

## Scéla Cano meic Gartnáin

### The Story of Cano son of Gartnán

#### Section 1

Baí imchosnom im rígi n-Alban

iter Oedán mac Gabráin ocus Gartnán mac  
Æda maic Gabráin,

co torchair leth fer n-Alban etarru hi cathaib  
ocus imargalaib.

A n-Inis moccu Ché[i]n ro-baí in Gartnán;  
is [s]í insi is dech con-rótacht i n(n)íart[h]ar  
domain,

.i. stíall ar c[h]apar do dencibar cach teach baí  
isinn indsi la Gartnán ó fhéic co féic imonn  
indsi uili connici in fíaltech;

Bhí coimhlint fá ríghe Alban

idir Aodhán mac Gabhráin agus Gartnán mac  
Aodha mhic Gabhráin

ionas gur thit leath fear Alban eatarthu i  
gcatha agus in iorghala.

In Inis Mhac Uí Chéin a chónaigh Gartnán.

Is í sin an inis is fearr atá cóirithe in iartha  
domhain:

gach teach ó rinn to rinn fán inis uile tógha ag  
Gartnán as stíallacha de iúr dearg, go fiú an  
leithreas féin.

Áedán son of Gabrán and Gartnán son of Áed,  
son of Gabrán

were in contention over the kingship of  
Scotland

until half the men of Scotland fell between  
them in battles and conflicts.

Now this Gartnán dwelt in Innis Moccu Chéin  
and that island was the best equipped in the  
western world.

In Gartnán's time every house on the island  
was panelled with red yew, as far as the privy,  
around the whole island.

ba do dencór a indsi uili la Gartnán.

Seacht seisrecha leis for indair;

secht n-áirge leis, .uui. fichit bó cacha háirge.

.l. lín fri haige altai

esti amach, .l. lín fria híascach.

in .l. lín éisc, súainemain estib for senistrib na cuchtrach,

cluicne for cind cacha súainemna

forind aireanach ar béláib in[d] rechtaire;

cethrur oc téluch na n-iach cétschnáma dó súas.

Éiseum co léic ic ól meda fora(a) cholcaig.

Ba de dhearg-ór a inis uile de bharr a shaothair.

Seacht seisreacha aige don treabhadh.

Seacht dtréada aige agus seacht bhfichid bó i ngach tréad.

Caoga líon le breith ar fhianna allta

agus caoga líon as an inis amach le haghaigh iascaigh.

Caoga téad as na líonta éisc go dtí fuinneoga na cistiní.

Cloigín ar cheann gach téide

ar an laindéal os coinne an reachtaire.

Ceathrar ag tarraing na mbradán céadshnámha aníos dó.

Eisean ar feadh an ama ar a tholg ag ól meá.

Gartnán had his whole island decked with red gold.

He had seven ploughlands under the plough  
and seven herds with seven score cows in each herd.

He had fifty nets for wild game  
and fifty fishing nets off-shore.

The fifty fishing nets had ropes on them  
leading up to the windows of the kitchen.

There was a small bell at the end of each rope  
on the platform in front of the steward.

Four men would empty the first run salmon up  
to the steward above.

Gartnán, meanwhile, would be drinking mead  
on his quilt bed.

## Section 2

Rucad mac do Gartnán, i. Canu mac Gartnáin.

Rucad-side for altrom.

Fo-rroilged la Gartán dabach i llac mara, ocus sí lán di ór ocus di argat;

ocus ro-marbtha lais in cethror ro-bátar oc  
br[e]ith ind airgid inti,

conda ruc in muir leis,

ocus nách fidir acht (s)éisem ocus a ben ocus a  
mac.

Rugadh mac do Ghartnán, is é sin Cano mac  
Gartnáin,

agus tugadh amach ar altrom é.

Chuir Gartnán dabhach á fholú i lag mara agus  
í lán d'ór agus d'airgead

agus mharaigh sé an ceathrar a d'iompair an t-  
airgead inti,

gur rug an mhuij léi iad

agus nár bh eol d'éinne é ach dó féin agus a  
bhean agus a mhac.

A son was born to Gartnán and his name was  
Cano.

He was put into fosterage.

Gartnán concealed a vat full of gold and silver  
when the tide was low.

He had the four men who had loaded the vat  
\*with silver\* killed

and then the sea carried them off.

No one knew of this except Gartnán, his wife  
and his son.

## Section 3

Do - luid .im. Ædán cuai - seom .xx. cét fot na  
geamaidhchi.

Coná dechadar acht a ndeachaid do rind gaí  
ocus do g[e]in claidhibh,

ocus ni baí crand dond indsi fri aroile im  
meadón lái arna márach.

Oíche gheimhridh amháin áfach tháinig  
Aodhán chuige, le fiche céad fear,

agus ní dheachaigh as ach a ndeachaigh de  
rinn ghae agus d'fhaobar claidhimh,

agus i meán lae arna bhárach ní raibh aon dá  
chrann tí i gcionn a chéile san inis.

\*However,\* Áedán advanced on Gartnán with  
two thousand men through a winter's night.

They only escaped who escaped from spear-  
point and sword-edge

and there was not a beam left standing against  
another by noon of the following day.

## Section 4

“Maith trá”, or Cano, “is ferr dún imgabáil ind fhir-se ro-marb ar n-athair;

ní (f)aicsiu ar cairdeas dó inás in fer ro-marb.”

“Cia leath reghma[e]?” or a muinter.

“Reghmai(t) i tir n-Érind; combráthair dún.”

Do-gnít(h)er curaich lais.

Lotar dochum thráchta.

Is [s]amlaidh do-dechadar dochum mara .i.  
cóeca læch.

Brat corcra cóicdíabalta im cach n-áí;

dá sleigh cóicrindi ina láim;

scíath co mbúailig óir fair;

cloideb órduirnn fora chris;

“Bíodh mar sin,” ar Cano, “is fearr dúinn an fear seo a mharaigh ár n-athair a sheachaint.

Ní foigse ár gcairdeas dó ná cairdeas an fhir a mharaigh sé.”

“Caidé an treo a raghaimid?” ar a mhuintir.

“Raghaimid go hÉirinn mar is comhbhráithre dúinn iad.”

Fuair sé curaigh déanta

agus chuadar chun trá.

Is amhlaidh a tháinig an caoga laoch chun na mara:

brat corcra cúig-dhiabhalta ar gach duine acu;

dhá shleá chuíg-rinne ina láimh;

sciath agus murlán óir air;

claidheamh ór-dhoirn ar a chrios;

“Well now,” Cano said, “it would be better for us to avoid the man who has slain my father

for my kinship with Áedán is further removed than that of the man he has slain.”

“Where shall we go?” asked his people.

“Let us go to Ireland. We have kinsmen there.”

A small boat was built by them.

They went down to the beach.

The fifty warriors who came to the sea looked like this:

each of them had a purple cloak, folded five times, about him

\* , two five-pronged spears in his hand,

a shield with a golden boss on it\*

and a golden hilted sword on his belt.

a mong órbuidi dara ais.

Is [s]amlaid do-deachadar in .l. ban:

brat húaine co cortharaib argait;

léne co ndergindlead óir;

deilgi óir lánecair co mbrechtrad (n)gem n-ildathach;

muinci di ór forloiscet[h]i;

mind óir for(a) c(h)ind cach aí.

In .l. gilla:

inara do síta buidi[u] impu co n-argud.

Fithchell for muin cach gilla[i] co feraib óir ocus airgid;

timpán créda i(n) láim chlí in gilla[i];

da mílchoin ar slabra[i]d airgit ina láim deis.

a mhong órbhuí thar a mhuin siar.

Is amhlaidh a tháinig an caoga ban:

brat uaithne fá chorthar airgid;

léine fá dhearg-inleadh óir;

dealga d'ór lán-eagair fá bhreachtraidh geama ildathacha;

muince d'ór fhorloiscethe;

mionn óir ar cheann gach mná acu.

An caoga giollaí ansin:

ionair de shíoda buí agus airgid umpu;

fichill ar mhuinéal gach giolla maraon le fir óir agus airgid;

tiompán créadha ina láimh chlé;

dhá mhíol-choin ar shlabhra airgid ina láimh dheis.

Each of them had golden yellow locks of hair  
\*flowing down his back\*.

The fifty women who went looked like this:

each had a green cloak with silver fringes,

a tunic embroidered with red gold,

fully embellished golden brooch-pins with a variety of many-coloured stones,

a necklace of refined gold

and each wore on her head a golden diadem.

The fifty servants

had yellow silk shirts threaded about with silver.

Each servant carried a set of *fidchell* across his back with gold and silver pieces,

a \*bronze\* lute in his left hand

and a pair of greyhounds on a silver leash in his right hand.

## Section 5

Bátar meic Æda Sláne in tan-sin

for crích (n)Ulad

for tomaltaib,

.i. dá mac Æda Sláne i comflaitheamnas;

bádar-side hi Collmaig hi crích Ulad.

Ro-buí fáilti mór la suidiu,

.i. trian bi[i]d ocus leanna ocus attreib ocus  
indili dó.

Nirbo lór la hÆdán

a c[h]los-[s]in na fáilti do thabairt do-som la  
macu Æda Sláne;

andso cach rét leis dí

Bhí mic Aodha Sláine an t-am sin

i gcrích Uladh

ag bailiú toradh a gceartanna ríoga,

mar bhí an bheirt acu i gcomhfhlaithiúnas an  
tráth sin.

I gCollmhaigh i gerích Uladh a tháinig Cano  
orthu.

Chuir siad fáilte mhór roimhe

le trian de bhia, de lionn, de áitreabh agus de  
innile.

Níor leor d'olc le hAodhán

a chloisint cé an fháilte a chuir mic Aodha  
Sláine roimh Chano;

ba throime ná gach rud leis

At that time the two sons of Áed Sláine,  
Diarmait and Bláthmac,

who held joint-sovereignty,

were enjoying their tribute

in the territory of Ulster, at Collmeg.

They gave a good welcome to Cano,

that is to say, one-third of their food, their  
drink, dwelling places and wealth.

Hearing of the welcome given to Cano by the  
sons of Áed Sláine,

Áedán was dissatisfied.

It was all the harder to bear

nád fider in dabaig fo-roilged la Gartnán.

At-berad-som trá do-dechaid in Satan c(h)uca,  
.i. co hOedán,

co n-éccid dó in dabaig áit a roibi,

co tucad leis co mbuí ina chuili fodeisin,

ocus nocho testa afraiging esti.

“Bidh maith so”, or Oedán,

“.i. in crod-sa Gartnáin do-bérthar do macaib  
Æda Sláne ar marbad a meicc, .i. Cana.”

nár bh eol dó an áit ar fholaigh sé an dabhach.

Deirtear áfach go dtáinig Satan go dtí Aodhán

gur inis dó an áit a raibh an dabhach

agus go dtug sé leis ina chuile \*fhéin\* é

agus nach raibh oiread is cianóg in easnamh  
air.

“Beidh gach ina cheart,” ar Áodhán,

“is cóir an crodh \*Ghartnáin\* a thabhairt do  
mhic Aodha Sláine ar son Cano a mharú.”

that he did not know where the vat had been  
hidden by Gartnán.

It was said \*, however,\* that Satan came to  
Áedán

and disclosed the whereabouts of the vat to  
him.

Áedán then brought the vat back so that it  
stood in his own store-room

and it was not lacking in silver pennies.

