

## The Water and The Flame

### Glossary & Pronunciation Guide

Where possible, spellings are Old Irish.

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

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
Ciara	KEER-uh	Lovely dark features
Cormac	KOHR-mak	Son of the charioteer
Cróga	KRO-guh	Brave, hardy
Dearbhla	DAR-vla	Daughter of the poet
Finola	fih-NO-la	White shoulders
Gareth	GEHR-eth	Gentle, watchful
Gormlaith	GOORM-luh	Blue princess
Laoise	LEE-shuh	Radiant girl
Naimh	NEE-av	Luster, sheen
Óengus	O-en-gus	Singular strength
Riordan	REER-duhn	Royal poet
Róisín	roh-SHEEN	Little Rose
Saoirse	SER-shuh	Freedom, liberty

<b>Place Names</b>	<b>Pronunciation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
Éire	AY-(rhe)	Ireland
Inis Cealtra	IN-ish KALL-truh	Holy Island
Lough Derg	LOCHK-derg	Largest lake on Shannon
Lough Gur	LOCHK-gur	Lake in County Limerick

<b>Endearments</b>	<b>Pronunciation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
A chairde	a-CHKAR-dyeh	My friends
A chara	a-CHKAR-uh	O friend, my friend
A chara dhílis	a-CHKAR-uh YEE-lish	My faithful friend
A ghrá	a-GHRAH	My love
A pháistí	a-FAHSH-tee	My children
Buachaill cróga	BOOCKH-uhl KRO-guh	Brave boy
Mo chroí	mu-CHKREE	My heart
Mo mhuirnín	mu-WOOR-neen	My darling

<b>Terms</b>	<b>Pronunciation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
An Síoraí	un SHEE-uh-ree	The Eternal One
Bealtaine	bee-YOWL-tin-eh	Spring fire festival
Ceann-druí	KYAHN-dree	Chief Druid
Garda	GAHR-deh	Police
Lughnasa	LOO-nuh-suh	Fall harvest festival
Seanchaí	SHAN-chkee	Storyteller
<b>Phrases</b>	<b>Pronunciation</b>	<b>Translation</b>
Beir bua	beh(rh)-BOO-eh	Best of luck to you, literally: to be victorious
Céad míle fáilte	cayd-MEE-luh-FAL-tyuh	A hundred thousand welcomes
Ceart go leor	KERT-guh-lore	Okay
Céilí	KAY-lee	A uniquely Irish word for a big social gathering
Comhghairdeas	coe-VORE-dis	Congratulations!
Go hálainn	guh-HAH-luhn	Beautiful (or great!)
Go raibh maith agat	GUH-ruh-MAH-haht	Thank you
Go raibh míle maith agat	GUH-ruh-MEE-luh-MAH-hah-gut	Thank you very much
Le gach dea-ghuí	leh-GACKH-duh-GHEE	With all good wishes
Oíche mhaith	EE-uh-wah	Good night
Paisean	PA-shun	Passion
Sean nós	SHA-nohs	Old style, Irish a capella singing
Seisiún	SEH-shoon	Session (gathering of traditional Irish musicians)
Slán	SLAWN	Good-bye
Slán abhaile	SLAWN-a-WILE-eh	May you go safely home
Slainte	SLAWN-ti (as in pin)	Health, to your health
Tá fáilte romhat	tah-FAHL-tyuh-ROOT	You're welcome
Tá tú go hálainn	TAH-too-guh-HAH-luhn	You are beautiful
Tá tú go maith	TAH-too-guh-MAH	You're good (you're fine)
Teach na beannachta	TACHK nuh BAN-achk-teh	House of blessing