

It's a lang wy tae Philidelphia

Teenie geed da hatch up in tae da laft a shiv an wi a grain o stoor he opened an she halled hersell up. It wis brally dark up in da laft o da auld stiggie hoose in Brough an she felt aroond fir da candles. Fae da glow o da candles on da waa she could pick oot da shape o an auld kist. She kent dat it hed stuff in it dat belanged tae her great grandfolk Janet an William Hughson. Teenie hed heard peerie bits an pieces aboot dem but hooped she wid fin somethin mare about dem. In da kist dere wis twaree bits o auld paper. Een o da pieces wis kinda blotchy lik it hed been weet an da ink run. It hed da date 22nd July 1832 at da tap an it hed been signed by Janet. When she started reading Teenie felt lik she wis dare wi Janet in 1832 as she wis writing it. Only thing wis, she wis in 1832. Teenie wisnoo in da laft ony mare, she wis in da ben end o da hoose afore da fire next tae her great granny. She spak but got nae answer. She wis invisible tae her great granny. Janet wis readin alood whit she wis writing.

22nd July 1832

'Whit a disastrous peerie start it's been fir me an da whalsa folk. No just dat it's been ill wadder, da isle hes lost 19 men in dis last gael, 9 o dem fae here at Brough. My William an his crew is een o da sixareens dat wis lost. Because o dis wadder wir unborn bairn will niver meet dere faider.'

Teenie den saa as she sat next tae da glowin peat fire dat da weet patches on da faided paper wis da tears dat Janet wis greetin as she wrat it. Teenie den felt hersell go light and she wis back in da laft in 1920. She coodnoo believe it! She hed gone back in time an seen her great granny. Keen tae do it again she took da next piece o paper an again she felt herself go light an she wis back aside da fire only dere wis mare folk in da room...

11th January 1833

'I just canna believe dis! William an da rest o da crew except poor David Henderson cam hom last Sunday da 5th. Da day afore Yule. What a gift in time for Yule! Da first een tae see dem when dey aa returned wis Sanders' dug dat ran tree miles fae Brough tae Snarriegeo tae meet dem. Even wi da ill wadder dat day da lerook men hed rowed dem aa da wy fae dare tae get dem back afore Yule. In da storm dey hed been blaen oot tae sea in da sixareen but hed been picked up by da danish ship da 'Dane' dat wis headed tae America. Wance dare in Philidelphia, wir William sent a letter hom tae wis about whit hed happened in da gael an how dey wir fine. But he got here afore da letter when da baby wis due ony day noo. Den yisterday on da 10th o January wir peerie Jane wis born. 5 days eftir dey cam back William is so thankful dat he can grow auld in his peerie lasses company. Bring on newrdee on da 14th!

Teenie den hed tae stop an tink. Yule on da 6th o January? Den newrdee on da 14th? Den she minded her faider Peter tellin her aboot auld Christmas an newrdee dat wis later den it is noo.

Teenie sat up in da laft wi naethin but a glow fae a candle, absolootly stunned. She coodnoo believe dat she hed just seen her greatgrand folk dat she hed niver met an seen her granny Jane when she wis just a day auld. Whit a day! She pat da bits o paper back in da kist an

closed da lid. Teenie hed wan mare look aroond da laft, blew oot her candle an disapeared doon da hatch. She canna wait tae tell da family aboot whit hed just happened an whit mare she hed fun oot aboot o da story dat she hed heard bits aboot fae her folk. Even though she wid hae wan attempt in da form o her bridder Tammie, she didnoo tink he wid believe her. If he dusnoo, she'll tell him tae try it fir himsell!

Based on real events and characters.