

STOOKY BILL TV by David Hall. Copyright 1990.

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Conversation between JOHN LOGIE-BAIRD, (JLB Voice over) and STOOKY BILL (SB in vision) at the point where JLB achieves the first TV transmission with a recognisable image.

JLB This is it..... This is it!... I've got it at last...
The first ever.....!

SB Aye the first living pictures from the blue.

JLB This is a great day for me!

SB And it's a great day for me.

JLB I can scarcely believe my eyes.

SB I can scarcely believe your eyes.....but will they?

JLB Ach...they'll believe all right.

SB Why should they?

JLB Because it's what they want...

SB Aye...maybe....,but what will they get...?

JLB Well...I can't rightly say...but the biggest problem is solved!
...What remains is up to them

SB They could have me Johnnie

JLB No...no,they won't want you Bill.

SB Why not?

JLB Well....you're not for real.

SB Ach!

JLB And there'll be those who'll only want to see their kin.

SB You mean all this is just for that?

JLB Aye,they'll want nothing else.

SB What a waste of time!

JLB Maybe,but they'll want to see more of themselves than ever
before.....they'll give time to that

SB But.....if they think this is really doing that...they'll
believe anything...

JLB Well...put like that,maybe.....

SB Then they'll believe in me Johnnie?

JLB Well.....I just suppose they might Bill.

SB And I'll be much,much easier to get along with....

JLB Aye...that may be so...

SB ...And I'll show them a world they've never seen before.

JLB Oh? How?

SB I'll perform a lot of tricks.... and they'll take it all to be
their own

JLB But it won't be theirs....that'll be cheating Bill

SB Oh,they'll not see it like that,and mine'll be much more
attractive....Aye....I'll be all in the future

JLB Aw...you're a fantastical little dummy....You'll have to convince
a lot of people

SB Only a few Johnnie,only a very few....the rest'll soon follow
.....then it'll all be mine...Aye...you'll see..you'll see..
this'll all be Stooky Bill TV!

.....END.....

This is an informal conversation with some flavour of the Scots
(JLB was Scottish) Aye and Ach are used by the Scots and there
may be no equivalent.

'll is a contraction of will.