Kidspoem/Bairnsang

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![C:\Users\gbb14102\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\H89G43WL\MC900363604[1].wmf]()it wis January
and a gey driech day
the first day Ah went to the school
so my Mum happed me up in ma
good navy-blue napp coat wi the rid tartan hood
birled a scarf aroon ma neck
pu'ed oan ma pixie an' my pawkies
it wis that bitter
said noo ye'll no starve
gie'd me a wee kiss and a kid-oan skelp oan the bum
and sent me aff across the playground
tae the place Ah'd learn to say

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and a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dismal day
the first day \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ went to school
so my mother wrapped me up in my
best navy-blue top coat with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tartan hood,
\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a scarf around my neck,
pulled on my bobble-hat and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
it was so bitterly cold
said \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you won't freeze to death
gave me a little kiss and a pretend \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the bottom
and sent me off across the playground
to the place I’d learn to forget to say

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Oh saying it was one thing
but when it came to writing it
in black and white
the way it had to be said
was as if you were posh, grown-up, male, English and dead.