

incantation

based on traditional Gaelic charms
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The charm begins with a genealogy of Brigit, which should be whispered or muttered by all three singers in rough unison, in the rapid *sotto voce* manner of a Catholic woman murmuring prayers as she counts off her rosary beads. Singer S3 starts to sing as soon as the genealogy is finished (the pitch must be remembered during the whispering).

Chant:

Brigit daughter of Dugall the Brown
Son of Aodh son of Art son of Conn
Son of Criara son Cairbre son of Cas
Son of Cormac son of Cartach son of Conn.

Moderato $\text{♩} = 50$

S1 *mp* Bri-git. Bri-git. *poco f* Bri-git. Bri-git of the man-tles,

S2 *mp* Bri-git. Bri-git. Bri-git. *p* Bri - git.____

A *p* Bri-git,____ *mp* Bri-git. *p* Bri-git,____ *mp* Bri-git. *p* Bri-git,____ *mp* Bri-git. *p* Bri - git.____

5 *mf* Bri-git of the peat-heap, Bri-git of the twi-ning hair, Bri-git of the au-gury.

p Bri - git.____ *mf* Wo-man____ hel-per, Bri-git of the au-gury.

p Bri - git.____ *mf* Wo-man____ help - er,____ Bri - git.____

incantation 2

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Bri-git of the white feet, Bri-git of calm-ness, Bri-git of the white palms,
Bri-git of the white feet, Bri-git of calm-ness, Bri-git of the white palms,
Bri-git. Bri-git. twi-ning Bri-git,

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Bri-git of the kine. Bri-git wo-man com-rade, Bri-git of the peat heap,
Bri-git of the kine. Bri-git wo-man com-rade, Bri-git of the
wo-man help-er, Bri-git, Bri-git wo-man com-rade, Bri-git of the peat heap,

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Bri-git, wo-man help-er, Bri-git, wo-man mild. Bri-git. Bri-git.
peat heap, Bri-git, wo-man help-er, Bri-git. Bri-git. Bri-git,
Bri-git, wo-man help-er, Bri-git, wo-man mild. Bri-git, Bri-git. Bri-git, Bri-git.

incantation 3

20 *mp* warmly *mf*

Bri-git, own tress of Ma - ry, Bri-git, Nurse of Christ!

mp warmly *mf*

Bri-git, own tress of Ma - ry, Bri-git, Nurse of Christ! Each day and each

mp

wo-man mild, Bri-git, of the kine, Bri-git, of the au-gu-ry, Bri-git,

23 *f*

Each day I say the De-scent of Bri - git: I shall not be slain, —

f

night that I say the De-scent of Bri - git: I shall not be slain, —

mf *f*

own tress of Ma - ry, Bri - git, Bri - git: I shall not be slain,

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I shall not be woun-ded, I shall not be put in cell, I shall not be gashed.

I shall not be woun-ded, I shall not be put in cell, I shall not be gashed.

I shall not be woun - ded, I shall not be put in cell, I shall not be gashed.

incantation 4

29 *p* *mf*

Bri-git, Bri-git, Bri-git, Bri-git,

p *mf*

I shall not be torn in sun-der, I shall not be de-spoiled, I shall not be down - trod-den,

p *mf*

I shall not be torn in sun-der, I shall not be de-spoiled, I shall not be down - trod-den,

33 *f* *mp* *p*

I shall not be rent. Bri-git, Bri-git, Bri-git.

f *mp* *p*

I shall not be rent. Bri-git. Bri-git. Bri-git.

f *mp*

I shall not be rent. Bri-git. Bri-git.

37 *mp* *pp* sotto voce

Bri-git. Bri-git. Nor will Christ leave me for-got-ten.

p *mp* *pp* sotto voce

Bri-git. Bri-git. Bri-git. Nor will Christ leave me for-got-ten.

p *mp* *mp* *pp* sotto voce

Bri-git. Bri-git. Bri-git. Bri-git. Bri-git. Nor will Christ leave me for-got-ten.

incantation 5

41 *mf*

Nor sun shall burn me, Nor fire shall burn me, Nor beam shall burn me, Nor moon shall burn me.

mf

Nor sun shall burn me, Nor fire shall burn me, Nor beam shall burn me, Nor moon shall burn me.

mf

Nor beam shall burn me, Nor moon shall burn me.

45 *f*

Nor ri-ver shall drown me, Nor brine shall drown me, Nor flood shall drown me, Nor wa-ter shall drown me.

f

Nor ri-ver shall drown me, Nor brine shall drown me, Nor flood shall drown me, Nor wa-ter shall drown me.

f

Nor ri-ver shall drown me, Nor brine shall drown me, Nor flood shall drown me, Nor wa-ter shall drown me.

49 *f*

Night-mare shall not lie on me, Black sleep shall not lie

mp

Nor sun shall burn me, Nor fire shall burn me, Nor beam shall burn me,

mp

Nor sun shall burn me, Nor fire shall burn me, Nor beam shall burn me,

incantation 6

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on me, Spell - sleep shall not lie on me, Lu-aths luis shall not

Nor moon shall burn me. Nor ri-ver shall drown me, Nor brine shall drown me,

Nor moon shall burn me. Nor ri-ver shall drown me, Nor brine shall drown me,

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lie on me. Bri-git.

Nor flood shall drown me, Nor wa-ter shall drown me. My com-pan - ion is Bri-git.

Nor flood shall drown me, Nor wa-ter shall drown me. My com-pan-ion is Bri-git.

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Bri-git. Bri-git. Bri-git.

My com-pan - ion is Bri-git. Bri-git. Bri-git.

My com-pan-ion is Bri-git. Bri-git, Bri-git. Bri-git, Bri-git.