil	story	
stairted	started, began to	
tae	to	
thegether	together	
twa	two	

understaun'	understand	
wan	one	
weil	well	
wi'oot	without	
weans	children	
wee	little	
whit	what	
wiz	was	
wurnae	were not	
yer	your	
yin	one	