“It will be a good thing,” Áedán said,

“that the sons of Áed Sláine be given the  
wealth of Gartnán to kill his own son Cano.”

## Section 6

Do-luid nónbur úad, ocus míach argaid leo,  
co mbádar issind arucol mac n-Æda Sláne  
cen fhis cen airfhis.

Cana cona muintir i tig fo leith isin lis.

Ingen Díarmada maic Æda Sláne  
ro-char(astar) Cano

ara airscélaib

cid síu do-(th)ísed t(h)airis.

Ro-bátar coím Éreand ica c(h)uindchid.

Buí-si i n(n)airicol i téob taigi mac n-Óeda.

“Toimsidher a n-argad”, or mac Æda.

Chuaigh naonúr siar uaidh agus miach airgid leo

go rabhadar i seomra mac Aodha Sláine

\*gan fhiös, gan réamhfhiös\*.

Bhí Cano agus a mhuintir i dteach fá leith so lios.

Tharla áfach go raibh iníon Díarmada mhic Aodha Sláine i ngrá le Cano

ar a iomrá

fiú sula dtáinig sé anall,

cé go raibh uaisle na hÉireann á hiarraidh féin,

agus anois bhí sise i seomra ag taobh tí mhac Aodha.

“Tomhaistear an t-airgead,” ar mic Aodha.

Áedán dispatched nine men with a sack of silver

and they arrived at the chamber of the sons of Áed Sláine

secretly and without prior arrangement.

Cano and his household were staying in the house in a separate part of the enclosure.

The daughter of Diarmait, son of Áed Sláine, loved Cano

before he had crossed the sea

because of the famous stories about him.

She was sought in marriage by Irish nobles.

She was in a chamber which lay alongside the house of the sons of Áed Sláine.

“Let the silver be weighed,” said the sons of Áed.

“Ro-d-bia ón”, or ind (n)Albanaich.

Ro-c(h)úala[e] ind (n)ingen in cocur hísin.

Ro-gab imach, ocus gebid fleisc ina láim,  
onus luid co mbuí forsin fordorus ind lis.

Is and do-lluid-seom imach ceathrór,  
onus óengaí i lláim cech fir do dul immach.

At-bert-si:

“Nochon [fh]etar-sa indiu  
la hÉri ná hAlbanchu  
loech ná[d] (h)urgarad(ar) Cano  
cona gáí find fort(h)anu.”

Oc teacht dó fon fordorus,

do-ber[t]-si in slait ina chend ocus dixit:

“A Chano  
faire i f(a)ile fortharo;  
masa dodchad, is móir de,  
masa s[otch]ad, is tano.”

“Déanfar sin duit,” ar na hAlbanaigh.

Chuala an iníon an comhchogar seo.

Ghabh sí amach, thóg fleasc ina láimh  
agus chuaigh ar fhordhoras an leasa.

Is ansin díreach a tháinig Cano amach faoi le triúr eile,

agus ga i láimh gach fir acu.

Labhair sí:

“A lua inniu ní fhéadaim,  
in Albain ná in Eirinn,  
laoch nach ndiongabhann Cano  
lena gha geal tanaí.”

Ag teacht faoin fhordhoras dó

leag sí an tslat ar a cheann agus dúirt:

“A Chano,  
tá súil ar do shealbhais,  
más dochar is móir de,  
más sochar is mion de.”

“So be it,” the Scots said.

The girl heard that secret conversation.

She came out holding a rod in her hand  
and she went to the balcony overlooking the  
enclosure.

Then the four men came out,  
each with a spear in his hand.

The girl said:

“There’s no warrior that I know,  
of the Scots or of the Irish,  
who could not ward off Cano  
with his bright and slender spear.”

As she went towards Cano, who was under the  
balcony,

she waved the stick before him and said:

“Cano,  
there is interest in your store:  
its good luck will be slight,  
its bad luck will be more”

La tobairt bémme dó oc tuideacht imach,  
ocus as-bert oc teacht dó úaidi(b):

“Ní faiteach int Albanach  
im-thé(i)t la lúth a láime;  
atá ní nád faichlethar  
gussu maic Æda Sláne.

Ní ar tharcud athchomsáin  
do ríg cen écnach n-aéra,  
atá mór dona[ib] doínib  
fo chíchib maicni nOeda.

A scél ro-chúala tria tech  
ní sían n-álaind n-adbannach;  
siretach nád cluinither;  
ní faitech int Albanach.”

Ni.

“As robad so, a ingen,” ar Cano.

“Cid robud”, orsi, “atá a damna and.

Atáthar ac tomus argaid ar bar marbad isinn  
arucul út.”

“Maith dí”, orse.

agus ansin thug sí buille dó ag teacht amach  
agus dúirt leis mar d’imigh sé:

“Ní faichilleach an tAlbanach  
a shiúlann fá lúth a láimhe,  
mar tá rud nach bhfeiceann sé,  
cumhacht mac Aodha Sláine.

Ní chanaim i modh achasáin  
do rí gan éagnach aoire,  
mar tá mórán de dhaoine  
faoi chíocha na mac Aodha seo.

An scéal a chualas tríd an teach  
ní siansa álainn ábhannach,  
is trua don té nach gcluineann é,  
ní faichilleach an tAlbanach.”

“Is rabhadh é sin, a iníon,” ar Cano.

“Más ea féin,” ar sí “tá a ábhar ann.

Táthar ag tomhas airgid ar do mharú sa tseomra  
úd.”

“Tá go maith,” ar sé

As she came out she gave Cano a tap  
and said, drawing nearer to him and further  
from the others:

“Unwary is the Scot,  
who roves with strength in his hand,  
It is a fact that he takes no heed  
of Áed Sláine’s warlike sons.

It is not to apportion blame  
to a king untainted by satire,  
but those in the care of the sons of Áed Sláine  
could heed this warning greatly.

Throughout this house I have heard the tale,  
it is not a pleasant tune,  
Sad for him who does not hear,  
unwary is the Scot.”

“This is a warning, girl,” Cano said.

“If there is a warning,” she replied, “there is  
reason for it.

They are counting out silver for your murder  
in that chamber there.”

“Right then,” Cano said.

## Section 7

Luid ina t[h]ech.

“Maith trá, is airc dúnna cia do-[g]nemis comairle.”

“Cid so, a Chano?” ol a muinter.

“Ní ‘cid’ maith”, ol Cano;

“do-filter c(h)uca(i)nd diar marbad in lín atám.”

“Bés is ed ro-c[h]indead dún”, ar an óic.

“Atá ní as maith dún”, or Cano:

“fúaitgem dona[ib] feraib na cóic thigi file(t) isind lis.

Tíagat dá claidbech déc ar dorus cach t(h)igi.

Ro-hicob-sa na rígu ocus nibat ríg na fotha.”

agus chuaigh ar ais ina theach.

“Más mar sin é, beidh orainn comhairle a ghlacadadh.”

“Caidé an scéal seo, a Chano?” ar a mhuintir leis.

“Ní scéal maith é.

Táthar réidh lenár marú, an uile dhuine agaínn.”

“B’fhéidir gurb é a cinneadh dúinn,” adeir na fir.

“Tá comhairle agam a fhóirfeas dúinn.

Ná ligimis do na fir dul sna cúig tithe atá sa lios.

Téadh dhá chlaidhmheach déag i ndoras gach tí.

Raghaidh mise go dtí na ríthe agus ní ríona a bheas acu ansin.”

He went into the house.

“Well now, we need to take counsel.”

“What is the matter, Cano?” his household asked.

“‘What’ is of no use,” Cano replied.

“They are on their way to kill the lot of us.”

“Perhaps that has been fated for us,” the young men said.

“This is the best course for us,” Cano said.

“Let us capture from the men the five houses in the enclosure.

Let twelve swordsmen go to the door of each house.

I shall approach the kings and it will not be a loving visit for them.”

“Maith”, or inn óic, “is fearr ainmne.”

“Maith”, orse, “tíagh-sa dochum ind arucuil dús in[d]am léchter ind.

Dian[d]am léicther ind, ni-m [m]air[b]fider.

Mani-m léict[h]er, segaith-si ar éicin ocus no-m-léicid imach íarum.”

“Maith go leor,” ar na fir, “is fearr dúinn bheith foighdeach.”

“Go maith,” ar sé, “raghadsa chuig an tseomra féachaint an ligfear isteach mé.

Má ligtear, ní marófar mé.

Mura ligtear, téigí sibhse agus ligigí amach ar éigin mé.”

“Good,” the warriors said, “forbearance is the better course.”

“Good,” agreed Cano. “I will go to the chamber to see if I can get in.

If I can, I shall not be slain.

If I cannot then force your way inside and get me out.”

## Section 8

Téit-seom dí do dorus in tigi.

Tíagair di athchomarc Cano i ndorus in tigi.

“Do-lleic ind”, or Diarmaid.

“Tóet ind”, or Bláthmac.

Téit isa tech co fosad.

Is and buí in sechi cusan argad for lár in tigi.

“Tair etraind sund”, orsiad.

Téann sé ansin go doras an tí

agus tig duine chun cainte leis.

“Lig isteach é,” ar Diarmaid.

“Taradh sé isteach,” ar Bláthmhac.

Téann sé isteach go socair.

Is amhlaidh a bhí an tseiche leis an airgead ar urlár an tí.

“Tar anseo eadrainn,” ar siad.

Cano approached the door of the house.

Men were sent to question him at the doorway.

“Let him in,” says Diarmait.

“He may enter,” says Bláthmac.

Cano entered steadily.

The bag of silver was on the floor \*of the house\*.

“Come among us,” they said.

“Maith ind foil-se”, orse, .i. foil a athar.

“Bíd imod láim”, or Diarmait.

“Ba dúthaich cia no-beth dí”, orse.

“Cia dúthchus ón?” orsead.

“Scél trúag ón”, orse.

“Atchúalabair m’athair-sea.

Rob adlaic leo-som daigh-íartaigi dam-sa;

.i. ro-foilgedh leis dabach lán di arcad.

Ol is treisiu tocad Ædán,

fo-fúair co tucad úad crod an athar

armo marbad-sa libh-si sund.”

“At-beram”, or Diarmait,

“Is maith an fáinne seo” — fáinne a athar a bhí ann.

“Beidh sé fá do láimh,” ar Diarmait.

“Ní bheadh ann ach an ceart dá mbeadh,” ar sé.

“Cé an chaoi más ea?” ar siad.

“Is scéal trua é maise,” ar sé.

“Chuala sibh trácht ar m’athair.

Ba mhian leis soláthar a dhéanamh do mo thodhchaí

agus chuir sé dabhach lán d’airgead i bhfolach,

ach mar ba threise rath Aodháin

fuair sé crodh m’athar agus chuir anseo go hÉirinn é

mar dhíolaíocht ar mo mharú libhse.”

“Deirimid an méid seo,” ar Diarmait,

“That is a fine bracelet,” Cano said — it was his father’s bracelet.

“It shall encircle your hand,” Diarmait said.

“It used to be an heirloom,” said Cano.

“Whose inheritance was it?” they asked.

“That is a sad story.

You have heard of my father.

He wished it to be a noble inheritance for me;

he concealed it in a vat full of silver.

Since Áedán’s luck is the stronger,

he found my father’s store of treasure and sent it here to you

in return for my death \*by you here\*.”

“We declare,” said Diarmait,

“cia do-bertha lán in tigi co h-ocht(h)aig,  
ni-t rir(fí)the aire.”

“Is buidi lend”, orse.

La sin gaibthi imach.

