

Oenach indiu luid in rí

Find and the phantoms

Note to the reader

A small number of typesetting errors has been silently corrected. In Section 51, the placename ‘Berramar’ has been corrected to ‘Berraman’.

Section 1 (ll. 1-4)

Oenach indiu luid in rí,
Oenach Life cona lí,
æbind do cech-oen téit and,
ni hinund is Guaire dall.

Ar aonach inniu do chuaigh an rí,
Ar aonach Life lánáilne,
Aoibhinn do gach éinne a théann ann,
Ní hionann is Guaire dall.

Today the king went to a fair,
The fair of Liffey with its splendour.
Pleasant it is to every one who goes thither,
Not so is Guaire the Blind.

Section 2 (ll. 5-8)

Ní Guaire dall gairthea dím
lá lodmar fo gairm in ríg
co tech Fiachu fairged gail,
cosin ráith os Badammair.

Ní Guaire dall a ghlaoití orm
An lá a ndeachamar ar ghairm an rí
Go teach Fhiacha a dheineadh éacht,
Go dtí an ráth os Badammair.

Not “Guaire the Blind” was I called
On the day we went at the king’s call,
To the house of Fiachu who wrought valour,
To the fortress over Badammar.

Section 3 (ll. 9-12)

Oenach Clochair romór Find
is fianna Fail is cech dind;
ramorsat Mumnid din maig
ocus Fiachu mac Eogain.

Aonach Chlochair, ba mhóide a cháil
Fionn is na Fianna do theacht ann as gach aird;
Méadú ar a chlú ag Muimhnigh ón maigh
Agus ag Fiacha mac Eoghain.

(It was) Oenach Clochair that Find greatened,
And the champions of Ireland on every hilltop.
Munstermen from the plain greatened it,
And Fiachu son of Eogan.

Section 4 (ll. 13-16)

Tucait eich na fían rofess
is eich Mumnech 'sin morthres,
rof hersat tri graffne glana
for faichthe maic Maireda.

Is eol don saol gur chuaigh eacha na féinne
Is eacha na Muimhneach i gcomórtas lena chéile,
Ritheadar trí rás go cóir cothrom
Ar fhaiche mhic Mhaireadha.

The champions' horses were brought, it is known,
And the Munstermen's horses, into the great contest.
They ran three clear races
On the green of Mairid's son.

Section 5 (ll. 17-20)

Ech dub re Díl mac Dá-chrech
bái in each cluchi rofer,
cusin carraic uas Loch Gair
ruc trí lanbuada ind oenaig.

Bhí each dubh le Díl mac Dá-Chreach
I ngach rás a rittheadh
Chomh fada leis an gcarraig os Loch Goir
Rug sé trí lánbhua an aonaigh.

A black horse belonging to Dil son of Two-Raids
Was in every game that he played.
Unto the rock over Loch Gair
He won the three prizes of the meeting.

Section 6 (ll. 21-24)

Cuinchis Fiachu in n-ech iarsain
ar in ríg, ara shenathair,
gellais cét dó do cech crud
dia tabairt i tuarastul.

D'iarr Fiacha an t-each ina dhiaidh sin
Ar an rí, a sheanathair,
Gheall sé céad de gach sórt eallaigh
Do thabhairt dó mar dhíolaíocht.

Thereafter Fiachu asked the horse
Of the king, of his grandfather:
He promised him a hundred of every (kind of) cattle
To be given to him in recompense.

Section 7 (ll. 25-28)

Roráid in drúi and iarsain
aithesc maith ra mac Eogain:—
“ber mo bennacht, ber in n-ech
ocus tidnaic rit ænech”.

Dúirt an draoi ansan,
Le mac Eoghain — ba mhaith an t-aitheasc é —
“Beir leat mo bheannacht, beir leat an t-each
Agus tabhair uait é ar son t'oinigh”.

Then the wizard there uttered
A good answer to Eogan's son:
“Take my blessing: take the horse,
And bestow it for thy honour's sake”.

