

Dear Mr Swinney, Re the Scots Leid Policie, 2015

Gaelic is deein oot
an if we dinnae dae summat,
Scots will gan the same wey,
so I'm jeein ye oan tae yaise it.

The Scots Leid Policie
promist a mair hiech profile
bit in the midst o awthin else,
it seems tae hae tummeled doon.

Siller wis pit intae it
bit it needs a bit mair proddin
tae 'heise it up an push it forrit.'
Mair yuiss o Scots is a must.

Fur ower lang, we've alloood
oor tongue tae be haudin doon,
skelpit aboot, intil a messan,
neither yin thing nor anither.

As lang as hunners o us
spik it, then shairly it's faisible
tae see it as 'a worthie and weel way'
tae keep oor leid livin.

It's the weans we maun lippen oan.
The haudback is that Inglis is spoke
aw ower and fowk ur less minfu
o bletherin in their naitril tongue.

Micht I pit forrit that mair eddication
is fell needit, an it cud be din
as lang as eneuch o us want it.
so come oan- gie us oor voice.

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*Quotations from The Scots Leid Policy, 2015: 'heise it up and push it forrit' and ' a worthy and weel way'