Téit Bláthmac ina dia(i)d.

“Atá ní no-t-bia, a Chana,” orse.

“Regait ind óic diar n-inchaibh-ne  
murc[h]reich.

Airg-siu ara chind ocus dos-fúairc, ocus tuc  
t(h)’arcad fadéin c(h)ucad”.

“Am buideach de”, or Cano.

“cé go dtabharfaí lán an tí go fraitheacha  
dúinn  
ní díolfaí thú.”

“Táimid buíoch,” ar sé.

Leis sin téann sé amach.

Téann Bláthmac ina dhiaidh.

“Beidh sásamh agat, a Chano,” ar sé.

“Raghaidh na teachtairí taobh amuigh dár n-  
oineach ar an fharraige.

Téigh thusa ina gcionn is básaigh iad is glac  
chugat d’airgead féin.”

“Táim buíoch de,” ar Cano.

“that though the fill of this house up to the  
rafters were given  
you would not be sold for it.”

“I am grateful,” said Cano.

With that he left.

Bláthmac followed him.

“Here’s something for you, Cano,” he said.

“Áedán’s warriors will pass out of our  
protection at the distance of a league.

Go intercept them, crush them and retrieve  
your own silver.”

“I am grateful for this,” said Cano.

## Section 9

Téit íar sin coa muntir.

Im-rochomlai ind n-inseo a taigh dóib.

No-s-gaib Cano.

Aireblingthe co mbuí isin curach.

“... do thetarr(e)acht ar mbægail”, ar Cano.

“Is dáig”, orse[a]t.

“Olc dúib ám mo brath-sa.

Ní fil isan churach-sa nabad i tig m’athar-sa  
ocus mo máthar do-ucabtha”.

“Maith, a Chano”, ar ann óic.

“Cid tú bud chumachtach is’ thír i táim-ne, no-  
bemis dod réir.

Atá ní as maith duit: t’argat bodéin d’fácbáil  
lat  
ocus ar léici[ud]-nni diar thír.”

Téann sé ina dhiaidh sin go dtí a mhuintir.

Níonn siadsan cuairt an oileáin ar lorg na  
dteachtaí,

ach is é Cano a bheireann orthu.

Léimeann sé isteach sa churach orthu:

“Ag iarraidh teacht aniar aduaidh orm a bhí  
sibh?” \*, arsa Cano.\*

“Is dóiche é,” ar siad.

“Ba olc an mhaise díbh fealladh orm.

Níl dada sa churach seo nach as tigh m’athar  
agus mo mháthar a tógadh é.”

“Is fior duit, a Chano,” ar na fir,

“ach dá mbeadh cumhacht na tíre agatsa  
bheimis faoi do réirse.

Is é an rud is fearr duit a dhéanamh anois,  
d’airgead féin a choinneáil  
agus sinne a ligint abhaile.”

Cano \*then\* returned to his people

and they set out from the house.

Cano caught up with the envoys of Áedán.

He leapt aboard their boat.

“We have caught you unawares,” he said.

“That is clear,” they replied.

“You were greatly at fault to betray me:

there is not a man in this boat who was not  
raised in the house of my father and mother.”

“Well, Cano,” the warriors said,

“if it were you who ruled in our land, we  
would be subject to you.

Here is your best course: your \*own\* silver to  
be left here

and us to be allowed back to our land.”

“Bid fir dí”, orse.	“Sin mar a dhéanfad,” ar sé.	“It shall be so,” <u>Cano</u> said.
“Aircid ass.”	“Imígí libh.”	*“Away with you.”*
“Cid so, a Chono?” ar a muinter.	“Cad chuige seo, a Chano?” ar a mhuintir.	“What is this *, Cano*?” cried his household.
“Dar mo chumachta-sa”, orse, “ni gétar afaing asin churach-sa.	“Dar mo chumhachtsa,” ar sé, “ní tabharfar ar shiúl cianóg as an churach seo.	“By my power,” said <u>Cano</u> , “not a penny will be stolen from the boat.
Ma ra-tocad dam-sa, as mé do-méla(d) a n(d)-argat-sa.”	Má bhí an t-airgead i ndán dom, is agamsa a bheas a chaitheamh.”	If it was destined for me, I should enjoy the silver.”
“Atin bu[i]dig de”, ar an óic.	“Táimid buíoch de,” ar na fir.	“We are grateful,” the young men said.
“Tucaid as.”	“Tógaigí libh é.”	“Begone.”

## Section 10

Do-t(ho)ét són dochum tíre.	Le sin tháinig sé ar ais chun tíre.	<u>Cano</u> set back toward land.
“Maith”, or Diarmait	“Go maith,” ar Diarmaid.	“Good,” said Diarmait,
— fáitsine ó Día leis-[s]ide.	Bhí fáistine ó Dhia aige	who had God’s gift of prophecy,
“Do-radarad lúag na h-ainmne[t] do-ronnai in gilla(i) forsin fairgi:	gur tugadh luach na foighde a rinne <u>Cano</u> ar an fharraige	“the forbearance shown by the young man on the sea has been rewarded.

rígi n-Alban dó ceithri bládna[i] ficheat tar éis Oedán.

Maith”, or Diarmait, “tabraid fáilti dond fir do-thæd c(h)ucaib.”

Co cend trí tráth íar sin nocho tall cris ná delg dib.

“Bennacht for cách do-[g]ní maith [f]rind”, ar Cano.

“Tíagam-ni do chollad.”

Ba sí a comairle trá:

do-lotar as fut na h-aidche

co tuidcheatar fa-des dar Mag Murthemne i Mag m-Breg hi Cernai.

Bátar géisi forsin tilich.

“Díbaирг na h-éo(u)nu”, or a munter fri Cana.

Do-léici irchor fairriu; ni ránic.

agus go mbeadh ríge Alban aige ar feadh cheithre bliana ficead tar éis Aodháin.

“Go maith,” ar Diarmaid, “cuirigí fáilte roimh an fhear a thig chugaibh.”

Go ceann dhá lá ina diaidh sin níor scaoil siad crios ná dealg díobh.

“Beannacht ar chách a ní maith linn,” ar Cano ansin.

“Téimis a chodladh.”

Seo an chomhairle a lean siad:

D’imigh siad i rith na hoíche  
go dtáinig siad ó dheas thar Mhaigh Muirtheimhne go Cearna i Máigh Breá.

Bhí ealaí ar an tulach ann.

“Lámhaigh na héin,” ar a mhuintir le Cano.

Chaith sé urchar leo, ach níor aimsigh iad.

The kingdom of Scotland shall rest with him for twenty-four years in succession to Áedán.

“Good,” he continued, “give welcome to the man who comes before you.”

Then, until the end of three days, the household of Cano removed neither belt nor clasp.

“A blessing on all who grant us aid,” said Cano.

“Let us retire for sleep.”

This was their plan:

they journeyed south throughout the night until they came \*southwards\* across Mag Muirthemne into Mag Brega at Cernae.

There were swans on the slope.

“Shoot at the birds,” Cano’s people said to him.

Cano took a shot at them: it did not hit.

Is ann as-bert, ar ni ro-theilc imroll riam:

“Gési Cernai, mosrubthus,  
dom li[i]cc ni ma[d] rog(a)bas;  
brónán foru dia coraib,  
fo brónán form do imrolaib.”

Do-lotar síar arna bárach do Loch Aindind.

“Díbairg in lochain”, or cách.

“A locho” (arseiseom)  
“Locha Aindind(i), ni-t rocho  
ni scéoil indé a Cernu  
... ni focha.

Ni airg éonu Maic Dé bí  
... ara clúim;  
(is) beg tarba, ar ní mór a méit,  
ro-s-léic amin ina ndlúim.

Ni airg éonu in maigi;  
niba foru mo sroibthene;  
ní hed do-m-ucai ó Scí  
cocad fri géisi Cernai.”

Is ansin a dúirt sé, óir níor theilg sé iomrall  
riamh:

“Ealaí Chearna cé gur scanraíos  
le mo chloich ní maith a d'aimsíos;  
brónach iadsan de na hurchair,  
brónach mise de na hiomraill.”

Chuadar siar arna bhárach go Loch Ainninn.

“Caith leis na lachain,” ar cách leis ansin,  
ach is é dúirt seisean:

“A lachain  
Loch Ainninne ní chaithfinn,  
mar nach amhlaidh inniu don té  
a d'ionsaigh na healaí inné.

Óir ní bhásód éin Mhic Dé,  
lachain an chluimh gheal réidh,  
mar i méid is beag a dtairbhe  
is fágfad a mbeo ag na scuaine.

Ní bhásód éin an mhachaire,  
ní hiad a dhófas mo thine,  
ní hé a thug ó Scí mé  
chur cogaidh ar ealaí Chearna.”

.g.

It was then that he said, for he had never  
before missed a shot:

“I have scared the swans of Cernae,  
it were better that I had not thrown;  
their sorrow at being disturbed  
is like mine for my ill-cast stone.”

Next day they went west to Loch Aindinn.

“Shoot at the ducks,” they all said.

Said Cano:

“Ducks of Loch Aindinn  
I cannot reach you  
It will not be like yesterday,  
I shall not torment the ducks on the lake.

I shall not harm a feather of the birds  
of the Son of the living God.  
The profit is small, its size not great.  
Let me leave them huddled so.

I shall not harm the birds of the plain,  
my lightning shall not stike them.  
That is not why I set out from Skye  
to war on the swans of Cernae.”

## Section 11

Lotar íar sin dar Sinaind hi Connachta do ascnom co Gúaire,

co rángadar tech Marcáin

las mb[a]í Créd ingen Gúaire.

Ro-charastair-side cid síu t(h)ísed t(h)airis anair.

Is ann as-bert-si:

“Cano mac Gartnáin ó Scí,  
Créd a Maínmaig i n-áni:  
ba dirsín is mór do dú  
ocus da muir eturru.

Créd ingen Gúaire mad nach,  
cóel in bath (?) etar-da-beth  
ocus mac Gartnán, in mac  
... regad dia tochmarc.”

Ro-anacht-som dí a bale isi[nd]

ó[i]r da-luid-seom la Díarmaid dia tar(d)a(i)d  
Díarmait in cath do Gúaire, co ro-anacht-som  
immale.

Ina dhiaidh sin chuaigh siad thar Sionainn i  
gConnachta ag triall ar Ghuaire,

agus thíainig siad go teach Mharcáin,

a raibh Créadh, iníon Ghuaire, mar mhnaoi  
aige.

Bhí sise i ngrá le Cano fiú sula dtáinig sé  
trasna anoir,

agus anois dúirt sí:

“Cano mac Ghartnán ó Scí  
is Créadh i Maonmhaigh na háine,  
fairíor is mór de thalamh  
agus de mhuir á scaradh.

Créadh iníon Ghuaire dá mba luachmhar  
ba chaol an fharraige fhuafar,  
is mac Ghartnán an t-óglach  
rachadh gan mhoill dá tochmharc.”

Roimhe sin chaomhnaigh seisean a baile

tráth a ndeachaigh sé le Diarmaid ag  
tabhairt catha do Ghuaire.

They went then across the river Sinann into  
Connaught, making for Gúaire,

and they came upon the house of Marcán,

whose wife was Créd daughter of Gúaire.

She loved Cano even before he had journeyed  
across the sea.

It was then that she said:

“Cano, Gartnán’s son from Skye,  
noble Créd from Maínmag:  
bad luck that such land and sea  
lay between them.

