

## The Red Branch

## The Lord Weird Slough Feg

When I was young and virile  
With witches I would run  
When Cathbad took my arm and said:  
"Don't stare into the sun, boy  
Don't stare into the sun  
The fire will burn your eyes boy  
Don't stare into the sun"

So I was bound upon the walls  
Inside the burial mound  
For three long days and three long nights  
I didn't see the sun, no  
I didn't see the sun  
The darkness cloaked my eyes  
And I couldn't see the sun

And then they lifted the stone  
And Cathbad rose from his throne  
A branch of red had stung the eyes of  
Heroes he had known  
A shaft of shimmering light  
That burned my eyes with its might  
Came piercing through the hole upon the roof  
At winter's height

And so the round hall took me in  
Warped warriors everyone  
A hero-harness worn by all  
We fought beneath the sun, yes  
We fought beneath the sun  
The fire burned our backs as we  
Fought beneath the sun

I soon decided to stride  
Across a river so wide  
To a hut upon the far shore of the  
King's own chosen bride  
She took me into her lair  
We rolled like thunder in there  
But after several visits the King's guards  
Became aware

They broke down the door  
And stepped in the room  
And found us together in her bed  
They chained me outside  
Before I could hide  
And told me the King would have my head  
I gathered my strength  
To pull at the chains  
And slowly the pole began to rise  
Up out of the ground, not even a sound  
I broke away fast as lightning

Now I run across the plains  
My fortune is my bane  
I've nowhere left to hide

I'm trembling inside  
I pray to Mother earth  
To offer me rebirth  
But bad tastes in my mouth  
Turn all my footsteps south  
Where Drones abuse her power  
And turn her soil sour  
Is where I have to go  
With Crom Cruach from below  
And Carnun from above  
I've wasted all for love  
But when the King is dead  
I'll go back to my tribe  
And claim my rightful bride