

Bell of Bronách

Melody: traditional, Words: Siubhán Ó Dubháin

Oh I heard the bell of Bronách ringing out o'er all the land
And it rang song of freedom and of peace for every man
And it called the saints of Heaven and the great angelic band
As they blessed the bell of Bronách ringing forth throughout the land

In a valley neath the mountains blessed Bronách heard the call
And the women of the countryside they answered one and all
And they built a house of prayer where the gentle stream began
And the blessed bell of Bronách sounded forth throughout the land

Then the Holy House was pillaged by a plundering Viking horde
And they threatened blessed Bronách with the fire and with the sword
But she gained immortal glory with the saints of God on high
And the men who worshipped Odin heard the Bell as Bronách died

Then the savage Viking chieftain put his sword into the ground
And his pagan heart was softened when he heard the glorious sound
As it rang a song of freedom and of peace for every man
And the blessed bell of Bronách rang again throughout the land