Créd was Gúaire’s daughter, if she were anyone,  
slender was the sea that parted her  
and the son of Gartnán, a son  
who would come to court her.”

Marcán had protected the land of Créd

from the time he had arrived there with Diarmait  
when he had given battle to Gúaire.

“Aig a gilla”, orseiseam, “isi[n] leas.

Cuindig comairce co Créid dún co rí(a)sam co Gúaire”.

Is and as-bert-som intí Cano:

“Beir imchomarc úaim-se  
co Créidi ingin Gúaire,  
is geb na runnu-sa dí,  
do-bér-sa a coibéis úaidi.”

“Duid-seo do-bert(h)ar na raind-sea, a  
C[h]réidi”, ar Colcu mac Marcáin.

Is and as-bert:

“A Cholco,  
bec a fhis duid cia do(o)rdo;  
mo serc-sa do-radus d’fhir  
nád (f)ocus dam a (f)orba.”

“Fir a cano”, ar Marcán,

“ni chara is é don muinter-si.”

“Gabh sa lios, a ghiolla,” ar Cano,

“agus iarr coimirce ar Chréadh dúinn go dtí  
go dtéimid fhaid le Guaire.”

Ba ansin freisin a dúirt sé:

“Beirse beannacht uaimse  
go Créidh inín Ghuaire;  
inis na ranna seo di  
is gheobhad a gcothrom uaithi.”

“Is duitse a bheirtear na ranna seo, a  
Chréadh,” ar Colgain mac Mharcáin,

agus dúirt sí leis:

“A Cholgain,  
beag do fhios cé fáth mo liachta,  
mo shearc do thugas d’óglach  
nach fogas dom a theaghlaich.”

“Is fior a gcanann tú,” ar Marcán;

“ní hé Colgain do leannán mar is de  
mhuintir an tí seo eisean.”

“Go, servant,” Cano said, “into the enclosure.

Seek Créd’s permission that we may approach  
Gúaire.”

Then Cano said:

“Send greeting from me  
to Créd, Gúaire’s daughter:  
sing her this verse  
and bring the same from her.”

“This verse has been brought to you, Créd,” said  
Colcu son of Marcán.

Créd said:

“Colcu,  
little do you know of what I sing.  
I have given my love to a man  
whose homeland is far away.”

“What you sing is true,” Marcán said.

“You will not love Colcu for he is not of this  
household.”

“A Marcáin,  
ni raba[e] d’éis do macáin;  
nirop do macán ro-m-[sh]á  
corab tusu ad-bala.

Do she[i]rc neich sech araile  
i tir (n)Érend ni dordo  
mairg diamongnais Cana  
ocus diam cara Colcu.”

Ro-liad-si íarum a[r] C[h]olcain,

dia n-ebairt Gúaire fesin dia n-etarchosaíd:

“Créd la Marcán, niba mac,  
ni gaib Colcain do thochmarc,  
nu ruband Créd ar féle  
acht is a fail [ó]enchéile.”

Labhair sise ansin:

“A Mharcáin,  
ní bheidh tú d’éis do mhacáin;  
ní hé do mhacán a gheobhas mé  
go dtí tar éis do bháis-se;

de sheirc duine i dtír Éireann  
ní chaoininm thar a chéile;  
mairg ise atá in éagmáis Chano  
is gur di is cara Colgain.”

A.

Níos moille arís cuireadh ina leith go raibh  
sí móir le Colgain,

agus sin an uair a dúirt Guaire fén lena  
ndreasú i gcoinne a chéile:

“Créadh le Marcán — ní haon mhaicín —  
níor ghlac le grá ó Cholgain,  
ní mhillfidh Créadh a féile  
ach ar son an aon-chéile.”

\*Then she said:\*

“Marcán,  
behind your son you should not be,  
for though you die  
he shall not win me.

I sing of no one’s love above another  
in the land of Ireland.  
Sorrow to her in Cano’s absence  
and to whom Colcu is a friend.”

Then Créd was accused of adultery with Colcu

when Gúaire himself said, to cause dissention  
between them:

“Créd should be with Marcán  
and not with his son.  
In modesty she could not be  
wife to more than one.”

## Section 12

Lotar-sin dí co Derlus nGúairi,

ocus ba fáilich friu.

“Fo-chen duid, a Chano,” ar Gúairi.

“Ni-t-recfider sund ar argad ar scís do bíata.

Niba scél mac nOeda Sláne.

Ro-d-bia biad ocus inilli[u]s, ocus fo-chen  
duid!”

Buí Cano mac Gartnáin íar suidiu tremsi i fail  
Gúaire,

.i. trian ind lis do Gúairiu,

ocus trian n-aill don lis do Chano,

ocus a trian n-aill do Senchán Torpéist

.i. fili Gúaire ocus fer nÉrenn uile.

Chuaigh Cano agus a mhuintir ansin go Durlas  
Ghuaire,

agus bhí Guaire féin fáilteach rompu:

“Sé do bheatha, a Chano,” ar sé,

“ní díolfar anseo thú ar airgead nuair a táthar  
bréan de do chothú.

Ní scéal mac Aodha Sláine a bheas anseo.

Beidh agat bia agus coimirce agus fearadh na  
fáilte!”

Ina dhiaidh sin bhí Cano ráithe i bhfochair  
Ghuaire.

Bhí trian an leasa ag Guaire,

trian ag Cano

agus an trian eile ag Seanchán Toirpéist,

file Ghuaire agus fear Éireann uile.

They went then to Derlus Gúairi

and they were well received.

“Welcome, Cano,” Gúaire said.

“Here you will not be sold for silver for the  
trouble of your keep.

Here the story of the sons of Áed Sláine will  
not be repeated.

You shall have food and protection.  
Welcome!”

\*After this,\* Cano enjoyed the company of  
Gúaire for one season:

Gúaire kept one-third of the enclosure,

Cano had another third

and Senchán Torpéist,

the poet of Gúaire and all the men of Ireland,  
had the remaining third.

Fer beg trúag,

i ‘rrúsc’ olla no-bídh do grés dia chadudh ara  
thrúaigi.

Cethrumthu bairgine do-meled co cend trí  
tráth.

Brigid bratbrú a chaillech-som no-chaithed  
[.iii.] ceathroimthi na bairgine.

Ba mór les-[s]eom a brú,  
conid Brigid bratbú a hainm leis-seom íarum.

Ba mór a herraigi.

Fecht n-and do-luid Brigid for tairireth.

Fácaib a hinált fora erraithe-sem.

Óicbean-side chóem.

Luid medón láí ara bárach dia thairbirt-som.

Oc tuidecht dí asin chuilich —

Fear beag trua é Seanchán,

a bhíodh clúdaithe le ‘cairt’ olla i gcónaí le  
teas a choinneáil ann.

Ní chaitheadh sé ach ceathrú bairíne in  
imeacht dhá lá.

Bríd Bhratbhrú, a chailleach-san, chaitheadh  
sise trí cheathrú den bhairín.

Ba mhór a brú dar leis-sean,  
agus mar sin ba é Bríd Bhratbhrú a thugadh sé  
uirthi i gcónaí.

Is mór an freastal a theastaíodh uaidhsean.

Uair amháin chuaigh Bríd ar thuras  
agus d’fhág sí cailín le freastal air.

Ba chailín dóighiúil í.

Tháinig sí meán lae arna bhárach á  
fhriothálamh.

Agus í ag teacht as an chistin

\*Senchán was a small, emaciated man,

who was constantly covered in a ‘bark’ of  
wool to wrap him up because of his  
emaciation.

He ate a quarter of a loaf during three days.

Brigid Bratbrú, his wife, she ate three-quarters  
of the loaf.

He thought that she had a bulging belly,  
so that he called her Brigid Bratbrú ('of the  
bulging belly') afterwards.

He required a lot of attendance.

Once, Brigid went on a journey.

She left her handmaid to attend to him.

The handmaid was a beautiful girl.

Next day, she came at midday to serve him  
with food.

When she was coming out of the kitchen,

“Ná tair, ná tair, a ben,” arse.

“Am siniu-sa anda[í]-siu.

At-c(h)ondarc-sa do senmáthair-seo;

ro-buí grísingin fora hordin chlí.

Scéfe dia tuidchis ní bus mó.”

scairt sé, “Ná tar, ná tar, a bhean.

Tá mé níos sine ná tusa.

Chonaic mise do shean-mháthair.

Bhí iongain loiscthe ar a hordóig chlé.

Tiochfaidh masmas orm má thig tú níos comhvaraí.”

he said: “Stop, stop, woman.

I am older than you.

I saw your grandmother.

She had an inflamed nail on her left thumb.

I will vomit if you come any closer to me.” \*

## Section 13

Airchetal do-roindi-seom do Diarmait mac Æda Sláne.

“Airg, a gilla”, orseisem, “co n-airchedal do ríg Érenn.”

Téid-side sair.

Saidig a n-aircheda(i)l.

“Is maith ind n-airchetul”, or Diarmaid.

Is ann buí-seom: oc sním irchomail fo Grip .i.  
garbar Díarmada.

“Beir lat in(d) n-idh-sea do Shenchán.”

Rinne sé dán uair eile do Dhíarmaid mac Aodha Sláine.

“Téigh, a ghiolla,” ar sé, “leis an dán seo go rí Éireann.”

Téann seisean soir

agus gabhann sé an dán.

“Is maith an dán é,” ar Diarmaid.

Is amhlaidh a bhí sé ag sníomh laincise dá chapall, Grip.

“Beir leat an iodh seo go Seanchán,” a deir sé.

\*He composed a poem once for Diarmait, son of Áed Sláine.

“Servant,” said he, “go with this poem to the king of Ireland.”

The servant goes eastward,

and recites the poem.

“The poem is good,” said Diarmait.

At the time, he was weaving a spancel for his horse, Grip.

He says: “Bring this spancel-ring to Senchán.”

Luid-side síar ocus nirbo buideach.

“Asso, a bachlaich”, orse, “id (id) n-irchomail duit i ndúais t’airchetail.”

“Óna[ib] rígaib ferr id adlaic a gillai”, orseiseam.

“Airg, a gilla”, … di[a] blíadnae, “co n-airc[h]edul do ríg Érenn.”

Gaibid in gilla a n-airchetal.

“Maith”, or Díarmaid, “ber lat in gablaig-se do Senchán.”

“Asso, a antocaid”, or in gilla,

“gaiscead duit dot chuitmed ó(r) Díarmait.”

“Airg, a gilla, co n-airchetul do Díarmait”.

(Is maith a n-archetal.)

Gaibid in gilla fair.

“Cade Díarmaid?”

D’imigh an giolla siar agus ní buíoch a bhí sé.

“Seo dhuit, a bhachlaigh,” ar sé, “an laincis i nduais do dháin.”

“A ghiolla,” ar seisean, “ó rithe is fearr laincis ná do mhian fénin.”

Ansin deir sé arís \*, bliain ón lá sin\*: “Téigh, a ghiolla, leis an dán seo go rí Éireann.”

Gabhann an giolla an dán.

“Go maith,” ar Diarmaid, “beir leat an tsleá seo go Seanchán.”

“Seo duit, a ainniseoir bhocht,” ar an giolla,

“arm ó Dhiarmaid mar mhagadh fút.”

“Téigh, a ghiolla le dán go Diarmaid.

Is maith an dán é.”

Tógann an giolla é.

“Cá háit a bhfuil Diarmaid?”

The servant went west and he wasn’t pleased.

“Here you are, churl,” he said, “a spancel-ring as payment for your poem.”

