

The blacksmith's gone away

Being a blacksmith was always regarded by society as something dirty because of the daily contact with the fire and coal. Moreover, blacksmiths needed to work for long hours, day and night and even Sundays in order to meet the deadlines of their job, that's why priest often reminded them of the fact that you musn't work on Sunday. Forges were meeting places during the cold winter evenings and a lot of popular songs and idioms were born in these places. Many of these songs are advice for women to look for another man to marry instead of a blacksmith because they can only love their hammer.

E o ferreiro vai fóra

O traballo do ferreiro foi considerado de sempre pola sociedade como un oficio feo, polo contacto a cotío co lume e o carbón. Ademais, os ferreiros para cumprir os mandados, necesitaban moitas veces traballar día e noite, e mesmo nos domingos, por iso os cregos estábanlles a recordar a cotío que os domingos non se traballaba. As forxas tamén eran lugares de encontro nas tardes frías de inverno e de alí saíron moitas cantigas e refráns populares nas que moitas veces se aconsella as mulleres que anden a procura doutro home para casar no canto do ferreiro pois eles só están namorados do martelo.