Section 8 (ll. 29-32)

“Ashiút duitsiu int ech dub dían”,
ar Fiachu ri flaith na fían,
“ashiút mo charpat co mblaíd
is ashiút ech dot araid.

“Seo dhuit an t-each dubh mear”,
Arsa Fiacha le flaith na bhfiann,
“Seo dhuit mo charbad cáiliúil
Agus seo each do t’ara.

“There for thee is the black swift horse”
Saith Fiachu to the prince of the champions,
“There is my famous chariot,
And there is a horse for thy charioteer.

Section 9 (ll. 33-36)

Asiút cláideb is gell cét,
asíut sciath a tirib Gréic,
asíut sleg co mbriacht neme,
ocus m’idnu airgdide.

Seo dhuit cláiomh ar geall céid é,
Seo dhuit sciath ó thír na Gréige
Seo dhuit sleá nimhe draíochta,
Agus m’airm ghaisce go ngile.

There is a sword, the pledge of hundreds,
There is a shield from the lands of Greeks,
There is a spear with a spell of venom,
And my silvern weapons.

Section 10 (ll. 37-40)

Asiút tri coin, cæm a ndath,
Feirne is Derchæm is Dualath,
coná muincib óir buidi
co slabradaib findruini.

Seo dhuit trí coin, is álainn a ndath:
Feirne is Derchaomh is Dualath,
Mar aon lena gcoiléir óir bhui
Lena slabhraíbh fiondruine.

There for thee are three hounds — fair their colour —
Feirne and Derchaem and Dualath,
With their collars of yellow gold,
With their chains of white bronze.

Section 11 (ll. 41-44)

Mad ferr duit na beith cen ní,
a maic Cumhaill, a ardrí,
na digis can ascid ass,
a fhlaith na fían firamnas!”

Bé gur fearrde thú, ná bheith gan aon ní,
A mhic Cumhaill, a ardrí,
Ná go n-imeofá gan aisce,
A fhlaith na bhfiann bhfiorchróga!”

If thou preferrest to have somewhat
O son of Cumall, O overking,
Thou wilt not go hence without a gift,
O prince of the fierce champions!”

Section 12 (ll. 45-48)

Atraacht Find suas arsain:
buidech é do mac Eogain:
bendachais cach da cheli:
ba curata a coméirge.

D'éirigh Fionn suas ansan:
Ba bhuioch é do mhac Eoghain;
Bheannáigh cách dá chéile;
Ba churata a n-éirí in aonacht.

Then Find rose up:
Thankful was he to Eogan's son:
Each blessed the other:
Gallant was their rising together.

Section 13 (ll. 49-52)

IArsain luid Find roínn ar sét
lodsam leis tri fichit cét
co Cachér, co Clúain da loch
lodsam uile assinn oenoch.

Ansan ghluais Fionn romhainn fan na slí
Ghluais sé mhíle againn leis
Go Caichéar, go Cluain dá Loch
Do chuamar uile ón aonach.

Thereafter Find went forward
We went with him, three score hundred,
Unto Cachér, to Cluain-dá-loch,
We all went from the meeting.

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Section 14 (ll. 53-56)

Trí lá is tri aidche ba leith
bámmar uile i tig Cachir,
cen esbaid lenna na bíd
ar na sluagaib 'mán ardrig.

Trí lá is trí oíche, i mbun fléa is féasta,
A bhíomar uile i dtigh Chaichéir,
Gan easpa leanna ná bídh
Ar na sluaitibh um an ardrí.

During three days and three nights — it was a festival —
We all abode in Cachér's house,
Without lack of ale or food
For the hosts together with their overking.

Section 15 (ll. 57-60)

Coica falach tucad dó,
cóica ech is cóica bó,
dorat Find fiach a lenna
do Chachiur mac Caireila.

Caoga fáinne tugadh dó,
Caoga each is caoga bó
Do thug Fionn i bhfiacha a leanna
Do Chaichéar mac Cairealla.

Fifty rings were given him,
Fifty horses and fifty cows:
Find gave the price of his ale
To Cachér son of Cairill.