“Servant,” he said, “from kings, a spancel-ring is better than a demand.”

On that day exactly a year afterwards, he says to the servant: “Servant, go with this poem to the king of Ireland.”

The servant recites the poem.

“Good,” said Diarmait, “bring this forked stick to Senchán.”

“Here, you unfortunate one,” said the servant,

“a suit of armour sent from Diarmait to mock you.”

“Servant, go with this poem to Diarmait.

The poem is good.”

The servant takes it.

“Where is Diarmait?”

“Atá i n-arucol ic tomus óir ocus argaid.

Ba maith duit teacht c(h)uici.”

“Oslaic!” ol in gilla.

“Cía so?” or Diarmaid.

“Gilla Seancháin.”

Gaibid in gilla a n-airchetal.

“Is maith”, or Diarmaid,

“beir lat so do Seanchán .i. cét unga do dergór  
ocus trí .xx. do argat duid fén.”

“Maith, a gillai”, or Senchán, “cid do-t-gní  
fáilid don chur-sa?”

“Atá maith sund dait”, or in gilla(i),

“.i. cét unga do dergór.”

“Is ferr, a gillai, oldás a olcugud.”

“Tá sé ina aireagal féin ag cuntas óir is airgid.

Ba chóir duit dul chuige.”

“Oscail!” ar an giolla.

“Cé tá ann?” ar Diarmaid.

“Giolla Sheancháin.”

Gabhann sé an dán ansin.

“Is maith é,” ar Diarmaid.

“Beir leat go Seanchán céad uinge de dhearg-  
ór

agus trí fichid d’airgead duit féin.”

“Anois, a ghiolla,” ar Seanchán, “caidé an rud  
a chuireann lúcháir ort don chor seo?”

“Tá rud maith anseo duit,” ar an giolla,

“mar atá, céad uinge de dhearg-ór.”

“Is fearr sin ná bheith ag cur oilc air \*, a  
ghiolla\*.

“He is in his chamber weighing gold and  
silver.

You should go to him there.”

“Open!” said the servant.

“Who’s there?” said Diarmait.

“Senchán’s servant.”

He recites the poem.

“The poem is good,” said Diarmait.

“Bring Senchán one hundred ounces of red  
gold,

and take sixty ounces of silver for yourself.”

“Well now, servant,” said Senchán, “why are  
you joyful on this occasion?”

“Here is something good for you,” said the  
servant,

“namely, one hundred ounces of red gold.”

“That is better than offending, servant.”

“Airc, a gillai, co n-airchetul do Diarmait.”

“Regthair”, orse.

“Cade Diarmait?”

“Do-c(h)oid do thafand.”

Luid ’na dia(i)d isa slíab.

Teca(i)d ind fhir (n)a n-dia(i)d ind aigi isin gleann.

Fáca(i)r Diarmait iter a echaib.

At-géoin in gilla.

Adroich in gilla iter na h-eachaib.

Slaindid in gilla ind n-airchedal dó.

“Maith, a gillai,

ber lat so do Sheanchán .i. trícha each ina sríanaib ocus ina muincib.”

Téighanois, a ghiolla, le dán go Diarmaid.”

“Raghad,” ar sé.

“Cá háit a bhfuil Diarmaid?”

“Tá sé imithe ag seilg.”

Chuaigh an giolla ina dhiadh sa tsliabh.

D’imigh na fir sa tóir ar an fhia sa ghleann

agus d’han Diarmaid siar i measc a chuid each.

D'aithin an giolla é

agus tháinig fhaid leis idir na heich.

Ghabh sé an dán dó ansin.

“Go maith, \*a ghiolla\*,” a deir Diarmaid.

“Beir leat go Seanchán tríocha each fána sriain agus a muincí.”

“Servant, go with this poem to Diarmait.”

“I will go,” said he.

“Where is Diarmait?”

“He has gone hunting.”

The servant followed him up a hill.

The men went after the deer in the glen.

Diarmait stayed behind surrounded by his horses.

The servant recognised him,

and came to him between the horses.

The servant recited the poem to him.

“Good, servant,” said Diarmait.

“Bring this to Senchán, that is, thirty horses with their bridles and horse-collars.”\*

## Section 14

Maith íarum in fer intí Senchán.

Iarna idnocol-som ó feraib Muman, ... co  
mbuí for slé[i]b Eachtge co Gúaire,

ocus ni rogab

acht óentech do dénam imme, imon filid ocus  
imon sligid

ó Echtge co Derlus,

.l. fer dó ocus .l. ban ocus .l. con ocus .l. gilla,

ocus b[u]ith fó muiriur ó Shamain co  
Belltaine;

ocus luid íarsint slighidh.

Do-n-áraill bainne flechaid ina étan.

“Fé amaí,” arse, “ní coir dí a(n)ní-siu im̄, is  
gaimlóchad.”

Ocus do-rónai allse ina étan,

Ba mhaith an fear é Seanchán \*, go deimhin\*.

Ó Chúige Mumhan a tugadh é fhaid le Sliabh  
Eachtgha go Guaire,

ach níor thoiligh sé dul

ach ar an choinníoll go dtóigfaí teach amháin  
uime féin agus um an slí ar fad

ó Eachtgha go Durlas,

go mbeadh caoga fear, caoga ban, caoga con  
agus caoga giollaí aige,

agus go ndéanfaí freastal air ó Shamhain go  
Bealtaine.

Ansin chuaigh sé ar an bhealach.

Le linn an turais thit braon báistí ar a éadan.

“Fairíor,” ar sé, “ní chóir é sin. Sin anfa \*,  
áfach,\* agus tintreach geimhridh.”

Thóg sé abscoid ar a éadan,

\*Senchán was indeed a great man.

He was escorted from Munster as far as Sliab  
Echtge on his way to Gúaire,

but he would accept nothing short

of a covered way being constructed for him  
the whole way

from Sliab Echtge to Derlus,

that he would have fifty men, fifty women,  
fifty dogs and fifty servants,

and that he would be maintained from  
Hallow-tide until May-day.

Then he went on his way.

A drop of rain touched his forehead.

“Alas,” he said, “this is not right, however, it  
is winter lightning.”

He got an abcess on his forehead,

conid ed ro-n-uc

ocus rob écen .uii. cumala dó cach achaid ó  
sin co Derlus.

## Section 15

“Maith trá, a Gúaire”, or Senchán, “is romór turcbais-[s]eo fort.

Ba leór do Chondachtaib beith foar muirer ar  
ndís

cenco tabartha[e] nech aile c(h)ucond;  
.i. in gilla ansa”, arse, “mac Gartnáin,

no-t(h)éisead amach fon túaith ocus na coin  
maithi leo,

ocus dénat ánius eturru.”

Rob ed ón ó medón laí co medón laí ara  
bárach:

íar lécon a c(h)on dóib ni c(h)omránic fer díb  
fri araile.

agus mar éiric \*is é seo a rug sé leis:\*

b’éigean seacht gcumhala a thabhairt dó i  
gcomhair gach páirce ó sin go Durlas.

and this is what he carried off [in compensation for the blemish]:

it was necessary to give him seven slave-girls  
for every field between there and Derlus.\*

“Maith go leor, \*a Ghuaire,” ar Seanchán,  
“ach dar liom is iomarcach ar thóg tú ort féin.

Ba leor do Chonnacha an bheirt againne  
bheith d’ualach orthu,  
gan duine a thabhairt chugainn.

An giolla trioblóideach sin, mac Ghartnáin,

d’fhéadfadh sé féin agus a chomhrádaithe dul  
amach fán tir lena gcoin bhreátha  
agus spórt a dhéanamh dóibh féin ansin.”

Sin mar a tharla ó mheán lae amháin go meán  
lae arna bhárach.

Ón uair a scooil siad na coin níor casadh aon  
bheirt acu le chéile.

“Well now, Gúaire,” Senchán said, “you have  
taken too much on youself.

It was enough for the Connaughtmen to  
support the two of us  
without anyone else

— namely that troublesome fellow, the son of  
Gartnán.

Let him come out among the people with the  
splendid hounds  
and let them have their sport.”

And so it was from noon until noon of the  
following day.

Having unleashed the hounds not a man of the hunting party met with another.

Batar tuirsich oc suidiu;  
celebrai(dh)sed do Gúaire.

“Fír”, or Gúairi, “ro-fhetar-sa a na-tathai”.

“Ni taam ní”, or Cano,

“acht maith lind ánius

.i. cúaird Érend do chur

co n-acamar a ndin[d]gnu ocus a ndúne  
ocus a cella ocus a cóemu.

Cucot-so do-regam ocus is úaid regmai.

Ad-fíadar dún atá gilla án andess la firu  
Muman,

.i. Illand mac Scannláin do Chorco Loíge;  
maith lend dul dia acallaim.”

D’éirigh siad tuirseach de sin  
agus ba é a dheireadh gur fhág siad slán ag  
Guaire.

“Ceart go leor,” ar Guaire, “tuigim cé an fáth a  
bhfuil sibh feargach liom.”

“Nílimid,” ar Cano,

“ach is mian linn tamall a chaitheamh le  
pléisiúr,

cuairt na hÉireann a dhéanamh

go bhfeicimid a diongnaí is a dúnta,

a cealla is a caomha.

Is chugatsa a fhillimid agus uaitse a imeoimid  
arís.

Deirtear linn go bhfuil fear iontach sa  
deisceart le fir Mhumhan,

mar atá, Iollann mac Scanlán de Chorca  
Laighe,

agus ba mhaith linn dul chun cainte leis.”

They were dismayed at this.

They took their leave of Gúaire.

“In truth,” said Gúaire, “I know what ails  
you.”

“Nothing ails us,” replied Cano,

“but we desire amusement,

that is, to make a circuit of Ireland

to view its strongholds and forts,

its churches and noblemen.

We shall take our leave and we shall return to  
you.

We are told there is a noble youth in the  
South, among the men of Munster,

by name Illand son of Scanlán, of the Corco  
Loíge.

We intend to talk with him.”

“Teit dí”, ar Gúairi, “co tormola[i]d feis na haidchi lim-sa”.

Lotar ón íarum, ocus do-llostar maithi Condacht do chelebrad dóib.

Do-lluid dí Créd ocus Marcán ocus Colco don irgnam.

Ba hécen im ceathrar ó Marcán do choimét Chréidi.

Conacticis co Gúaire

combad sí bad dáilem do fheraib Alban ocus do Chondachtaib ind aidchi-sin,

co tard-si bricht súain forin slúag

co torchradar ina codlud acht sisi ocus Cana,

co tuidchid co ... co m-baí forsin dérgud ocaisseom oca thimgaire;

con(a)ná hétas úad-som airet no-beth i n(n)amsa[i];

(mad) dia ngabad rígi im,

“Taraigí, mar sin,” ar Guaire, “go gcaithfidh sibh fleadh na hoíche liomsa.”

Chuaigh siad chuige ansin, agus tháinig maithe Chonnacht ann le slán a chur leo.

Tháinig Créadh agus Marcán agus Colgain chuig an fhéasta

agus ba ghá ceathrar d’fhir Mharcáin le Créadh a choimeád.

D’achainigh sí ar Ghuaire

go mba ise a dhéanfadhbh an dáiliú ar fhir Alban agus Chonnacht an oíche sin.

Ansin chuir sí briocht suain ar an tslua

ionas gur thit siad uilig ina gcodladhbh ach amháin ise agus Cano.

