

# Brian Boru

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Music: Raven Banner by Peregrynne Windrider



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The King rears up and takes his sword Calls war - riors to his side



"The North-man who first sets foot a - shore Will be the first to die!"

They stood on the rocky Irish coast  
And watched the sea with wary eyes  
The first man to see the dragon prow  
Takes horse and warning cries.

But Northern hearts do not fear the blade  
And their victory lost but still they stand  
They call on the gods of the warrior north  
And die on Irish land.

The King rears up and takes his sword  
Calls warriors to his side  
"The Northman who first sets foot ashore  
Will be the first to die!"

But even the Northmen finally turn  
The dragons run to sea  
The King of the Irish, standing yet  
Has his own victory.

The northmen swarmed from the dragon ships  
Rich in steel and their banners bright  
The Irishmen formed around their King  
And, singing, they went to fight.

With hair as red as the setting sun  
Brian Boru tells warriors brave  
"I live and the way to the Irish crown  
Leads only to the grave.

The plain as red as the rising sun  
Both sides' blood stained the ground  
The Irish fought for their land and King  
And pulled the raven down.

Who'er may come across the sea  
Will find the Irish spear  
Held by men unafraid to die  
Who'll teach them how to fear."