Section 16 (ll. 61-64)

Luid Find for Luachair iarsain
cosin traig ac Berramain:
anais Find co fiannaib Fáil
os or in locha lindbáin.

Ghluais Fionn thar Shliabh Luachra ansin
Go dtí an tráigh ag Bearramhain:
D'fhan Fionn le fiannaibh Fáil
Os bruach an locha linnbháin.

Then Find went over Luachair
To the strand at Berramain.
Find rested with Ireland's champions
Over the bank of the fair-watered lake.

Section 17 (ll. 65-68)

Luid Find d'implúad a eich duib
forsin tráig oc Berramuin,
misce ocus Cailte tri báis
raithmít ris ra bothogáis.

D'fhoonn triail a bhaint as a each dubh
Ghluais Fionn fan na trú ag Bearramhain,
Mise agus Cailte le teann baoise
Rithimid leis ar mhaithe le cleasaíocht.

Find went to gallop his black horse
On the strand at Berraman.
I and Cailte through wantonness
We raced against him, it was deception.

Section 18 (ll. 69-72)

IMmar atchondairc in rí,
búalid a ech co Tráig Lí,
o Tráig Lí co lLeirgg Daim Glaiss,
dar Fræchmag is dar Findnais.

Nuair a chonaic an rí é sin,
Stíúraíonn a each go Tráigh Lí,
Ó Thráigh Lí go Leirg Daimh Glais,
Thar Fraochmhaigh is thar Fionnais.

As the king saw (us)
He smites his horse to Tralee,
From Tralee to Lerg Daim glais,
Over Heatherfield and over Findnais.

Section 19 (ll. 73-76)

Dar Mag da Éo, dar Móin Cend,
co Sen-ibar, dar Sen-glend,
co hInber Flesci finni,
co colomnaib Crohinni.

Thar Maigh dá Eo, thar Móin Ceann,
Go Seaniubhar, thar Seanghleann,
Go hInbhear Fleisce finne
Go colúnaibh Chró-inne.

Over Moy-da-eó, over Móin-Cend
Unto Old-yew, over Old-glen,
To the estuary of fair Fesc,
To the pillars of Crofinn.

Section 20 (ll. 77-80)

Dar Sruth Muinne, dar Moin Cét,
dar Inber Lemna, ní bréc,
otá Lemain co Loch Léin,
etir réid ocus amréid.

Thar Sruth Muinne, thar Móin Céad,
Thar Inbhear Leamhna, ní bréag,
Ó Leamhain go Loch Léin,
Idir réidh agus aimhréidh.

Over Sruth-Muinne, over Móin-Cet,
Over the estuary of Lemain, no falsehood,
From Lemain to Loch Léin,
Both smooth and unsMOOTH.

Section 21 (ll. 81-84)

Cid sinni nirsar malla,
ropsat lúatha ar lémmenna,
fer úan da chlí, fer da deis,
ni fhil fiad ama bermís.

Sinne níor mhall,
Ba luath ár léim,
Fear againn ar a láimh chlé, an fear eile ar dheis,
Níl fia nach mbéarfaimis air.

As to us, we were not slow:
Swift were our leaps,
One of us on his left, one on his right,
There is no deer that we would not overtake.

Section 22 (ll. 85-88)

Lam ri Fleisc sech Fhid in Chairn,
sech Mungairit meic Scáil Bailb,
nocho ragaib Find ra ech
cosin cnocc diarb ainm Bairneach.

Lámh le Fleisc thar Fiadh an Chairn,
Thar Mungairit mic Scáil Bhailbh,
Níor chuir Fionn srian lena each
Gur shroich an cnoc darb ainm Bairneach.

One hand towards Fesc, past the Wood of the Cairn,
Past Mungairit of the son of the Stammering Champion,
Find did not rein in his horse
Till (he came) to the hillock named Bairneach.

Section 23 (ll. 89-92)

Mar rochuammar 'sin cnocc
sinni ba toisciú 'cá thocht,
cid sinni ba taisciú and
ech in ríg nirbo romall.

