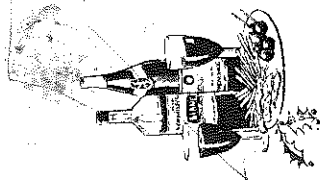


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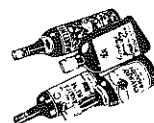
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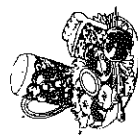


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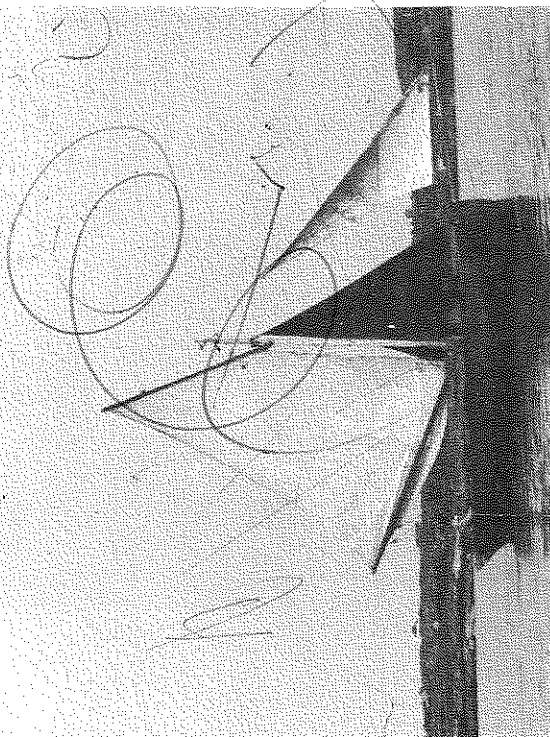
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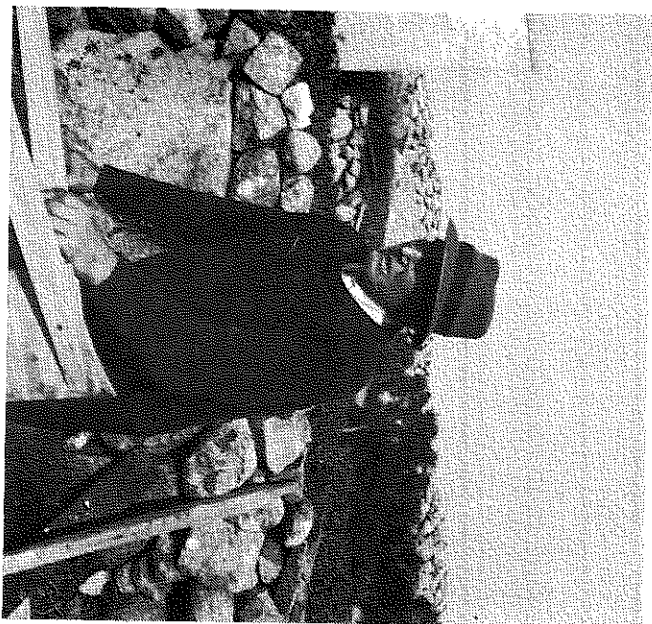
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Cóilín Seoighe, fear ceoil agus farraige . . .
 “Rí Inis Bearrachain”.

“Fan soicind go dtéigh mé fuithí 'n tosaigh”.
 Is gearr uainn ceol na maidí ráimha.



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An Cheathrú Rua,
 Conamara.

Aoút 1977.

Nous vous invitons cordialement à La Fête de Dóilín. Si vous étiez avec nous l'année dernière, nous sommes heureux que vous êtes retourné encore cette année. Si vous venez pour la première fois on espère que ce n'est pas la dernière fois. Dimanche le 14 ème Aoút à Dóilín sera la grande occasion encore: les raz de courant des bateaux à voiles et dex petites barques; sûrement un jour pour vous soulever le coeur que vous êtes au bord le la mer ou si vous prenez le mer. Sans mentir, c'étaient “les grandes raz du monde” l'année dernière parce que la foule assemblait de partout. La fête était un grand succès: tout était bien organisé et on pease que le soleil ne brillait aussi chaud auparavant. Nous avons l'intention surpasser même tout cele cette fois. Bien sur ce ne sera pas possible quoprés votre aide et votre appui. Que vous aiez le vic longue.

Ceux qui gouverneront les bateaux que Dieu renforce leurs mains au bout de la Rome et qu'il nous ramène sain et sauf sur la plage les héros de la grande mer.

Nous espérons que vous, chers estivants, vous souviendrez longtemps de cette jour a la Plage de Dóilín.

Que nous tous ellons sept mille jois mieux pour la fête de l'année prochain.

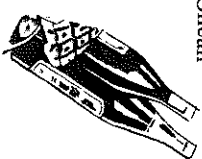
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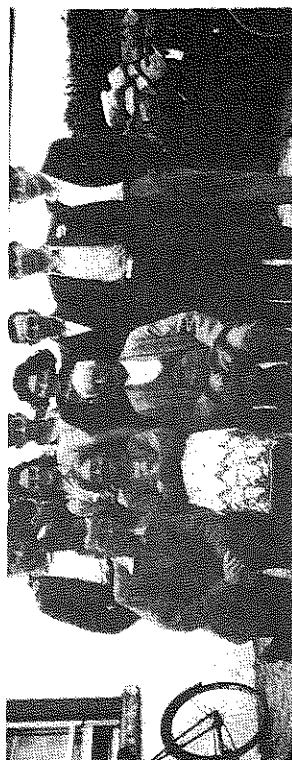
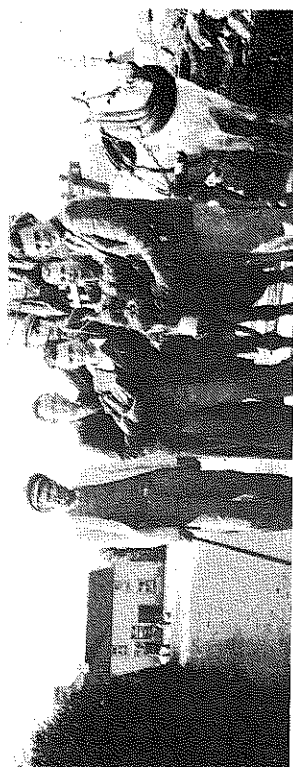
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MICÍ Ó FLATHARTHA

