

## ***Tam O' Shanter* by Robert Burns**

British English 

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### **Make a phonemic (broad) transcription of the following poem:**

1. When chapman billies leave the street, [chapman billies = trader chappies]
2. And drouthy neebors, neebors meet, [drouthy neebors = thirsty neighbours]
3. As market-days are wearing late,
4. An' folk begin to tak the gate; [tak' the gate = take to the road]
5. While we sit bousing at the nappy, [bousing at the nappy = boozing on the beer]
6. An' getting fou and unco happy, [fou & unco = merry & uncouthly ie exceedingly]
7. We think na on the lang Scots miles, [na on the lang = not on the long]
8. The mosses, waters, slaps, and stiles, [slaps = muddy places]
9. That lie between us and our hame, [= home]
10. Whare sits our sulky, sullen dame, [= wife]
11. Gathering her brows like gathering storm,
12. Nursing her wrath to keep it warm.



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1. hwən 'tʃapmən 'bɪlez 'li:v ðə \\_ strit,
2. ən 'druθɪ 'nɪbərz, 'nɪbərz \\_ mit,
3. əz 'mɑ:kət de:z | ər 'wɪrən \\_ let
4. ən 'fɒk bɪ'gen tə 'tɑ:k ðə \\_ get;
5. hwəɪl 'wi set 'bu:zən ət ðə \\_ nɑ:p
6. ən 'gɛtn 'fu: ən ʌŋkə \\_ hɑ:p,
7. wi 'θɪŋk nə 'ɒn ðə 'lɑ:ŋ skɒts 'mæɪlz
8. ðə 'mɒsəz, 'wɑ:tərz, 'slɑ:p ən 'stæɪlz
9. ðət 'lɑɪ bɪ'twɪn əs ən ur \\_ hem,
10. hwər 'sets ur 'sʌlke 'sʌlən \\_ dem
11. 'gɛðrən ər \\_ bru:z ləɪk 'gɛðrən \\_ storm
12. 'nʌrsən ər \\_ rɑθ tə 'kɪp et \\_ wɜ:m.

