

Audrey

During the summer of 2000 the sailing barge Audrey, which was based at the Yorkshire Waterways Museum, completed a round Britain voyage to mark the millennium. 'Audrey 2000' is a musical account of their journey from Arbroath to North Shields by Tim and Amanda Harding and their daughters Emily (13), Charlotte (11) and Eleanor (9). Their brief included quayside concerts and the production of a musical piece inspired by the voyage. This was the result. The Audrey theme develops to reflect the changing landscapes, interspersed with local folk tunes from the areas visited and original songs.

Audrey theme: written by Emily Harding.

Tunes: 'The East Neuk of Fife', 'Go to Berwick Johnny', 'The New Road to Tynemouth': trad. arr The Hardings.

Songs: 'Proud Walls of Berwick', 'New Road to Tynemouth'; written by Tim Harding, based on original poems by Emily



Audrey was built in 1915 as a small lightship to mark the dreaded sandbanks in the upper Humber known as the 'Whittons'. Now she is a gaff- rigged sailing barge, rebuilt to resemble a Goole Billyboy. When not under sail she is powered by a diesel engine.