An Cheathrú Rua

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Stair Rásaí Currachai an Cheathrú Rua

Smaoineas an lá cheana agus mé ag féachaint uaim siar ar Chuan an Fhíir Mhóir gur iomaí maoim mhór a bhain suaitheadh as bás is as currach san gcuan sin ar feadh na mblianta. Go deimhin is iomaí máthair a thug a seacht míle malacht don fharraige céanna agus an aici le déanamh ach féachaint agus sciolladh ar an namhaid a sciob mac nó fiú clann iomlán mic uaithe. Le breathnú, ó thaobh na tireolaíochta de, ar an scéal níl aon iontas le déanamh den cheangal láidir a bhí idir na daoine agus an fharraige. Is iontachmmar sin féin mar a thug siad aghaidh ar an bhfarraige — san guerrach. Ní raibh aon amadantacht ag baint leis na daoine ag plé leis na currachai, bhí siad i ndán iad a láimhseáil go h-ealaíonta. Ach tar éis a ndíchill thug an fharraige feantach, fabhtai futhu. Bhí scil acu san fharraige, san aimsir, sna carraigeacha agus bhí láimhseáil na curraigh ar fheabhas acu. Cén t-iontas mar sin go raibh coimhlínt eatarthu — cé is túisce a cheanglóidh téad ag ceann céibhe agus is as an gcoimhlínt seo a tháinig na rásaí. Ní dhéanfaidh daoine dearmad go deo ar na geallta, na báid mhóra ag gearradh farraige agus a gcuid seolta chomh rite le drú a mbeadh mangach mór ar a dhuán. Ansin bhí na rásaí currachai — na fir mhóra bhreátha dolamánacha ag coimhlínt lena chéile agus go deimhin siad a bhí in ann.

Is deacair dáta a chuir le rásaí currachai mar cé go bhfuil mórchuid eolais le fáil fúthu is beag duine atá in ann dátaí a chuir leis. Bhí suim faoi leithgagaine sna rásaí a bhí thart faoi cheantar na Ceathrúin Ruaidhe. Tá muid cinnte go raibh a leithidí ar Loch a' Mhuilinn roimh 1932 ach san mbliain seo ba foireann as an Rinn, An Cheathrú Rua a thuggan lá leo. Ba iad siúd Máirtín Bhaibin Mac Donnacha (go ndéanfaidh Dia grástagair), Michael Grealish (Michael Phádraic Chóil) agus Joeín Phatch Sheán Dan Mac Donnacha. I 1933 agus 1934 chuaigh an duais don Trá Bháin. I 1935 ba iad Máirtín Chóilín Mac Donnacha, Michael Grealish agus Pádraicín Phatch Mac Donnacha a bhuaigh agus ba mhar a chéile an scéal i 1936. Tháinig athrú ar an scéal in ndiaidh na bliana 1936. Thosaigh daoine ag rá nach raibh an loch feiliúnach do rásaí currachai mar go raibh sí tanai agus contúirteach agus bhí daoine eile ag rá nach do loch ach don fharraige a déanadh an currach an chéad lá ariamh. Ar aon chuma aistríodh na rásaí go Caladh Thaidhg i 1943. Socraídh cúrsa an rása ó Chaladh Thaidhg timpeall ar chuáille an Mhaimín agus ar ais. Triúr de mhuintir an Oileáin Mhóir, An Cheathrú Rua ba túisce a chríochnaigh an cúrsa seo. B'iad siúd Johnny Mhicil Ó Cualáin agus a dhearthair Pádraic, a cailleadh ó shoin, go ndéana Diamgrásta air agus Máirtín Chóilín Mac Donnacha.

Bliain amháin eile, 1944, a mhair an rása i gCaladh Thaidhg. Trasna an chuain, don Trá Bháin mar gurbh iad Micil Choithinn (go ndéana Dia



An té a fhaigheann bua na ceirde, faigheann sé go leor di.

Tá sí déanta aige — Michaelleen Mháirtín Chóilín Mac Donnacha le “currach an Dóilín”, an chéad duais sa raifil.

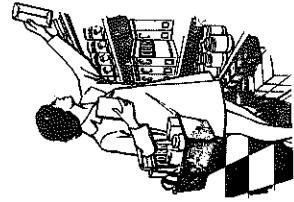


grásta air), Johnny Tamín Mac Donnacha agus Pádraic Bhaibín Liam Ó Cualaingab fhearr an lá sin. Bhí rásaí arháin eile san gCeathrú Rua ag Trá an Dóilín i 1958. Bhí rásaí báid mhóra ann an lá sin freisin agus ba iad Máirtín Tom Darba (go ndéana Dia grásta air) ba thúisce a thug bád thar buaidh. Foireann an Oileáin Mhoir, Mícheál Ó Cualáin, Máirtín Mac Donnacha agus Réamonn Mac Donnacha curai an lae sin. Athmhusclaíodh na rásaí anuraidh i 1976. Na Cualáin — Pádraic, Colm agus Mícheál a bhuaigh an rása sin. Gleoiteog Pheadair Uí Luam faoina stiúr féin agus Johnny Mimmy Mac Donnacha an t-aon ghleoiteog a chríochnaigh an cúrsa.

