

# Spootiskerry

Samuel Ian Rothmar Burns  
(Ian Burns)

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arr. Peter McLaren

Samuel Ian Rothmar Burns, a fiddle player from Shetland, more commonly referred to himself as Ian Burns. As well as the fiddle he is also reported to have been a very capable player of both the pipes and accordion.

In Shetland this tune is sometimes known as 'Da Fitful Head' or 'The Fateful Head'. In the local vernacular a 'skerry' is typically a group of rocks normally covered by water but visible at low tide, while a 'spoot' (i.e. 'spurt') is a type of mollusc. Ian Burns, however named his tune after a farm that was in his family called 'Spootaskerry'.