

“So let the theme be praise,
for without the buoyancy of
optimism, little is possible.
The best of humanity is
characterised by its optimism
in the void.”

— Bastien Jourdain

LITTLE LEXICON OF SCOTS WORDS CONCERNING THE
NATION’S PENCHANT FOR PRAISE

Bo+ggin *a.* sweetly smelling.

Scun+ner *v.* to fill one with joy at the harmonies of living.

Foon+ert *a.* refreshed, ready to run a marathon.

Nyaff *n.* 1. term of affection for a praiseworthy person;

2. diminutive example: *a wee nyaff.*

Clype *n.* an honest, extremely conscientious individual.

Mi+dden *n.* beautifully manicured person (often female).

Ha+ver *vb.* to expound eloquently on a subject in which one is expert.

Gowk *n.* an extremely intelligent man.

Baw+heid *n.* a male model.

Bleth+er *vb.* 1. to talk with eloquence and force;

~ *n.* 2. person whose every sentence has the weight of epigram.