Dá dheacra dá raibh sé stair na rásaí a chuir le chéile (táim ag glacadh buíochais le Máirtín Mac Donnacha agus Tim Ó Maoláin a chabhraigh liom) is deacra fós réamhthuarisc a thabhairt ar stáid rásaí currachai amach anseo. Tarlóidh ceann den dá rud seo: beidh currachai á n-úsáid ar fud chósta thiar na hÉireann nó beidh ort dul go dtí an Iarsmalann Náisiúnta i mBaile Átha Cliath má tá fút currach a fheiceáil. In ár lámha féin atá an rogha.

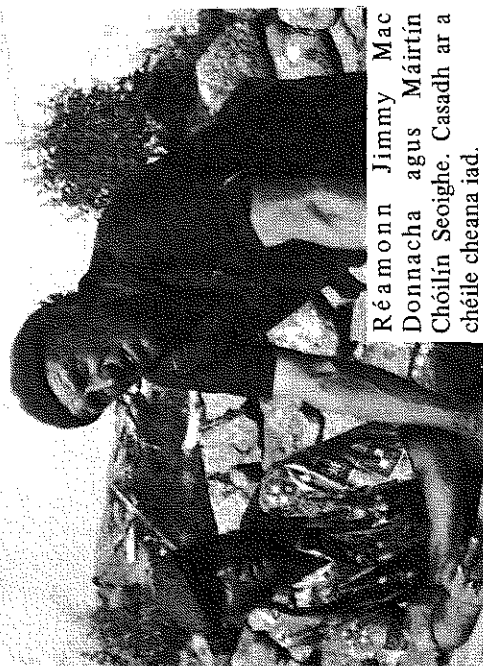
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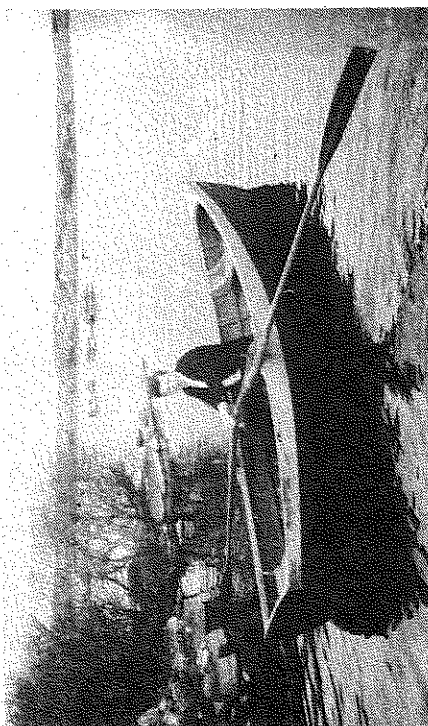
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An Cheathrú Rua.

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Réamonn Jimmy Mac
Donnacha agus Máirtín
Chóilín Seoighe. Casadh ar a
chéile cheana iad.

Beardla Ó Ráinne an-tsásta
leis féin ar Loch a' Mhuilinn.
Sé a bhronn cupán Pheadair
Uí Shé, agus £50 ar na
Cualáin anuraidh.



INTRODUCTION

Each nation has within its boundaries its own local communities and tribes with their own customs and idiosyncrasies. Each community has its own "supermen" who excel others in performing the work or sport of that particular community. In this case Ireland is no exception. Along the West coast of Ireland in past times the people possessed a great slice of the Irish culture. These people, who despite of great outside pressures, still hold on to their customs much to their credit. These customs, which are now unique, show a golden age of Irish life which is now lost to the majority of Irish citizens. People along the West coast found it impossible to sustain their families and themselves depending on the barren earth alone. Therefore they had to face the cruel wild Atlantic to obtain a small part of the wealth which it contained but so reluctantly gave. Generation after generation they faced the sea the only way that suited the natural conditions and surroundings sustaining high losses of human life. The craft they used was a small, rather frail, wooden frame covered with stretched canvas. The canvas was then tarred to waterproof it. John Millington Synge wrote in the *The Aran Islands* — "It gave me a moment of exquisite satisfaction to find myself moving away from civilisation in this rude canvas canoe of a model that has served primitive races since men first went to sea."

Considering that there were no harbours or quays, manmade or otherwise, the light craft that could be lifted out of the water and carried to safety on men's backs, proved practical. The once common sight of two or three men carrying their curragh at dusk after a day's work is now practically extinct.

The people used the curragh for transporting seaweeds from partly submerged reefs to the mainland to manure their crops. They also used the craft to fish for pollack and makerel and for travelling to nearby houses and villages that were mostly situated at or near narrow sea inlets. The people began to compete with each other to see who would have landed a load of seaweed first or who would be first to drop line at the fishing ground. This led to formal competition and it also led to the development of the curragh. People started to build a slimmer, sleeker and longer version of the curragh that was easier to propel and thus reached greater speed. Over the years two types of curragh, the working curragh (an currach oibre) which was broader and heavier than the racing curragh (an currach rasaí) developed. Teams began to perfect their own designs so not did the winning of a race depend on skill but also on the design of the curragh. Present day races are conducted using curraghs exactly the same therefore, winning depends entirely on the crew. To control a craft as light and narrow as the curragh demands

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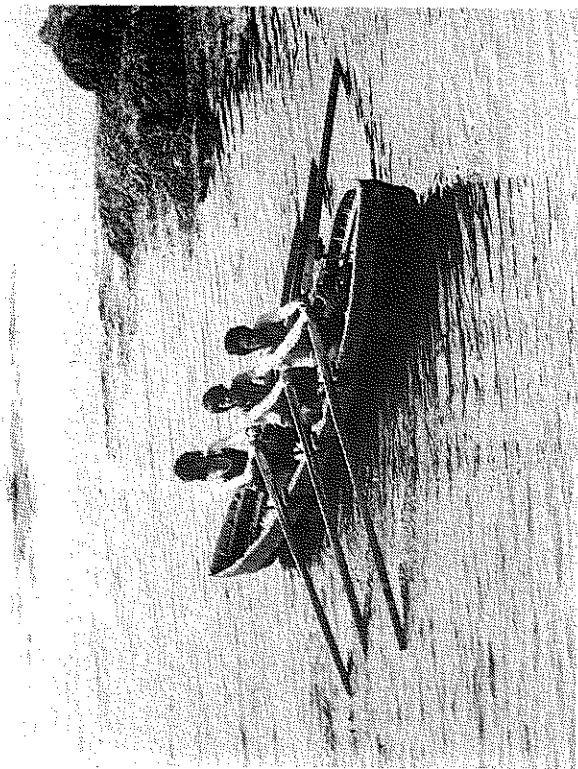
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great skill. For three men to control the same at high speed and under the stress of competition demands the perfection of skill, stamina and co-ordination.