Nuair a chuamar insan gcnoc
Sinne a bhí chun tosaigh,
Más sinne ba thíisce ann
Níorbh é each an rí ba rómhall.

As we reached the hillock
It is we that were first at coming to it:
Though we were foremost there
The king's horse was not very slow.

Section 24 (ll. 93-96)

“Adaig-seo dered din ló”,
ar Find féin, ní himmargó:
“triar tancammar ille
tæit róinn d'iarraid fhanbothe”.

“Seo oíche agus deireadh lae”,
Arsa Fionn féin, gan bhréag:
“Triúr againn a tháinig i leith
Téiríg romhainn ag lorg botháin féinne”.

“Night (is) this, end of the day”,
Saith Find himself, no error,
“We three have come hither:
Go forward to seek a huntinglodge”.

Section 25 (ll. 97-100)

D'éccain radéch úad in rí
forsin carraig da láim chlí,
co facca in tech cona thein
issin glind arar mbélaib.

Féachaint uaidh dar thug an rí
Ar an gcarraig ar a láimh chlé,
Chonaic teach agus tine ann
Sa ghleann romhainn amach.

To look the king looked forth
At the rock on his left hand,
Till he saw the house with its fire
In the glen before us.

Section 26 (ll. 101-104)

Atrubairt Find flaith na fían:
“assiu tech nach fhacca riam:
a Chaiti, ni chuala thech
isin glind-sea cid am eolach”.

Adúirt Fionn flaith na bhfiann:
“Sin teach nach bhfeaca riamh:
A Chaoilte, níor chuala riamh teach
A bheith sa ghleann so, cé táim feasach”.

Said Find, the prince of the champions:
“There is a house I never saw before:
O Chaiti, I never heard of a house
In this glen, though I am knowing”.

Section 27 (ll. 105-108)

“IS ferr dúin dula dia fhiss
atá mór neich ’narn anfis:
is firt féli, is ferr cach ní,
a maic Cumhaill, a airdrí!”

“Is fearr dúinn dul dá fhios,
Is mó rud a bhfuilimid ina n-ainbhfiós:
Seo fearadh féile, is fearr ná gach ní,
A mhic Cumhaill, a ardrí!”

“We had better go and find out:
There are many things we do not know:
It is a marvel of hospitality, it is better than everything,
O son of Cumall, O overking!”

Section 28 (ll. 109-112)

Dochuammar ar triar ’sin tech,
terus aidche rab aithrech,
dia fríth gol is gréach is gáir,
is munter díscir digair.

Do chuamar triúr isteach —
Turas oíche dúinn dob aithreach,
Óna bhfríth gol, gréach is gáir,
Is muintir díscir diabhláí.

We three went on to the house,
A night’s journey that was lamentable,
When wailing was found, and scream and cry,
And a household fierce, vehement.

Section 29 (ll. 113-116)

Aithech líath fora lár thair
gebid ar n-eich co-escaid,
dúnaid comlaid a thaige
de baccanaib íarnaide.

Aitheach liath ar an urlár thoir
Beireann ar ár n-each go héasca,
Dúnann comhla a thí
Ar bhacánaibh iarnaí.

A grey giant in front on its floor
Seizes our horses swiftly,
Fastens the door of the house
With iron hooks.

Section 30 (ll. 117-120)

“IS mochen, a Fhind co mblaid”
ar int aithech co harnaid:
“fota co tanac ille,
a maic Cumhaill Almaine!”

“Mochean do theacht, a Fhinn mhórchlú”,
A dúirt an t-aitheach go cruaidh:
“Fada nár thánaís i leith,
A mhic Cumhaill Almhaine!”

“My welcome, O famous Find”,
Saith the giant cruelly:
“(It is) long till thou camest hither,
O son of Cumall of Almain!”

Section 31 (ll. 121-124)

Suidmít ar in cholbu chrúaid,
doní ar n-ósaic ri óenuair,
láid connud truimm fora thein,
súail naron-much don dethaig.