Tháinig sí chuige agus luigh ar an tolg taobh leis agus bhí ag tathant air í a thabhairt leis.

Níor thoiligh seisean ar sin a dhéanamh di fhaid a bheadh sé ina amhas tharlear,

ach gheall sé dá bhfaigheadh sé ríge Alban \*, áfach,\*

“Then come,” said Gúaire, “and partake of a feast with me tonight.”

So they did and the nobles of Connaught arrived to bid them farewell.

Now Créd, Marcán and Colcu came to the feast.

Marcán needed four men to guard her.

Créd besought Guaire

that she might serve the men of \*Scotland and\* Connaught that night

and she cast a sleeping spell upon the host

so that all fell into a slumber except for Cano and herself.

She came to Cano and began to disrobe him and solicit him

but he would not agree so long as he remained in service.

If he should win the kingship, however,

do-regtha[e] ara cend-si,

ocus is [s]í bean no-biad aicce c'aidche.

Co farbad lee-si a lia-som i n-airius dála.

Ar ad-ruba(i)rt-seom is isind liic ro-buí a anim.

A mátha[i]r ro-buí i séola[i]; ro-c(h)otail-side

co n(f)aca in dí mnaí sída ina dochum,

co tolaid a anmain as fora béolu i richt lici,

co tall(sath) a máthair a lláim indala n-áí.

“Anim do meic, a ben”, orsi, “ro-n-ucais.”

“Rocomet mo máthair corba(m) tualaing-se a chomét.”

go gcuirfeadh sé fios uirthi

agus gurbh ise a d'fhanfadhb mar mhnaoi aige  
choíche.

Ag imeacht dó d'fhág sé aici a liag ina urrús  
lena philleadh,

mar dúirt sé gur sa liag sin a bhí a anam.

A mháthair a bhí i luí seolta tráth. Bhí sí ina  
codladh

agus chonaic sí an bheirt bhan sí ag teacht  
chuici

agus a anam ag dul as a béal féin i riocht líge.

Sciob sí as láimh duine de na mná sí í.

“A bhean,” ar sise, “is é anam do mhic a thóg  
tú leat.”

“Choinnigh mo mháthair í go raibh mé féin in  
ann a coinneáil.”

he would return to her

and she would be his wife always.

As a token of a tryst between them Cano left a  
stone with Créd

for, he said, his life was contained in the stone.

His mother had fallen asleep in her childbed

and she had seen two fairy women come  
towards her:

the life of Cano emerged before her in the  
form of a stone.

His mother seized it from the hand of one of  
the fairy women.

“It is your son’s life that you hold, woman,”  
one of them said.

“My mother has looked after it until I was able  
to,” said Cano.

“Faicibthar lim-sa”, orsi, “i n-airius dála.”

Ba fir són:

rofacbad lee-si in lie,

ocus do-berthe asin chriol cach dia; as-bered-si íarum:

“A lia  
ó dodechur cach dia  
acht lochrad i nimnadmaim  
ni géb m'anmain dot' madmaim.”

Tuideacht Chano in sin i nÉirinn ocus co Gúaire.

“Fág agamsa í mar gheall lenár gcoinne,” ar Créadh.

Mar sin a rinneadh.

Fagadh an liag aicise,

agus chuile lá thógadh sí as an mhála í is deireadh:

“A liag  
a fhéachaim gach lá,  
b'fhearr liom mo bhás ná do mhionú  
dá dtéipfeadh sé féin fánar gheall dom.”

\*Teacht Chano ansin i nÉirinn agus go Guaire.\*

“It may be left with me,” said Créd, “in token of a tryst.”

That fell so.

The stone was left with Créd

and every day it would be taken from the pouch and she would say:

“O stone  
I gaze on every day,  
but for the harm to my wedding oath,  
I do not value my life above breaking you.”

That is the story of how Cano came to Ireland  
\*and to Guaire\*.

## Section 16

Luid Cano co hIlland mac Scanlán co ránic  
Dún mBaíthi.

Ad-fiadar dó íarum a mb[u]ith forind faithchi.

“Fochen dúib,” or Illann.

“Cano mac Gartnáin sin dom-roacht(ain)-se

íarna m(b)rath ocus íarna reic do macaib Æda  
Sláne ar argad

ocus íarna mbr[e]ith do gortai la Guaire.

Rob(ar)bia biad sunn;

ni bia[e] for conair;

nit-rirfider ar argad.”

Con-gairt[h]er dó íarum a reachtaire.

Chuaigh Cano ar aghaidh go hIollann mac  
Scanlán ag Dún Baithe.

Dúradh leis ansin go raibh siad amuigh ar an  
fhaiche:

“Fáilte romhat,” ar Iollann.

“Seo Cano mac Ghartnáin ag teacht chugam  
i ndiaidh a bhrath agus a dhíol ar airgead ag  
mic Aodha Sláine  
agus i ndiaidh a thabhairt don ghorta ag  
Guaire.

Ach beidh bia anseo agaibh.

Ní bheidh oraibh dul amach ar an bhóthar  
ná ní díolfar ar airgead sibh.”

Glaoitear an reachtaire chuige ansin:

Cano journeyed to Illand son of Scanlán and  
he arrived at Dún mBaíthe.

News was brought to Illand as he was on the  
green.

“Welcome,” he said.

“Cano son of Gartnán, here, has come to me  
having being betrayed and sold \*for silver\* by  
the sons of Æd Sláine  
and left hungry by Gúaire.

You will be find food here.

There will be no wandering.

You will not be sold for silver.”

\*Thereupon,\* Illand’s steward was summoned  
before him.

“Na seacht core trá file(d) isin lis, ná(t) gataigter do theni[d] co cend mblíadna oc berbad bi[i]d.

Berid na firu isa teach;  
co cend trí tráth nicon reg-sa dia n-acallaim.  
Fritháilter do biud ocus do lind.”

Con-gairter Corco Loígi dó.

“Maith trá”, orse,  
“dom-ánic áinius mór.

Cindas for cobartha-si dam-sa?”

“Bid maith do chobair lindi”, or ind óicc.

“Dothaircgebat uaindi trí doim  
ocus trí tindi  
ocus tri dabcha cach anna,

“Na seacht gcoirí \*, trá,\* atá sa lios le bia a bheiriú, ná tógtar den tine iad go ceann bliana.

Tabhair na fir sa teach  
go ceann dhá lá. Ní raghaidh mise chun labhairt leo lena linn sin,  
ach friotháiltear de bhia agus de lionn iad.”

Glaoitear Corca Laighe chuige:

“Is maith mar atá,” ar sé,  
“tá cuideachta tábhachtach tar éis teacht chugam.

Caidé an cineál cabhrach a bhéarfaidh sibh dom?”

“Gheobhaidh tú cabhair mhaith uainn,” ar na fir,  
“soláthróimid duit gach tráthnóna trí daimh,  
trí muca saillte  
agus trí dabhacha leanna,

“Let the seven cauldrons in the court remain over the fire \*, then,\* until the end of a year for the cooking of food.

Bring men into the house.  
I shall not go and speak with them for the space of three days.  
Let them be entertained with food and drink.”

The men of Corco Loígde were summoned before him.

“Well now,” he said,  
“a great difficulty has come my way.

What kind of assistance can you give me?”

“We shall be glad to help you,” they replied.  
“You will have three oxen,  
three sides of bacon  
and three vats every evening

ocus nico[n] raga bairgen dot dligiud-so.”

“Mo bennacht fo[r] tuaith ocus cenél at-be[i]r,” orse.

“Et tusa, a ben”, orse, “caidi t(h)’ impide dams-a?

Is coir daig-impigi duit, a[i]r nida(d) díchumaing.

Ata[a]t .uui. n-áirge lat,

ocus .uui. fichid bó cach[a] áirgi di búaub,

ocus .uui. sesrecha”.

“Athaig ocus bachlaich domeled sin uile.

Rot-ferfat cid téora airgi díb dia mbreith i ngalad.”

“Bennacht for cách ad-be[i]r,” orse.

“Bid ferr de mo menma.

Rega(it) dia n-acallaim a fecht-sa.”

ná ní bainfear ruainne den chíos a dlitear duit de ghnáth.”

“Mo bheannacht ar an tuaith agus an chineál a deir sin,” ar sé,

“agus tusa, a bhean, caidé iarrfaidh mé d’impí ortsá?

Is cóir rud fiúntach a iarraigd ort, óir níl tú gan mhaoin.

Tá seacht dtréada agat,

agus seacht bhfichid bó i gach tréad,

agus seacht seisreacha.”

“Athaigh agus bachlaigh a chaitheann sin uilig,” ar sise,

“ach déanfaidh trí thréad gnó le riár dóibh.”

“Beannacht ar an té a deir sin.

Is fearrde mo mheanma é.

Anois raghaidh mé chun cainte leis na cuairteoirí.”

and not a loaf from your dues will be lost.”

“Bless your tribe and the race that says so,” said Illand.

“And you, wife,” he asked, “what is your grant to me?

A generous grant would be fitting since you are not lacking in means.

You have seven herds

with seven-score head of cattle in each one

\*, and seven ploughing teams\*.”

“Peasants and churls consume all that,” she replied.

“Even three herds will suffice to serve them with dairy food.”

“Bless the one who says so,” said Illand.

“My mind will rest the easier for this.

\*Now I will go to speak with them.”\*

Téiti iarum c(h)uco.

Feraid fáilti móir friu.

“Bennacht trá”, or Cano, “for cách don-ancamar.

Ro-íca Dia dar[ar] ceand, ór[e] nach ícfamne.”

“Cid as áil dúib?” or Illand.

“Athchuindgid ám ar cota(i)”.

“Dar mo chumachta-sa”, or Illand,

“nocho rega[e] asin lis-sa frit shægal do chuindchid bi[i]d

co ndigis i rrígi n-Alban.”

Téora bládna[i] dóib isin lis-sin  
cen teacht as aidche n-oígidechta.

No-bídís oc imbirt fithchilli cach dia;

Téann sé chucu ina dhiaidh sin

agus fearann failte mhór rompu.

“Beannacht \*, trá,\* ar an té a dtángamar chuige,” ar Cano.

“Íocfaidh Dia dár gcionn, mar ní íocfaidh sinne.”

“Cad is áil libh a dhéanamh?” ar Iollann.

“Dul \*arís\* ag iarraidh ár gcoda.”

“Dar mo chumhachtasa,” ar sé,

“le do shaol ní raghaidh tú as an lios seo ar lorg bídh

go dtéann tú i ríge Alban.”

Trí bliana a d’fhan siad sa lios sin  
gan teacht as i gcomhair aíochta aon oíche.

Bhíodh Cano agus Iollann ag imirt fichille gach lá.

\*Thereupon,\* Illand went to Cano and his people

and made them welcome.

“Bless the one to whom we have come,  
\*indeed,\* ” said Cano.

“May God reward him \*for us\* since we shall not be able to do so.”

“What is your wish?” asked Illand.

“To ask our keep, once more,” Cano replied.

“By my power,” Illand said,

“you shall not leave this enclosure to seek food as long as you live,

until you succeed to the kingdom of Scotland.”

For three years they remained in the enclosure without leaving for one night to find lodging elsewhere.

Cano and Illand used to play fidchell \*every day\*:

bad[ar] comthrén co nónai,

no-bered Cano cluithi na nóna for Illand.

“At-águr”, or Illand, “urchra forsin caill(e).”

Deithbir ón:

... na deich cúala ar .uui. fichtib matain ocus  
fescor isa tech.