We know that there were races on "Loch an Mhuilinn" (opposite Carraroe church) centuries ago. Because nobody regarded them as important enough or took the bother to record the proceedings it is impossible to separate fact from fiction. The first race that we could find written proof of was in 1932. The races continued on a yearly basis until 1936. In 1943 the event moved from the lake to "Caladh Thadhaig" — a nearby harbour because people thought that seawater was more favourable to curragh racing than fresh water. The race moved to Trá an Dóilín (The Coral Strand) in 1958. Hooker racing provided an exciting spectacle that day as well.

Over the years people from this region figured prominently in races at Leitir Móir, Cill Chiaráin, Uachtar Ard, Galway city, Killkee, Co. Clare, Skerries, Co. Dublin, Magharees, Co. Kerry and also in London and Boston. Last year (1976) curragh racing came to life once more in the Carraroe area. We look forward to reviving curragh racing at local and possibly national level.

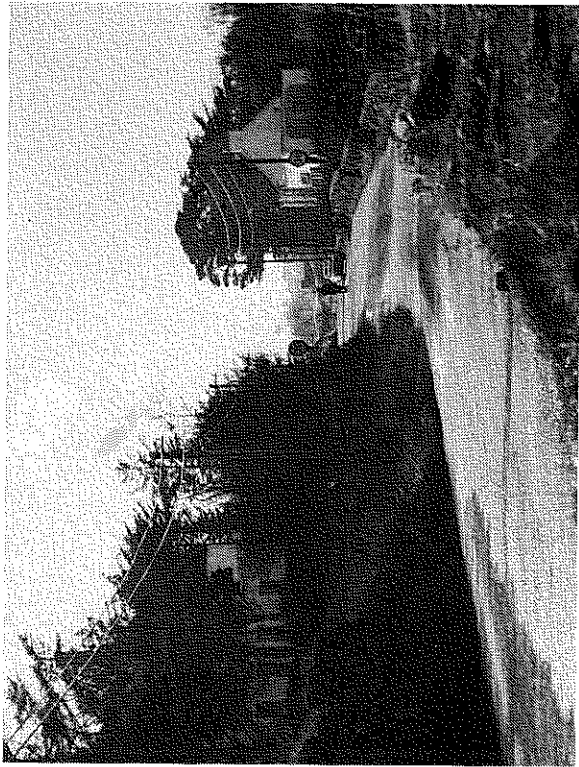
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Na Cualáin . . . Pádraig, Colm agus Mícheál a bhuaigh rása an Dóilín i 1976.

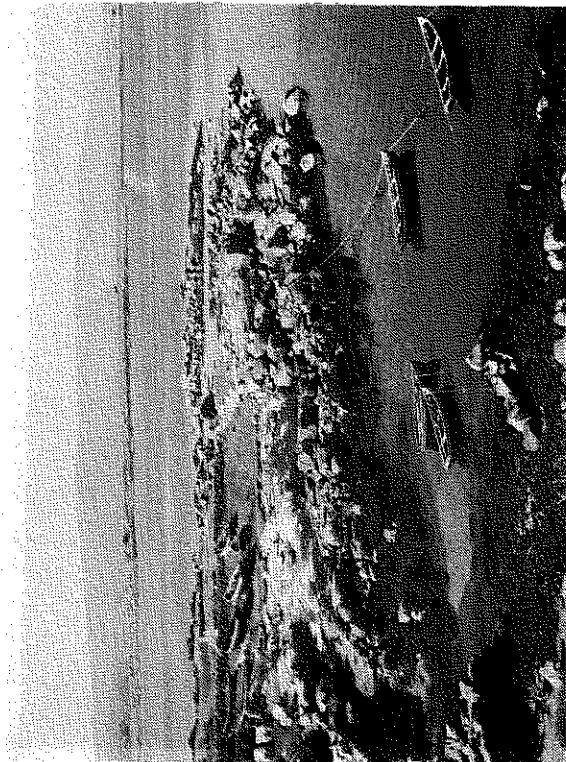


Brid Bn. Mhic Dhonnacha agus Cóilín Mac Donnacha, a bhuaigh an Rása fear agus bean sa Spidéal i 1976. Sa doras tá Mary, bean Jimmy an Oileáin, foscadh na bhFlaitheas dá anam.



An Cheathrú Rua inniu.

An chéad áit a chruthaigh Dia . . . “goil an ród ó Leitirmóir go hInis Barr a’ Chuain”.



