

## Born for War (The Rise of Brian Boru)

Cruachan

From Limerick the Vikings came  
To the village of the Dal gCais  
To rape to pillage and to maim  
With Viking sword and Viking axe.

So many lives were lost during this Viking raid  
Brian's father fought heroically but fell to a Viking blade  
A seed of hatred was planted, the promise of vengeance was stro  
ng  
"To the Northern invaders of Ireland, leave now! you do not bel  
ong"

Brian's brothers were not convinced  
They sued for peace at any cost  
And formed a pact with Ivar of Limerick  
This pact was flawed and would not last.

In the year of our lord - Nine hundred and Sixty Eight  
Brian led a raiding party to King Ivar's fortress gate  
Then fled towards a forest, Limerick Vikings took the bait  
They left the safety of Limerick, they could not foresee their  
fate.

Three hundred Dal gCais warriors  
Faced six hundred Viking men  
On the hillside known as Sulcoit  
Viking blood would flow again.

Brian's men were ready to unleash a surprise attack  
The Vikings were caught off guard, they desperately tried to fa  
ll bad  
The tangled forest confused them, their wall of shields did fai  
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A single Viking warrior was no match for a single Gael!

The fighting started late  
And lasted through the night  
The Dal gCais were victorious  
They killed Vikings with such spite!

Brian then went and sacked Limerick  
Though little fighting would ensue  
The Dal gCais warriors were relentless  
Behold the rise of Brian Boru!