## Runrig, The Summer Walkers

Sometimes when you journey
Through the pages of a book
You're taken places beyond words
You let them speak the truth
Today I've opened treasures
That my eyes could scarce believe
They're the words of confirmation
Everything that makes me sing

Summer comes to Sutherland And you bend the hazel bow You harness up the ponies And you head out on the road By Kilbreck and Altnaharra You journey to your rest With the guiding might of Suliven For the campsites of the West

And it's up by the Shin
And up by the 'Naver
And the long winding shores
Of Loch Maree
By Ben Hope and Ben Loyal
By Stack and by Arkle
The road reaches far
Now the summer is here

Now your words are not of sentiment Shallow or untrue But wells of living water And from their clear deep sides we drew The songs, the tin, the horses This country's great and ancient wilds Your faith in God and man and nature And the keenness of your guile

## (Chorus)

So have you stood out on Coldbackie At the time the sun goes down Or up on the king of campsites In the hills about Brae Tongue That's when music filled your evenings It's all so different now, this world For you were the summer walkers And the fishers of the pearl.

## (Chorus)

So as we close another chapter
That we label Archive Gold
Still the Conon flows each morning
And the dew falls from the sloe
But today you took me walking
Through a land that we have lost
While our children sit at websites
With no access to the cost

(Chorus)

(Repeat)