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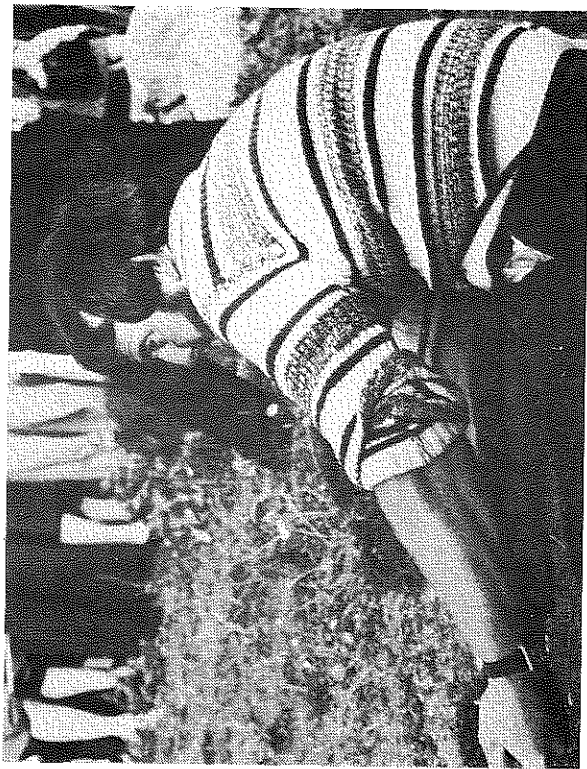
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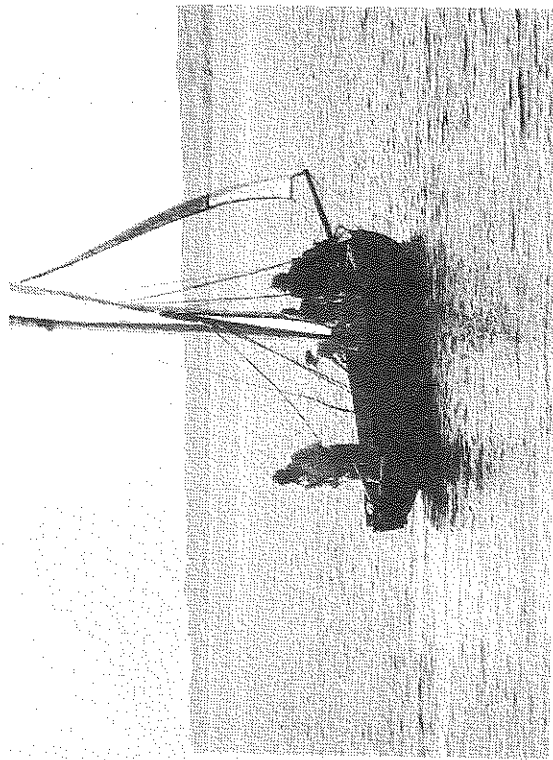
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"Hold the Wagon" . . . Níl fhios againn cén t-am é, ach tá strus air.

Tá dhá thaobh ar an mbád, ach ní i ngan fhios do Pheadar Ó Luain é.



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An Cheathrú Rua

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An Cheathrú Rua,
Conamara.
Lúnasa 1977.

A Chara,

Cuireann muid fáilte ó chroí romhat ag Féile an Dóilín. Seans maith go raibh tú linn anuraidh, má bhí tá áthas orainn thú a bheith ar ais arís i mbliana. Más é seo an chéad uair agat anseo, tá súil againn nach é an uair dheirneach é. Sé an Domhnach, 14ú Lúnasa an lá mór ar Thrá an Dóilín an bhliain seo, lá rásaí na gCurraichí agus na nGleótógaí, lá a chrochfas do chroí más ar an bhfarraige nó ar an talamh dhuit. Ní bréag ar bith “rásaí móra an domhain” a thabhairt ar na h-imeachtaí seo. Anuraidh tháinig daoine as gach áird ar fud na cruinne. D'éirigh thar barr leis an bhFéile an bhliain seo caite, bhí eagar as cuimse ar na h-imeachtaí, agus ní dóigh liom go raibh an oiread teasa ón ngrian ariamh cheana is a bhí an lá sin.

Tá fuinn barr feabhais a chur ar an bhFéile i mbliana. Ár ndóigh ní bheadh sé sin indéanta marach an chabhair agus an tacaíocht a fuair muid uabhse. Go mba fada buan sibh.

Dóibh siúd atá ag dul ar an bhfarraige go ndearthaigh Dia a láimh ag ceann an mhaide ráimha, agus go dtuga sé gaiscigh na farraige móire ar ais slán sábháilte ar an trá againn.

Tá súil againn, a chuiretoirí, gur fada an lá a bhéas cuimhne agaibhse ar an lá seo ag Trá an Dóilín, sa gCeathrú Rua. Go mba seacht míle fearr a bhéas muid uilig bliain ón am seo.

Sínithe,
Coiste Fhéile an Dóilín.



An tráchttaire: Mícheál Ó Flatharta.

Ón gCeathrú Rua go Ciarraí

Chuaigh mé féin, clann Mhic Dhonnacha, agus na Cualáin, dreachaireacha agus iomróirí ón gCeathrú Rua go dtí rásaí currach i Machairí, Co. Chiarraí ar an 19ú Meitheamh 1977.

D'fhág muid an Cheathrú Rua i mbus go moch ar maidin. Chuaigh muid trí chathair na Gaillimhe, stós go hInis, Co. Chláir agus thóig muid bóthar Chill Ruis go Cill Iomhair le dul trasna ar an Ferry go Tairbeart, Co. Chiarraí.

Thug muid an bóthar go Lios Tuathail orainn féin agus as sin go Trá Lí áit ar stop muid le haghaidh greim a ithe. Thóig muid an bóthar ard ó Thrá Lí go Daingean Uí Chúise, agus ar aghaidh go dtí na Machairí. Shroich muid ceann cursa ag a h-aon a chlog. Bhí deoch againn i dteach Spillane. Chuaigh muid go dtí an cheibh ansin, tuairim is míle ón teach ósta. Bhí neart currahaí ar an mbéal fútha ar na stáisi ann.

Thosaigh an chéad rás, agus seo ceann aon bhuille, ag leath-uair tar éis a dó. Sé Cóilín Mac Donnacha as an gCeathrú Rua a bhuaigh é.

Thosaigh rása dhá bhuille díreach ina dhiaidh agus is foireann ó na Machairí, Noel Cummins, agus Jackie Goodwin a fuair an chéad áit. Sa dara h-áit bhí an bheirt dhearthar, Seán agus Cóilín Mac Donnacha as an gCeathrú Rua.

