

# *Social Dancin*

*By Anne Kelly*

*Ah canna staun that dancin,  
The kind they mak ye dae  
When Ye're dashing the White Sergeant  
Or the Glaikit Gordons Gay.  
An the teacher maks ye dae it:  
'It's practice fur yer Pairty.'  
Well, Ah wid like tae tell her  
That ah dinnae really care tae  
Dance the Bluebell Polka  
Or strip the Willow doon  
Or go tae Mairi's Weddin  
Wae that scunner Katie Broom,  
Or that gawky Lindsay Anderson,  
Or Sarah-Lee or Jade.  
Or Kellyann McArthur, or Emily McDade,  
Or Fiona Ross or Gemma,  
Or even Dawn Macphee –  
But every single yin o them  
Wants tae dance wi me!*

This is a wee poem about awbody's favourite activity in PE. Whit dae ye like best about Social Dancin? Whit's worst?

1. The vocabulary isnae that different fae English but there are a couple o Scots words that are jist about untranslatable. Whit does *glakit* mean? Whit is a *scunner*? Whit wey wad ye feel if ye were *scunnert*?
2. *Yin* is jist yin o the words for the numeral 1 that gets yaised in Scots. It's nae yaised by awbody in Scotland. Whit word dae ye yaise in yer ain dialect?
3. Some o the spellin micht no be the wey ye wad spell things yersel. The spellins here gie ye some idea o the poets ain pronunciation. Whit spellins gie ye clues tae the wey she speaks?
4. In ancient times, bards wad compose poetry wi the names o their chief's ancestors, or lists o their famous battles. A guid poet had tae be able tae turn lists intae verse. There are twa lists in this poem. Whit twa kinds o thing are listed?
5. Scribe a rhymin shoppin list.