Is ann as-bert Cano:

“Hi forbol  
feada fidruis ni glie:  
in fid nochon urcraba  
tusa for urchra bie.”

“Nocho tibar dom aire a fecht-sa”, or Illand.

Comh-thréan a bhídís go dtí an tráthnóna,

ach ansin bhuadh Cano cluiche an tráthnóna ar  
Iollann.

“Is eagal liom go dtiochfaidh ídiú ar an  
choill,” ar Iollann lá amháin.

Níorbh ionadh sin

is go dtugtaí isteach céad go leith de  
chuailleacha maidin agus faothain.

Ba ansin a dúirt Cano:

“An choill sin,  
ós leat is ionmhain,  
ní uirthese a thiocfaidh críonadh,  
ach is tú féin i dtús a sínfear.”

“Ní thabharfaidh mé aon aird air sin, \*ar an  
uair seo,\*” ar Iollann.

they would be evenly matched until evening

and then Cano would win the game.

“I am afraid,” said Illand, “of the destruction  
of the forest.”

This was reasonable.

A hundred and fifty loads of wood used to be  
fetched into the house every morning and  
evening.

\*It was then that\* Cano said:

“In the undergrowth,  
you cannot cut wood from the slope.  
The forest does not face its ruin,  
but your destruction soon shall be.”

“I shall take no heed, this time,” says Illand.

## Section 17

Tuc(h)t[h]a t(h)rá iar sin gé[i]ll fer n-Alban,  
nónbur gíall díb,  
co mbátar i tig Illaind  
fri h-inillius do Chano i rríge n-Alban,  
co fargobtha co hIllann.  
ocus co cend trí tráth ria ndul do Chano as  
nicon rabai fer fri 'roile do muintir Chano  
ocus Illainn re[e] ciana  
acht ag cóe ocus ag dograe,  
ocus lám cháich díb dar brágaid a chéile.  
“Maith, a Chono”, or Illann,  
“bam marb-sa ria cind bládna dart(h)’ éisi.

Ina dhiaidh sin tugadh ann gialla fear Alban.  
Naonúr acu a bhí ann,  
a tháinig go teach Iollainn  
in urrús ar cheart Chano do ríge Alban,  
agus fágadh ag Iollann iad.  
Ar feadh dhá lá roimh imeacht do Chano  
ní raibh aon bheirt de mhuintir Chano is  
Iollainn tamall ar bith le chéile  
gan éagnach is deora  
agus lámh gach duine acu thar bhráid a chéile.  
“Bíodh mar sin, a Chano,” ar Iollann,  
“beidh mise marbh roimh cheann na  
blíana tar éis d’imeachta.

Some time afterwards, hostages were brought  
from the men of Scotland.  
There were nine of them  
\*who came to Illand’s house\*  
as proof of protection for Cano for the  
kingship of Scotland  
and so Cano took his leave of Illand.  
For the space of three days before the time of  
Cano’s departure  
there was not one man alongside another from  
the people of Cano and Illand \*for any period  
of time\*  
who were not tearful and gloomy,  
with the arm of each man around the neck of  
his comrade.  
“Well now, Cano” Illand said,  
“I shall be dead within one year of your going.

For fóesam nDé duid-seo trá ria cind blíadna.”	<u>Maidir leat féin</u> , ar choimirce Dé go raibh tú roimh cheann na bliana.”	May God protect you then.”
Ruc im̄ Cano uadh - som	Thug Cano leis ó <u>Iollann</u> *, áfach,*	*Now* Cano brought away from <u>Illand</u>
.l. ech dubglas	caoga each dúghlas,	fifty dapple-grey horses,
ocus .l. coire n-umai	caoga coirí umha	fifty bronze cauldrons
ocus .l. araid merach.	agus caoga srian each.	and fifty fringed tunics.

## Section 18

A llá-sin a cind blíadna	Bliain ón lá sin	That day, one year later,
ro-marbsat a thuath fesin in n-Illand, .i. mac Conath ocus Cúán mac Sanaisi,	mharaigh lucht a thuaithe féin Iollann, mar bhí, mac Connaidh agus Cuan mac Sanaise,	Mac Conath and Cúán son of Sanais — men of his own county — slew *that* Illand
coná raba crand fri aroile do Dún Buíthe arna bárach.	agus níor fágadh aon dá chuaille de Dhún Buíthe le chéile arna bhárach.	and there was not one beam left standing against another *in Dún Buíthe* on the next day.
Isin ló-sin ro-baí curach fa Cuano nó Cano forsin fairrgi oc tafand	Ar an lá sin bhí Cano i gcurach ar an fharraige ag iascaireacht,	That same day Cano was out on the sea fishing from his boat,
íar ngabáil rígi (n)Alban.	agus é i ndiaidh rígue Alban a ghabháil cheana féin.	having succeeded to the kingship of Scotland.
Cél tuindi lais íarum .i. fis tuindi:	Fuair sé tuar toinne, is é sin fis toinne,	He had an omen in the form of a wave:

co n-aca in tuind dergruaid c(h)uici isin  
c(h)urach, i.e. fuil Illaind.

At-racht íarum

ocus ro-gab a boiss diaraili(u) co mbátar a  
sreba fola eistib,

ocus dixit:

“A mu Búach  
aiges in tond frisin mbrúach,  
Illann mac Scanláin do guin  
nibo célmainte inmain.

A mu Búach  
feras in tond frisin mbrúach,  
in mend ad-fét, ciaso scíth:  
Illand mac Scanláin ro-bíth.

A mo Búach  
do-t(h)o)ét in tond frisin mbrúach,  
dursan dúindi in scél garb:  
Illand mac Scanláin is marb.

ionas go bhfaca an tonn dearg-rua sa churach  
isteach chuige, fuil Iollainn.

D'éirigh sé ansin

agus ghread a dhá bhois ar a chéile go raibh  
srutha fola astu,

agus labhair sé:

“A Bhuach  
ar a gcaitear an tonn le bruach,  
Iollann mac Scanláin do ghoin,  
ní hé is comhartha ionmhain.

A Bhuach  
ar a scaiptear an tonn le bruach,  
is léir domsa i bhfad i gcéin  
Iollann mac Scanláin tá faon.

A Bhuach  
ar a dtig an tonn le bruach,  
brónach dúinne an scéal garbh,  
Iollann mac Scanláin is marbh.

he saw a dark red wave wash into the boat  
towards him — the blood of Illand.

\*Then\* Cano rose up

and wrung his hands \*together\* until a stream  
of blood flowed from them

and he said:

“O Buach Strand,  
against whose shore the wave drives,  
the death of Scanlán's son, Illand,  
was not a welcome omen.

O Buach Strand,  
against whose shore the wave pours,  
it is clearly told, though it is sad,  
Illand has been slain.

O Buach Strand,  
against whose shore the wave lands,  
sad to us the bitter news,  
Illand is now dead.

Ard a núall  
aiges im Choire dá Rúad;  
dirsann, a rí ruides gréin,  
manab i cé[i]n basu uadh.

Coire dá Rúad in roglas,  
aicde sruthaidi senbras,  
is mór bruitheas a chuithe  
genco bruithi aní berbas.

Ma con-measaind a muir múadh  
aiges im Choire dá Rúad,  
ricfad mo churchán, is (n)glé,  
co tir Corco Loíge.

A Chúán maic Sanaisi,  
abair[t?] seo is tairise  
basam dóig guin do chnis  
dá(i)g ind échta do-righnis.

A meic Condaid íar mBernas,  
gním do-rignis robo bras;  
foichli ócu al(l)a-don  
ma 'tc(h)onnarc guin Illadon.

Fir Érend ó thráig co tráig  
ro-scáig díb a n-imarbáig;  
ni fil and bas líach don dáil  
i n-dia(i)d Illaind maic Scannláin.

Ard an nuall  
a éiríonn as Coire Dhá Rua,  
dubhach, a Rí, a ghluaisceann grian,  
ní sámh domsa uайдh i gcéin.

Coire Dhá Rua an ró-ghlas,  
soitheach sruthach sean-bhras,  
is mór a bhruitheas a chlais  
cé nach bruite anní a bheirbheas.

Dá mba liomsa tiarnas na dtónn  
a scaipeann fán choire anonn,  
bhéarfadh mo churachán, is glé,  
go tir Chorca Laighe ó dheas mé.

A Chuain mhic Shanaise,  
feasta bí socair de,  
is rún dom goin do chnis  
toisc an éachta a rinnis.

A mhic Connaidh na sleá glas,  
do ghníomh rinnis go ró-phras,  
má chonaic tusa Iollann á ghoin  
fainic díoltas a chairde-sean.

Fir Éireann ó thrá go trá,  
tá deireadh lena n-iomarbhá;  
ní bheidh caill is mó dá ndáil  
i ndiaidh Iollainn mhic Scanláin.

Loud is the din  
that drives around the Coire da Rúad,  
O King who wields the sun, it is sad:  
not long have I been from him.

Coire da Rúad, dark, grey cauldron,  
a streaming, ancient, violent work,  
the great whirlpool that boils  
though it does not boil what it cooks.

If I had power over the mighty sea  
that drives about Coire da Rúad,  
my boat would reach — it is clear to me —  
the land of Corco Loígde.

Cúán son of Sanais,  
here is speech that you can trust:  
it is likely I shall pierce your breast  
for the crime that you have done.

Conath's son, from west Bernas,  
a savage deed you have done.  
Foreign warriors beware  
who, at Illand's death, were there.

Irishmen from shore to shore,  
their warlike spirit has fled.  
Who could grieve the assembly more,  
now Illand's son is dead.

Eass nGabra  
ima-rédhed mó r n-amra  
sescach Illaind ara-thá  
Eas nGabra ni imrega.

Dún mBaíthe,  
in tan ro-trebad Illand,  
ba tinech, ba tilcobach,  
ocus ba forad finddond.

A shneac[h]ta huaraidhi,  
i nDún Baíti nib[sa] sám;  
nibsa(d) Abdul, a fhir báin,  
for taib thaigi maic Scanlán.

Fri bui mo chairdeas do ar bru(i)  
nib in(in)main na fonanu  
fotan forsa n-dorchair dáib  
i tæb Illaind maic Scanlán.

Fo-dilfe gulban indiu  
is ed im aimercliu  
i ndún timchell[t]a na cúach  
as and ro-baí, a m[o] Búach.”

Eas Ghabhra  
fána siúladh slua amhra,  
a callach seasc cé go maireann,  
Eas Ghabhra ní fleicfidh Iollann.

Dún Baíthe  
faoi stiúrú Iollainn,  
ba saibhir i bhfeoil is i lionn,  
ba áitreabh laoch agus maighdean.

A shneachta na fuaire,  
i nDún Baíthe níor shámh duit,  
níor mhór do thábhacht, a fhir bháin,  
ar thaobh tí mhic Scanlán. . . ”

\* . . .  
Ní hionúin ná . . . a bheidh  
an áit ar thorchair dámh  
taobh le hIollann mac Scanlán.

Leanfaidh gol na mban inniu,  
scréach idir na fiacha,  
sa dún ina mbíodh na cuacha  
ag gabháil timeall, a Bhuach.\*

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Ess nGabra,  
a great marvel coursed there.  
Illand is under dry earth,  
where the waterfall cannot reach.

Dún mBaíthe,  
where Illand once resided,  
was a seat of bright nobles  
with wine and food well provided.

O freezing snow,  
you disliked Dún mBaíthe:  
you had no strength, man of white,  
beside the house of Illand.”