Foireann ó na Machairí a bhuaigh an rás cheithre bhuille. Bhí Maidhc P. Ó Conola, as an Spidéal agus na triúr dreachaireacha, Seán, Seamus, agus Pádraig Ó Cuinn as Leitirmóir sa dara h-áit. Maidir leis an rás trí bhuille, bhuaigh na Machairí é sin chomh maith. Tháinig na triúr deartháireacha, Seán, Cóilín agus Peadar Mac Donnacha ón gCeathrú Rua isteach ina ndiaidh, agus siad na deartháireacha eile Mícheál, Colm agus Pádraig Ó Cualáin ón gCeathrú Rua a bhí sa tríú h-áit.

Rása meascaithe a bhí sa gceann deireanach agus siad Seán Mac Donnacha, Pádraig Ó Cualáin ón gCeathrú Rua, Seán Ó Cuinn ó Leitirmóir, agus Tomás de Brún ó na Machairí a tháinig isteach chun tosaigh. Chuir sin deire leis na rástaí.

Chuaigh muid ar ais go teach ósta Spillane. Bhí béile breá réitithe do suas le deich nduine fhichead de mhuintir na Gaillimhe. Lean an t-ól, an ceol, na h-amhráin agus an chraic go h-am dúnta. Chuir muid cursaí lóistín in ord ansin. Thóig gach teach beirt nó triúr againn saor in aisce. Chuaigh roinnt de mhuintir na Gaillimhe ag an damhsa.

Maidin lár na' mháireach chuamar ar ais chuig an teach ósta céanna le slán a fhágail acu féin agus a gcomharsain.

Thóig sé an lá ar fad orainn a theacht abhaile. Stopamar anseo is ansiúd ag breathnú uainn ar radharcanna áille, rún-diamhracha. Níorbh é seo an chéad uair ag muintir na Gaillimhe i gCiarraí, go mór-mhór ag clann Mhic Dhonnacha. Bhuaigh Réamonn Mac Donnacha an rás aon bhuille ann i 1974, rud a rinne a dheartháir Cóilín i mbliana. Ba i 1974



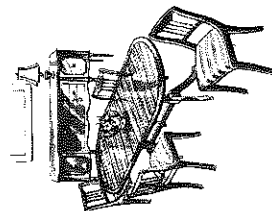
Insióinn chuile phictiúr a scéal féin.

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TOMAS BREATHNACH

An Cheathrú Rua



Búistéar, Siopadóir
Gas, Éadaí agus Troscaín



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Tá sé ar intinn againn dul ar ais go Ciarraí an chéad bhliain eile.

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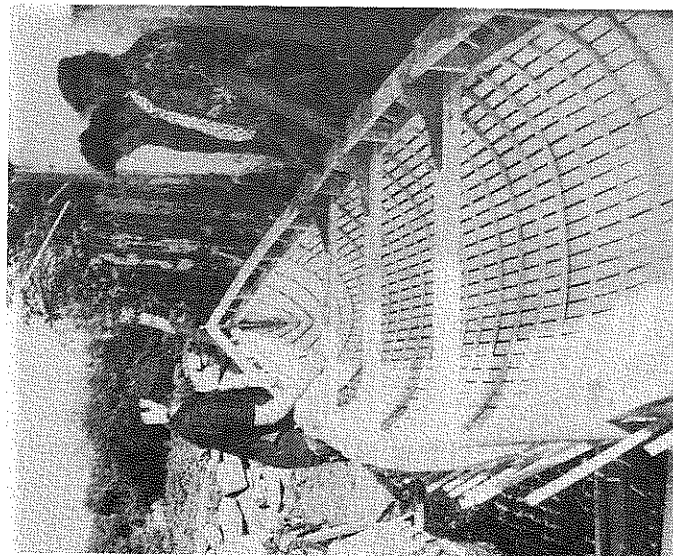
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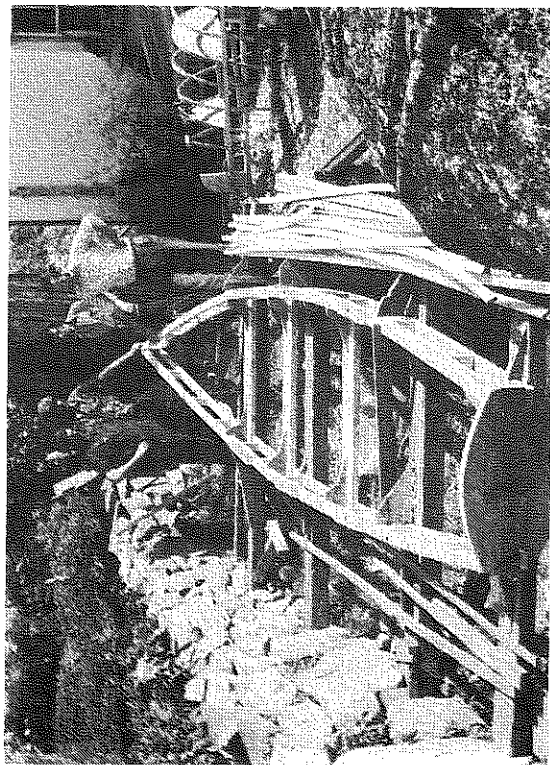
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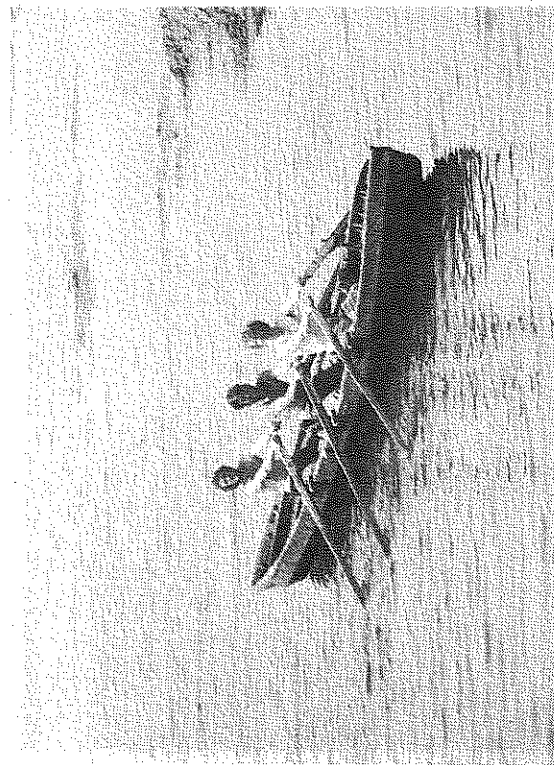