Suímid ar an mbinse cruaidh,
Deineann sé freastal orainn ar feadh aon uaire,
Caitheann gabháil troim ar an tine,
Beag nár mhúch sé sinn leis an deatach.

We sit on the hard bedrail:
He tends us for one hour:
He flings firewood of elder on his fire:
It almost smothered us with the smoke.

Section 32 (ll. 125-128)

Bái callech isin taig móir,
tri cind for a cælmuneol,
fer can chend 'sin leith aile,
oenshúil asa ucht-saide.

Bhí cailleach sa tigh móir,
Trí cinn ar a caolmuineál
Fear gan cheann ar an taobh eile,
Agus aon tsúil ina ucht siúd.

A hag abode in the great house
With three heads on her thin neck:
A headless man on the other side,
With one eye (protruding) from his breast.

Section 33 (ll. 129-132)

“Denaid airfidiud don ríg!”
ar int athrech cen imshním,
“érgid, a lucht atá istig,
canaid ceol don rigfhennid!”

“Deiníg oirfide don rí!”
Arsa an t-aithech gan imní,
“Éiríg, a dhream atá istigh
Canaíg ceol don rífhéinní!”

“Make music for the king!”
Saith the giant without sorrow.
“Arise, folk that are within,
Sing ye a strain for the kingly champion!”

Section 34 (ll. 133-136)

Ergit nóí colla assin chúil,
assin leith ba nessu dúin,
is nóí cind issin leith aile
forsin cholbo iarnaide.

Éiríonn naoi gcolainn as an gcúil,
Insan taobh ba neasa dhúinn,
Agus naoi gcinn insan taobh eile
Ar an mbinse iarnaí.

Nine bodies arise out of the recess
From the side nearest us,
And nine heads on the other side
On the iron bed-rail.

Section 35 (ll. 137-140)

Tócbait nói ngrécha garba,
nir chuibde ciar chomlabra:
frecraig in challech fó seach,
ocus frecraig in méidech.

Tógaid naoi ngréach garbh,
Níor bhinn le clos a nglór le chéile:
Freagraíonn an chaillech gach gréach fá seach,
Agus freagraíonn an corp gan cheann.

They raise nine harsh shrieks:
They were discordant though uttered together:
The hag replies separately,
And the (headless) trunk answers.

Section 36 (ll. 141-144)

Ciarbo rogarb céol cach fhir
ba gairbe céol in médig;
ca céol díb narbo dúla
acht céol fhir na oenshúla?

Cé gur rógharbh ceol gach fir
Ba ghairbhe ceol an choirp gan cheann;
Ach b'fhearr leat aon cheol acu
Ná an ceol a dhein fear na haon súile.

Though passing harsh the strain of every one.
Harsher was the strain of the trunk:
What strain of them was not desirable
Save the strain of the one-eyed man?

Section 37 (ll. 145-148)

IN ceol sain rocanad dúin
dodúsechad marbu a húir;
súail na robriss cnáma ar cind,
nírbe in cocetul ceolbind.

An ceol san a canadh dúinn
Dhúiseodh sé na mairbh a húir;
Is beag nár scoilt sé cnáma ár gcinn,
Níorbh aon chlaisceadal ceolbhinn é.

That strain which was sung to us
Would waken the dead out of mould:
It almost broke the bones of our heads:
The concert was not melodious.

Section 38 (ll. 149-152)

Gebid int aithech úain sair,
tócbaid fair in túaig connaid,
bualaid co hathlam ar n-ech,
fennaid, coscraig can fhuirech.

Gabhall an t-aitheach uainn soir,
Tarraingíonn chuige an tua,
Buaileann go tapaídh ár n-each,
Feannann agus spólann é gan fuireach.

The giant gets him from us in front,
Lifts on him the fire-wood-axe,
Deftly smites our horses,
Flays, destroys without delaying.

Section 39 (ll. 153-156)

“Bí tost, a Cháilti mar táí!”
ar Find fein cen immargái,
“maith lind dia ndama duin féin,
damsa ocus duitsiu is d’Ossín”.

