

# Tàladh Chrìosda

traditional Gaelic tune and words

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♩ = 90 *lento molto*

*p* 1. Mo ghaol, mo ghràdh is m'eu - dail thu, — M'iunn - tas  
 Mo gheul, mo ghraa is may - tul oo, Myoon - tas

*mf* 2. Mo ghaol an t sùil a sheal - las tlàth, Mo ghaol an  
 Mo gheul 'n tool u hyal - lus tlaa, Mo gheul 'n

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ùr is m'éibh - neas thu, Mo mha - can à - lainn ceu - tach  
 oor is mayv - nius oo, Mo va - hkun aa - ling kay - tuch

cridh tha liont' le gràdh; — Ged is lea - nabh thu gun  
 cree ha leentch lay graa; Gyet is lyen - nuv oo gun

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thu, Chan fhiù mi - fhéin bhith'd dhàil. \_\_\_\_\_  
 oo, Chan yoo mee - heen veet ghaal. \_\_\_\_\_

chàil Is lion - mhor buaidh tha ort a' fàs.  
 chaal, Is lee=un - vor boo=ai ha orsht u faas.

taladh chriosda 2

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Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a,

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after verse 2, repeat verse 1 pianissimo

Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a

**Key to phonetic transcription in score**

Pay special attention to 'u' which here is the schwa or neutral vowel (IPA ə)  
An IPA (International Phonetic Alphabet) transcription is given overleaf

a ~ as in southern English 'father'

aa ~ long a as in 'far'

ai ~ English 'eye'

ay ~ long a as in 'spade'

e ~ as in 'bet'

ee ~ as in 'feet'

eu ~ as in French 'peu' or long English 'er' (without the 'r' sound)

i ~ short as in English 'bit'

o ~ short and open as in English 'hot'

oo ~ long as in 'ooh'

u ~ neutral vowel like 'a' in 'above' or 'o' in 'harmony'

ch ~ as in Scottish 'loch' (velar fricative) BUT 'tch' as in 'fetch'

gh ~ similar to 'ch' above but more strongly vocalised towards 'g' (voiced velar fricative)

r ~ rolled slightly at the front

t ~ soft 'd' (Gaelic 't' is dentalised i.e. the tongue touches the back of the teeth)

hk ~ aspirated 'h' before 'k'

s ~ always soft as in 'pass'

= denotes a shift within one note. In both cases, the main stress is on the first sound, and falls on the beat; duration of first sound is roughly an eighth note or quaver; then glide to the second sound.