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D'fhág muid an Ceathrú Rua i mbus go moch ar maidin. Chuaigh muid trí chathair na Gaillimhe, stós go hInis, Co. Chláir agus thóg muid bóthar Chill Ruis go Cill Iomhair le dul trasna ar an Ferry go Tairbeart, Co. Chiarraí.

Thug muid an bóthar go Lios Tuathail orainn féin agus as sin go Trá Lí áit ar stop muid le haghaidh greim a ithe. Thóg muid an bóthar ard ó Trá Lí go Daingean Uí Chuise, agus ar aghaidh go dtí na Machairí. Shroich muid ceann cursa ag a h-aon a chlog. Bhí deoch againn i dteach Spillane. Chuaigh muid go dtí an cheibh ansin, tuairim is míle ón teach ósta. Bhí neart currahaí ar an mbéal fútha ar na stáisióin ann.

Thosaigh an chéad rás, agus seo ceann aon bhuille, ag leath-uair tar éis a dó. Sé Cóilín Mac Donnacha as an gCeathrú Rua a bhuaigh é.

Thosaigh rása dhá bhuille díreach ina dhiaidh agus is foireann ó na Machairí, Noel Cummins, agus Jackie Goodwin a fuair an chéad áit. Sa dara h-áit bhí an bheirt dhearthair, Seán agus Cóilín Mac Donnacha as an gCeathrú Rua.

Foireann ó na Machairí a bhuaigh an rás cheithre bhuille. Bhí Maidhc P. Ó Conaola, as an Spidéal agus na triúr dreathaireacha, Seán, Seamus, agus Pádraig Ó Cuinn as Leitrimóir sa dara h-áit. Maidir leis an rás trí bhuille, bhuaigh na Machairí é sin chomh maith. Tháinig na triúr dearthaireacha, Seán, Cóilín agus Peadar Mac Donnacha ón gCeathrú Rua isteach ina ndiaidh, agus siad na dearthaireacha eile Micheál, Colm agus Pádraig Ó Cualáin ón gCeathrú Rua a bhí sa tríú h-áit.

Rása measaithe a bhí sa gceann deireanach agus siad Seán Mac Donnacha, Pádraig Ó Cualáin ón gCeathrú Rua, Seán Ó Cuinn ó Leitrimóir, agus Tomás de Brún ó na Machairí a tháinig isteach chun tosaigh. Chuir sin deire leis na rátaí.

Chuaigh muid ar ais go teach ósta Spillane. Bhí béile breá réitithe do suas le deich nduine fhichead de mhuintir na Gaillimhe. Lean an t-ól, an ceol, na h-amhráin agus an chraic go h-am dúnta. Chuir muid cúrsaí lóistín in ord ansin. Thóg gach teach beirt nó triúr againn saor in aisce. Chuaigh roinnt de mhuintir na Gaillimhe ag an damhsa.

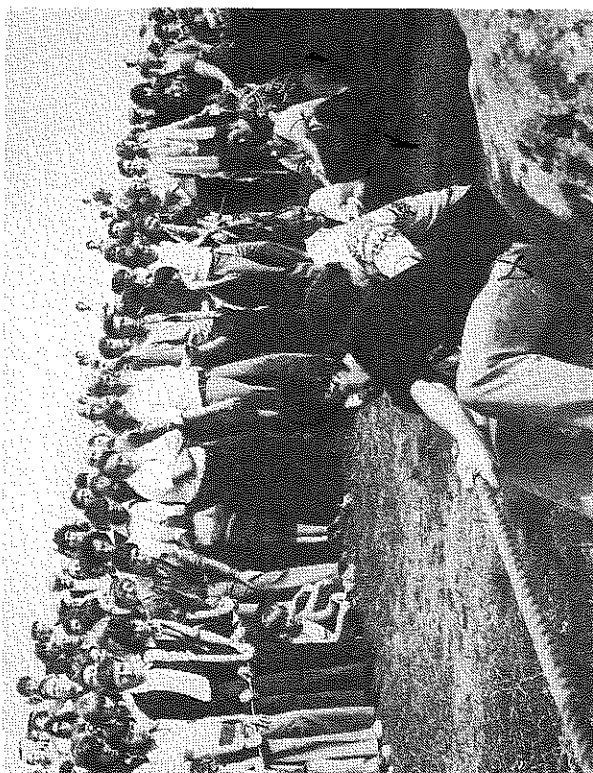
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Thóg sé an lá ar fad orainn a theacht abhaile. Stopamar anseo is ansiúd ag breathnú uainn ar radharcanna áille, rún-diamhracha. Níorbh é seo an chéad uair ag muintir na Gaillimhe i gCiarraí, go mór-mhór ag clann Mhic Dhone. Bhuaigh Réamonn Mac Donnacha an rás aon bhuille ann i 1974, rud a rinne a dhearthair Cóilín i mbliana. Ba i 1974