“Bí id thost, a Chaoilte, mar ataoi!”
Arsa Fionn féin gan ghó,
“Beidh go maith, má ligéann sé linn féin —
Liomsa agus leatsa agus le hOisín”.

“Be silent, O Chailte, as thou art!”
Saith Find himself without falsehood.
“Well for us if he grant (life) to us,
To me and thee and Ossín”.

Section 40 (ll. 157-160)

Coica bera ara mbái rind
tuc leis do beraib cáirthind,
tuc ága ar cach mbir fo sech
is rachoraig fon tellach.

Caoga bior agus rinn orthu —
Beara caorthainn a thug sé leis —
Chuir spóla ar gach bior díobh
Is chóirigh iad ar an teallach.

Fifty spits whereon were points
He brought with him of spits of rowan:
He put a joint on each spit separately,
And arranged them by the hearth.

Section 41 (ll. 161-164)

Nochor’bruthi bir díb sein
in tráth tucait ón tenid,
tuc leis i fiadnaisi Find
féoil om ar beraib ca[e]rthind.

Ní raibh aon cheann acu bruite
Tráth ar tugadh iad ón tine,
Thug sé i láthair Fhinn
Feoil amh ar bhearaibh chaorthainn.

Of those not a spit was cooked
When they were taken from the fire.
He brought with him before Find
Raw flesh on spits of rowan.

Section 42 (ll. 165-168)

“Beir lett, a athig, do bíad,
uair ní dúadus biad om riam:
ni chathiub ondiu co bráth
arái beith can bíad oentráth”.

“Beir leat uaim, a aithigh, do bhia,
Mar níor itheas bia amh riamh:
Ní chaithfead a leithéid go brách
De dheasca bheith tráth gan bhia”.

“Take away thy food, O giant,
For I have never devoured raw food.
I will never eat (it) from today till Doom
Because of being foodless for one watch”.

Section 43 (ll. 169-172)

“Mas aire thanac ’nar tech
d’obba ar mbíd”, ar int athech,
“is derb doraga[m] rib féin,
A Chaitl, a Fhind, a Ossín!”

“Más chuige sin a thánaís go dtínár dteach
Chun ár mbia d’obadh”, arsa an t-aitheach,
“Is dearbh go n-ionsóm sibh féin,
A Chaoilte, a Fhinn, a Oisín!”

“If thou hast come into our house”,
Saith the giant, “to refuse our food,
It is certain that we shall go against yourselves,
O Cálte, O Find, O Ossín!”

Section 44 (ll. 173-176)

IArsein roergemmar súas,
gabmait ar claidbe co crúas,
gebid cach cend araile,
ropo mana dorngaile.

Leis sin, d’éiríomar suas,
Gabhaimid chugainn ár gcláimhte go cróga,
Beireann cách ar cheann a chéile chomhraic,
Luíomar ar dhornáil.

After that we rose up:
We seize our swords hardly:
Each grasps another’s head:
It was an occasion of fighting hand to hand.

Section 45 (ll. 177-180)

Muchthair in tene bái thí,
nar’ léir a lassar no grís,
timmaircther cún dorcha dub
orn ar triúr i n-oeninud.

Múchtar an tine a bhí thíos,
Níor léir lasair ná gríos,
Tiomáintear isteach i gcúinne dorcha dubh
An triúr againn in aon ionad amháin.

The fire that lay below is quenched:
Its flame or embers was not clear:
We are driven into a dark black nook,
We three in one place.

Section 46 (ll. 181-184)

INuair dobímmis cind ar chind
cia nar cobrad acht mág Find,
ropsar marba, móir in mod,
meni beth Find a oenor.

Agus sinn ag troid in aghaidh a chéile
Ní raibh cabhair le fáil ach ó Fhionn,
Bhíomar marbh, ba mhór an gníomh é,
Murach Fionn amháin.

When we were head to head
And there was no help save Find,
We had been dead, great the deed,
Had it not been for Find alone.

