

Toasts

- **Slàinte!**
Cheers! (Lit. Health)
- **Slàinte mhòr!**
Lit. Big health!
- **Slàinte mhath!**
Good health!
- **Air do/ur dheagh shlàint'.**
To your good health.
(“do” to one person or a younger person “ur”
to more than one, older or respected persons.)
- **Guma fada beò sibh,
is ceò às ur taigh.**
May you live long and there always be
smoke from your chimney. (Wedding toast)
- **Iomadh latha sona dhuibh
gun latha idir dona dhuibh.**
Wishing you many happy days
and no bad days. (Wedding toast)

Proverbs

- **Cha do dhùin doras
nach do dh'fhosgail doras.**
Every cloud has a silver lining.
(Lit. A door never closed without another opening.)
- **Na abair do sheanfhacl gun
toir thu do long gu caladh.**
Don't tempt fate. (Lit. Don't quote your
proverb until you bring your ship to port.)
- **An làmh a bheir, 's i a gheibh.**
Generosity will be returned.
(Lit. The hand that gives, will receive.)
- **Is e an t-ionnsachadh òg
an t-ionnsachadh bòidheach.**
Early learning is beautiful learning.
- **'S ann dhut a rug an cat an cuilean!**
Your cat gave birth to a puppy!
(Said to someone who has had a stroke of luck.)
- **Ruigidh each mall muileann,
mura bris a chnàmhan.**
Even a slow horse will reach the mill,
unless its bones break.