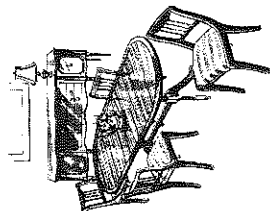
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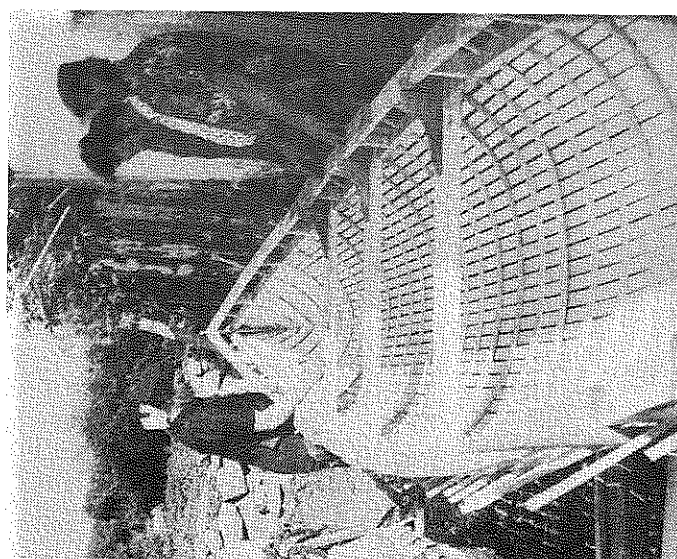


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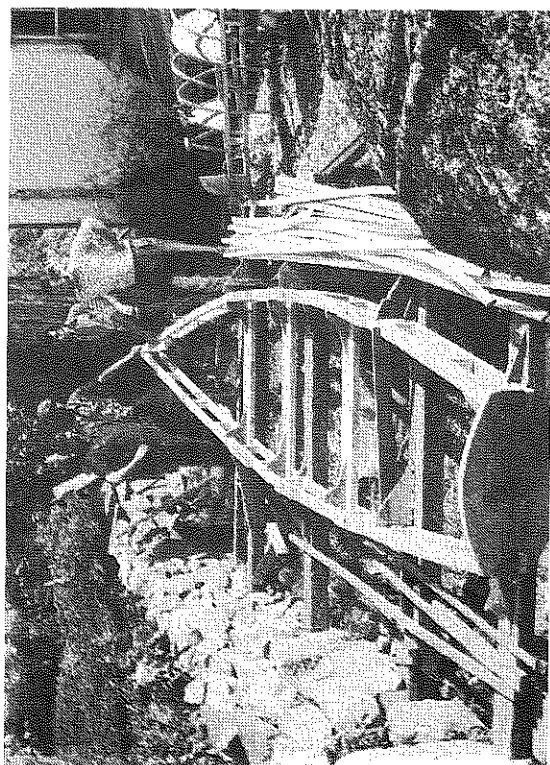
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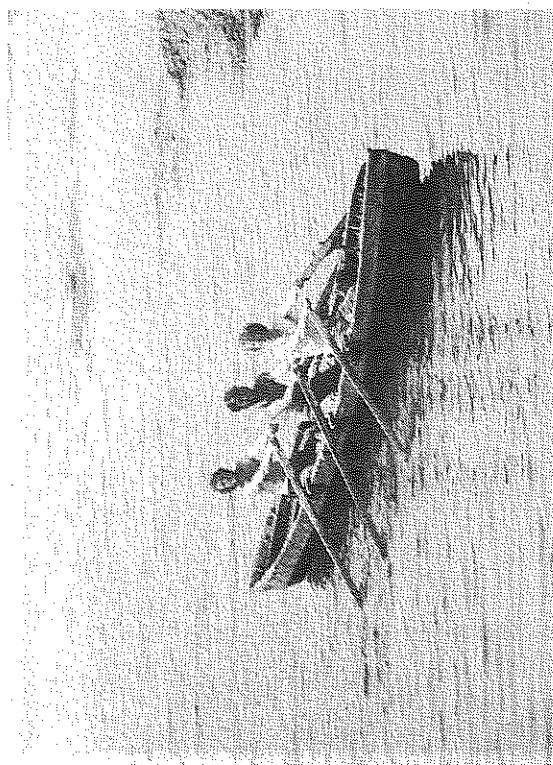


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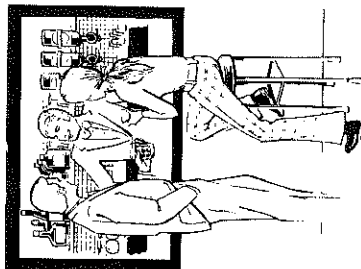
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Féile an Dóilín

Ins an domhan mór seo tá féilte go leor againn
nach rídheas an nós é ag óg agus aois
Ach sí Féile an Dóilín an Fhéile is óige
Tabhair nóiméad nó dhó dhom is molfaidh mé í.

A thrá an Dóilín molaim go deo thú,
Tá tú aoibhinn is álainn de ló agus d'óiche
Ní bréag é ná ráiteas gur tusa is áilne
Ó thug tú barr breacha ó thrannai an tír.

Más duine faoi bhrón tú glac le mo chomhairle,
Sí Féile an Dóilín a thóigfeas do chroí.
Ó feicfidh tú spóirt ann ag sean agus óg ann
beidh coimhlint go leor ann ar mhuir is ar thír.

Feicfidh tú geallta ag currach is ag bád ann
Cé déarfadh nach álainn an radharc iad ag teacht,
Níl ceol ann níos breátha ná ceol maide ráimha
Sna tonnachraí ag ardú is ag briseadh as do chionn.

Tá radharcanna álainn le fáil as an áit seo
Ó shléibhte thiar Chonnacht go hÁrainn na Naomh,
Siúl cois na trá síos tá saibhneas in ndán dhuit
Níl áit mar an áit seo is an ghrian ag dul faoi.

Más duine thú a déarfás go bhfuilimse bréagach
Bí ann ag an bhFéile agus breathnaigh go grinn
Ó Cloisfidh tú véarsa, ceol agus scéal ann
Ag cur lena chéile ag Féile an Dóilín.

Véarsa 2 arís.

Tomás Mac Eoin



Ce h-iad

