



For many years the economy of the fishing villages the length of the East coast depended on herring. If fishermen sang the praises of the herring it might bring good luck and a big catch. The "Silver Darlings", were of course not directly made into "needles and pins" or "loaves o' breid" but the proceeds of their catch would buy the fisherfolk the essentials of life.

Herrins' Heids (Traditional)

D *Sing Acapella*

V1. *(solo)* Ah, fit'll I dae wi the herrin's heids

(group) Fit'll I dae wi the herrin's heids

(solo) Ah'll mak it intae loaves o breid

(group) Herrins heid, loaves o breid, an a sorts o things

O a the fish that swim in the sea

The herrin it is the fish for me

Fallalalido, Fallalalido, Fallalalido-liday

V2. *(solo)* Ah, fit'll I dae wi the herrin's eyes

(group) Fit'll I dae wi the herrin's eyes

(solo) Ah'll mak them intae puddins and pies

(group) Herrins eyes, puddins and pies

Herrins heid, loaves o breid, an a sorts o things

O a the fish that swim in the sea

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V3. *(solo)* Ah, fit'll I dae wi the herrin's fins

(group) Fit'll I dae wi the herrin's fins

(solo) Ah'll mak them intae needles and pins

(group) Herrin's fins, needles and pins

Herrins eyes, puddins and pies

Herrins heid, loaves o breid, an a sorts o things

O a the fish that swim in the sea

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V4. *(solo)* Ah, fit'Il I dae wi the herrin's belly
(group) Fit'Il I dae wi the herrin's belly
(solo) Ah'Il mak it a lassie an christen it Nellie
(group) Herrin's belly, lassie ca'd Nellie
Herrin's fins, needles and pins
Herrins eyes, puddins and pies
Herrins heid, loaves o breid, an a sorts o things
O a the fish that swim in the sea
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V5. *(solo)* Ah, fit'Il I dae wi the herrin's back
(group) Fit'Il I dae wi the herrin's back
(solo) Ah'Il mak it a laddie and christen it Jack
(group) Herrin's back, laddie ca'd Jack
Herrin's belly, lassie ca'd Nellie
Herrin's fins, needles and pins
Herrins eyes, puddins and pies
Herrins heid, loaves o breid, an a sorts o things
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V6. *(solo)* Ah fit'Il I dae wi the herrin's tail
(group) Fit'Il I dae wi the herrin's tail
(solo) Ah'Il mak it a ship wi a beautiful sail
(group) Mak it a ship wi a beautiful sail
(speed up) Herrin's back, laddie ca'd Jack Herrin's belly, lassie ca'd Nellie
Herrin's fins, needles and pins
Herrins eyes, puddins and pies
Herrins heid, loaves o breid, *(slower)* an a sorts o things
(slow) O a the fish that swim in the sea
The herrin it is the fish for me
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