\* . . .  
Not dear nor . . . shall be the spot  
on which fell a band of followers  
beside Illand son of Scanlán.\*

The cries of women will endure today,  
a screech among the ravens,  
in the fort where drinking bowls  
were passed around, O Buach Strand.”

## Section 19

Do-lloatar leis trá íar sin Saxain ocus Bretain  
ocus fir Alban

co tarad láim dar Corco Loígi,

co romarbad leis mac Condaid ocus Cúán mac  
Sanaise cona fineochus.

Ocus ni t(h)ánic a c(h)rích Corco Loígi

cor fháca(i)b mac Illaind i n(d)-airdrígi[u]  
Corco Laígi,

ocus cor fháca(i)b Dún mBaíthi fo shláne  
amail fon-ráca(i)b i mbethaid Illaind

iter bú ocus damu ocus eecho ocus aitreb,

ocus co ruc gállu do Corco Loígi leis for  
inillius do mac Illaind sund.

Ina dhiaidh sin chuaigh Saxain is Breatanaigh  
is fir Alban in éineacht leis

gur ionsaigh sé Corca Laighe.

Maraíodh leis mac Connaidh agus Cuan mac  
Sanaise fána lucht fineachais,

agus ní tháinig sé as crích Chorca Laighe

gur chuir sé mac Iollainn in ardríge ann

agus gur fhág Dún Baithe cóirithe mar a bhí le  
linn beatha Iollainn,

idir bha is dhaimh is eich is áitreabh.

Thairis sin thug sé leis gialla de Chorca  
Laighe mar urrús do mhac Iollainn ann.

Then Saxons and Britons and Scots went with  
Cano

and conquered Corco Loígde.

Cano put the son of Conath, Cúán son of  
Sanais and their kindred to death.

Cano did not depart from Corco Loígde

until he had established the son of Illand as its  
over-king

and until he left Dún mBaíthe restored to its  
former state during the lifetime of Illand

as regards cattle, \*oxen,\* horses and  
dwellings.

He took hostages \*from Corco Loígde\* for the  
safety of the son of Illand.

## Section 20

Baí-seom i rígi[u] Alban íar sin.

Is and asbertad-som forcomhad:

“Cid dech do lindaib flatha?  
ebhair flaith lindai fualang;  
niba rí aran Érind  
mani toro coirm Chúaland.

Cormand Comuir Trí n-Usqi  
san can im Inber Fernai;  
nicon eisbius súg tairis(?)  
bertha do chormu[i]m Cearnai.

Cormand Cell Tíri Éle  
it é la Mumain merda,  
cormand Irlóchra arddad,  
cormand dorindi [Dairine, MS B] derga.

Coirm Chailli Gartan co llí  
dáltir for ríg Ciarraigí,  
is ed lind ind Érind áin  
a fera(i)t Goeidel arbáig.

Hi Cúil Tola do-foscai  
escra druimlethan daglaith,  
dáltir fledól for Luignib  
diamba folt crín samraíd.

Bhí sé i ríge Alban as sin amach,  
agus is san am sin a ba ghnáthach leis a rá. . . .

\*“Cé acu rogha na leannta flatha?  
ibhtear coirm ann, buile leanna.  
Ní bheidh sé ina rí rán ar Éirinn  
muna n-ólann sé coirm Chúalann.

Coirmeacha Chumair na dTrí nUisce  
anseo is ansiúd timpeall Inbher Fernai;  
níor ibheas sú níos fearr ná é  
... do choirm Chearna.

Coirmeacha ceall Thíre nÉile,  
is iad a chuireann Muimhnigh ar meisce;  
coirmeacha Irlóchra airde,  
coirmeacha dearga Dáirine.

Coirm gheal Coille Gartan,  
dáiltear í do rí Chiarraí;  
is é leann na hÉireann áin  
mar a théann na Gaeil i gcath.

I gCúl Tola, riarrann  
easca druim-leathan dea-laith;  
dáiltear carbhas i Luíne  
nuair atá duilleoga Shamhraidh críonta.

Cano then ruled over the kingdom of Scotland  
and it is then that he sang these verses:

“Where is the best of regal drinks?  
where beer is drunk, madness of liquor.  
Ireland will have no true king,  
unless he drink the ale of Cúalu.

\*The ales of Comur Trí n-Uisci  
here and there around Inber Fernai;  
I have drunk no juice transcending it  
... to the ale of Cernae.\*

The ales of the churches of Tír nÉle  
make the men of Munster merry:  
the ales of lofty Irlóchair,  
the red ales of Dáirine.

The sparkling ale of Caill Gartnan  
is poured for the king of Ciarraige:  
it is the ale of noble Ireland  
where the Gael make their battles.

In Cúil Tola a broad backed beaker  
pours forth with fine ale:  
it is poured for the men of Leinster  
When Summer leaves grow pale.

Hibeas cormand hi Cúlaib  
ní torm teglaig domeso  
for Findia robo sesta  
cormann Murthemne mesca.

Ebt(h)air im Loch Cúan cormand  
ibthair a cornu sirchu,  
a Maiginis la hUlltu  
fris(in)-gair comad ard ilchu.

La Dál Ríada cain-ebar  
im gaítho glasa gabtha  
lethdeog fri caindli sorcha,  
clisit curaid dáig abtha.

Cormand Saxon na seirbe  
san can im Inber in Ríg,  
im crích Cruithne im Gergin  
cormand derga amal fhín

A fhir, tidnaig a dig dó  
do mac Gartnán maic Áedo;  
nir an do Scí combo rí,  
tuc dó in dig at-roilli.

A fhir, tidnaig mo dig dam  
imme roíred mo chísel;  
ni fil, as-berad, is' tig  
bud comshuide dom-isig.

D'ibheas coirmeacha i gCúla,  
ní tuarascáil teaghlaigh é ar a bhfuil drochmheas.  
Ar Findia, ba bhuan iad,  
coirmeacha meisiciúla Muirtheimhne.

Ibhtear coirmeacha timpeall Loch Cúan,  
dáilter iad i nadharca corránacha;  
i Maighinis idir na hUltaigh,  
freagraíonn cuachín ard cheoil iolaigh.

I nDál Riata, ibhtear go líonmhar é  
... timpeall na ninbhear liatha,  
leath-deoch le coinnle geala,  
déanann curaidh cleasa ar mhaithe le ...

Is searbh iad coirmeacha Saxon  
timpeall Inbhear an Ríg;  
i gcríoch Chruithne timpeall Gergenn,  
tá coimeacha dearga amhail fion.

A fheara, tabhair a deoch dó  
do mhac Ghartnáin mhic Aodha;  
níor thréig sé Scí go raibh ina rí,  
tabhair dó an deoch a thuillean sé.

A fheara, tabhair mo deoch dom  
ar a bhfuil a chíos íoctha.  
Níl mo chómhaith de dhuine sa teach seo  
gur féidir dó teacht chun cainte liom.

I have drunk ales in Cúala,  
a household which should be famed.  
On Findia it was long-lasting,  
Muirthemne's exhilarating ale.

Ales around Loch Cúan are drunk,  
poured into sickle-shaped horns;  
at Maiginis among the Ulstermen,  
lofty ale answers chants of war.

\*In Dál Riada it is plentifully drunk  
... around the grey inlets,  
a half-drink by the light of bright candles,  
warriors perform feats for the sake of ...\*

The ales of the Saxons are bitter,  
who come from Inber in Ríg.  
Among the Picts of Gergenn,  
there are red ales like wine.

\*Men, give a drink to him,  
to the son of Gartnán son of Áed  
he abandoned not Skye until he was king,  
give him the drink he deserves.\*

Men, give my drink to me  
for which the tribute has been paid.  
There is no one in this house  
who may approach me as an equal.

Ní comshude dom-ánic  
nach iar nós crechta imrud  
ro-saig m'éolas diam thairind diruith  
ca dech do latha indimrud.”

cia.

Níor tháinig mo chómhaith nach ndéanaim  
ciapadh agus creachadh air de ghnáth.  
Síneann m'éolas féin tar eolas m'fhear  
cé acu rogha na leannta flatha.”\*

No equal has come forth,  
whom I do not harry with customary plundering.  
My knowledge extends before my men  
as to which of the regal ales are best.”

## Section 21

Aas and dí no-bídh a dál-som fri Créid: oc  
Inbiur Colpt[h]u a cind bládna.

No-bíd Colcu mac Marcáin i suidi[u] cach lái  
céid lóech.

Is and as-bered-si:

“Andar la fer bí a céin  
Inber Cind Bera is réid;  
tacair do neoch ni sela,  
is réid Inber Cind Beara.”

Oc Loch Créda (a)tuaid iṁ ro - dálsad fo -  
deo(i)d.

Téid-si fo thuaid ocus a llie lie;

do-t(ho)ét-som dí anair ina luing co 'mon-  
accai(b) dóib.

Lena linn sin bhí coinne socraithe aige le  
Créadh ag Inbhear Colptha i gceann bliana.

Gach lá áfach bhíodh Colgain mac Marcáin  
san áit sin le céad laoch.

Is é deireadh sise ansin:

“Dar le fear a bíos i gcéin  
Inbhear Cinnbheara is réidh,  
don té nár bhreathnaigh cheana  
is réidh Inbhear Cinnbheara.”

Ag Loch Créda sa tuaisceart \*áfach\* a rinne  
siad coinne fá dheireadh.

Chuaigh sise ó thuaidh agus an liag léi.

Tháinig seisean anoir ina long go dtí go raibh  
siad i radharc a chéile.

Now Cano used to make his tryst with Créd at  
the end of each year at Inber Colpthu.

Colcu son of Marcán would be there each day  
with a hundred warriors.

\*Then\* Créd said:

“Far away it seems to him,  
tranquil Inber Cinn Bera.  
He would be advised not to land;  
Inber Cinn Bera is tranquil.”

At last \*, however,\* Cano and Créd made  
their tryst at Loch Créda, in the North.

Créd went northwards with the stone in her  
possession

and Cano came from the east by boat until  
each had the other in sight.

Dan-airthet teora longa  
conid rubatar ocus co n-érlai ar éicin a lluing.  
  
Amail ad-c(h)ondairc-si a gnúis-seom,  
... co nderna brúar dia cind imon carraic  
ocus co rroímid in ligi foa téob-si.  
  
Marb-som dí i cind .ix. tráth íar tí(a)chtain  
sair.  
  
Scéla Cano maic Gartnáin ocus Crédi ingine  
Gúaire ann sin.

Finit.

Ansin, dhruid trí longa i ngar dó  
agus thug ionsái marfach air ionas gur ar éigin  
a d'éalaigh sé as an long.  
  
Nuair a chonaic sise a ghnúis san fharraige  
chaith sí í féin le faill, agus rinneadh bruar dá  
ceann ar charraig  
  
agus scoilteadh an liag faoina corp.  
  
Fuair seisean bás naoi lá ina dhiaidh tar éis  
pilleadh soir go hAlbain dó.  
  
Scéal Chano mhic Ghartnáin agus Chréidhe  
iníne Ghuaire ansin.

\**Finit.\**

Three ships overtook Cano.  
He was cut down and his ship barely escaped.  
  
When Créd saw the face of Cano  
she dashed her head against a rock  
  
and the stone shattered underneath her.  
  
Cano died nine days after he had come  
westwards.  
  
That is the story of Cano son of Gartnán and  
Créd daughter of Gúaire.

\**Finit.\**