

Stanley Odd: Marriage Counselling (2012)

Stanley Odd is an alternative hip-hop group based in Scotland combining live instrumentation with samples and loops.

Listen to Stanley Odd performing "Marriage Counselling" and read the lyrics at the same time.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nu8ta_ECc5s

The lyrics are written in the way that they are spoken, and contain some Scottish dialect forms, listed below:

Yir = your

Ma = my

Hen = woman or girl

Wean = child

Tae = to

*Cultural notes

- **Culloden** is a moor in northern Scotland, east of Inverness. It was the site of the final defeat of the Highland Jacobites by English forces (April 16, 1746).
- **Faslane** is a nuclear submarine base on the Clyde estuary, Scotland.
- **Alex Salmond** was Prime Minister of Scotland from 2007 to 2014.

Vocabulary

Match the numbered words and expressions in the lyrics to the definitions below.

- working as hard as everyone else
- money that someone pays to support a husband or wife who they are no longer married to
- bring officers whose job is to take the possessions and property of people who cannot pay their debts
- controlled or limited
- becoming involved in something that does not concern you
- a situation that causes problems for you or that annoys you very much
- Given as advice to someone you you'd like to sit down and shut up, whilst also pointing out that they are wrong.
- To end a relationship with/get rid of
- arguing about things that are not important
- someone who frightens or hurts someone who is smaller or weaker than they are

Comprehension

1. What is the literal meaning of the term “marriage counselling”?
2. The song, “Marriage Counselling” is a metaphor. What does it represent?
3. What do the characters Britannia and Caledonia reproach each other for? Give examples.