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for Loughside Chamber Choir

# Shule Agra \*

Words anon., 18th century

Old Irish Air  
arr. Judith Watson

Plaintively (Moderately slow)

(♩ = 84)

Solo *mp*

I would I were on yon-der hill; 'Tis thro' the wood and cry my fill, 'Till ev'-ry tear would

7 Solo *end solo*

turn a mill, Is go de... tu, ma - v... slan.\*\*

S.1 *p* *Hmm*

S.2 *p* *Hmm*

A.1

A.2 *p* *Hmm*

12 S.1 *p* *Ah Ah*

S.2 *mp*

I'll sell my rock, I'll sell my reel,<sup>†</sup> And then I'll sell my spin-ning wheel, To

*mp* *Hmm Ah*

*p* *Ah Ah*

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*p*  
Ah

buy my love a sword of steel. Is go de tu, ma nin

Ah Ah

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*mf* *mf*

I'll dye my pet-ti-coat, I'll dye it red, And round the world I'll

slan. Ah And round the world I'll

*p* *mf* *mf*

dye my pet-ti-coat, I'll dye it red, And round the world I'll

slan And round the world I'll

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*p* *p* *p* *p*

bread, Un-til my pa-rents shall wish me dead. Is go de tu,

my bread, Un-til my pa-rents shall wish me dead. Is go de tu,—

buy my bread, Un-til my pa-rents shall wish me dead. Is go de tu, ma -

buy my bread, Un-til my pa-rents shall wish me dead. Is go de tu, ma -

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30 *poco rit.* *a tempo*

Shule a - gra Shule a - gra. Shule a,

Shule a - gra Shule a - gra. Shule a,

vour - nin slan. I wish, I wish and I wish in v I had my

vour - nin slan. I wish, I wish and I wi I wish I had my

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Shule a - gra, Shule a, Shul a Is go de tu, ma -

Shule a - gra, Shule a a - gra Is go de tu, ma -

heart a - gain, And vain - lv not com - plain. Is go de tu, ma -

heart a - gain, An' ank I'd not com - plain. Is go de tu, ma -

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min slan. Ah

ar - min slan. But now my love has

vour - min slan. Ah

vour - min slan. Ah

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45 *pp*

Ah Ah

gone to France, to try his for - tune to ad - vance, If he ev - er c tis

*pp*

Ah

*pp*

Ah Ah Ah

49 Solo *mp*

Is go de na - vour - nin

*pp*

Ah

but a chance...

52 *rall. e dim. al fine*

slan...

*pp*

Hm niente

*pp*

Hm niente

*pp*

Hm niente

*pp*

Hm niente

*pp*

Hm niente

\*Siubhail a Ghraidh (pronounced "Shule Agra") means "Come, my love"  
 ++"Rock" and "reel" are parts of an Irish spinning wheel.

\*\*Is go de tu, mavournin slan ("farewell, my darling") is pronounced: Ish go day too, mavournyeén slawn.  
 ++ In 18th century Ireland, the sumptuary law of the time required a beggar woman to wear a red petticoat.

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