

## The Ancients and the Call

### Glossary & Pronunciation Guide

Where possible, spellings are Old Irish.

Note: Names with \* are the author's invention.

(W) following the meaning denotes names that are Welsh in origin.

Letters ch (written phonetically as chk) are pronounced as in loch

<b>Names</b>	<b>Pronunciation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
Ah-Lahn*	ah-LAHN	Var. Alan, noble, rock
Alana	ah-LAN-ah	Dear child
Arán Bán*	rahn BAHN	White bread
Bleddyn	BLEHTH-in	Wolf (W)
Bríd	BREED	Var. Brigid
Brigantes	bre-GAN-tez	Pre-Roman Celtic tribe
Carwyn	KAHR-oo-in	Fair, blessed (W)
Cróga	KRO-guh	Brave, hardy
Dearbhla	DAR-vla	Daughter of the poet
Nhada-lihn*	nah-dah-LIN	Var. Nada
Óengus	O-en-gus	Singular strength
Riordan	REER-duhn	Royal poet
Róisín	roh-SHEEN	Little Rose
Siobhan	shiv-AWN	God is gracious
Tadhgan	TIE-guhn	Var. Tadhg, bard, poet

<b>Place Names</b>	<b>Pronunciation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
Cois Abhann	cush OW-enn	Riverside (village)
Éire	AY-(rhe)	Ireland
Tearmann	TAR-a-mun	Place of refuge (village)
Tír na n'Og	TEER-na-nog	Land of the Ever-Living
Ynys Môn	en-nis MOHN	Anglesey Island (Wales)

<b>Endearments</b>	<b>Pronunciation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
A chara, mo chara	a-CHKAR-uh	O friend, my friend
A chairde	a-CHKAR-dyeh	My friends
A ghrá	a-GHRAH	My love
A iníon mo chroí	a-IN-een mu-CHKREE	My darling daughter
Mo chroí	mu-CHKREE	My heart

<b>Terms</b>	<b>Pronunciation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
An Síoraí	un SHEE-uh-ree	The Eternal One
Bandruí	bahn-DREE	Druidess
Beannachtaí	BAN-achk-tee	Blessings
Ceann-druí	KYAHN-dree	Chief Druid
Druí	DREE	Druid
Féath Fíadha	fay FEE-a-duh	Mists of invisibility
Garda	GAHR-deh	Police
Seanchaí	SHAN-chkee	Storyteller
Taoiseach	TEE-shuchk	Chieftain

<b>Phrases</b>	<b>Pronunciation</b>	<b>Translation</b>
Beannachtaí duit	BAN-achk-tee-duhyt	Blessings to you
Céad míle fáilte	cayd-MEE-luh-FAL-tyuh	A hundred thousand welcomes
Cad a fheiceann tú...	CEH(r)-duh-EK-ehn-too, a-GHRAH?	What do you see, my love?
Feicim é freisin	FEH-kim-ay-FRESH-un	I see it, too
Go raibh maith agat	GUH-ruh-MAH-haht	Thank you
Slán abhaile	SLAHN-a-WILE-eh	May you go safely home
Tá grá agam duit	tah-GHRAH-ahm-duhyt	I love you
Táimid ag éirí níos láidre	TAH-mid-ag-AY-ree-nees-LAH-(dhr)	We are growing stronger