Section 47 (ll. 185-188)

Bammar cind ar chind istaig
fat na haidche co matain,
co roshollsig grian in tech
im thrath eirgi arna barach.

Bhíomar i ngleic a chéile sa tigh
Feadh na hoíche go maidin,
Gur shoilsigh grian ar an teach
Tráth eirí lá arna mhárach.

We were head to head within
All through the night till morning,
Till the sun lighted up the house
At the time of rising on the morrow.

Section 48 (ll. 189-192)

INnuair doérig in grían
tuittid cach fer sair is [s]íar
tuittid nél i cend cach fhir
co mbái marb arin lathir.

Nuair d'éirigh an ghrian
Titeann gach fear soir is siar
Titeann néall ar gach fear
Go rabhadar marbh ar an láthair.

When the sun rose
Each man falls hither and thither:
A mist falls into every one's head
So that he was dead on the spot.

Section 49 (ll. 193-196)

Garit robammar 'nar táim,
ergimmít súas, is sind slán:
celtair orn in tech iar sain,
celtair cech nech din muntir.

Ba ghairid orainn an táimh-néal
Éirímid suas agus sinn slán;
Ceiltear orainn an teach ansan,
Ceiltear gach neach de mhuintir an tí.

For a short time we lay in our rest:
We rise up, and we (are) whole;
There the house is hidden from us:
Every one of the household is hidden.

Section 50 (ll. 197-200)

Is amlaid atracht Find Fáil,
ocus a ech féin 'na láim,
slán uile etir chend iss choiss
bái cach anim 'na écmais.

Is amhlaidh a d'éirigh Fionn Fáil
Agus greim aige ar a each lena láimh,
Bhí go huile slán idir cheann is chois
Gan ainimh gan éalang.

Thus arose Find of Inisfáil,
With his own horse in his hand:
Whole were (we) all, both head and foot:
Every blemish was absent.

Section 51 (ll. 201-204)

Lodsam co scíth anfand ass,
tucsam aichne arar n-eolass,
lodmar ciarbo chían iarsain
cosin traig ic Berremain.

Ghluaiseamar linn go tuirseach fann,
Bhí aithne agus eolas na slí againn,
Ghluaiseamar, cé gurbh fhada ár n-aistear,
Go dtí an tráigh ag Bearramhain.

We fared thence wearily, feebly;
We took our bearings and saw which way we had to go:
We fared, though it was long thereafter,
To the strand by Berraman.

Section 52 (ll. 205-208)

Roirfaiged dín scela,
ní bái dúin dluig a shéna:
“fuarammar”, ar Find, “diar fecht
imned ar ar n-óigidech”.

Iarradh orainn scéala,
Níorbh fhéidir a shéanadh,
“Fuaireamar”, arsa Fionn, “ónár dturas
Imní de bharr ár n-aiochta”.

They asked of us tidings:
We had no wish to deny it:
“We found”, saith Find, “on our way
Tribulation for our billeting”.

Section 53 (ll. 209-212)

ISiat sin dorala rind,
na tri fuatha a hIbarglind,
do digail fhoirn a sethar,
diarb' aínm Cullend cræslethan.

Is iad do tharla romhainn ná
Na trí ainspioraid a hIubharghleann,
D'imir díoltas orainn mar gheall ar a siúr,
Darbh ainm Cuilleann Chraosleathan.

Those are they that came against us,
The three Shapes out of Yew-glen,
To take vengeance on us for their sister
Whose name was Cullenn Wide-maw.

Section 54 (ll. 213-217)

Lodsamar ar cuaird selgga
morthimchell insi Elgga,
sirmís mór sliab is mór mag,
mór n-amreid is mór n-oenach.

Oenach.

Ghluaiseamar ar cuairt seilge
Mórthimpeall Inis Ealga,
Chuardaímis móran sléibhte agus maighe,
Mórán ceantar aimhréidh is móran aonach.

Aonach.

We went on a hunting round
All about the isle of Elga:
We searched many mountains and many plains,
Many rough places and many fairs.