

Hedyn

*(I ateb y cwestiwn,
sut y gallwn berchen gwreiddiau mewn dwy wlad ?)*

Hedyn wyf o wlad bell
wedi ei lyncu gan aderyn treigl
wedi ei gludo dros y môr gan wennol
Disgynnodd ar dir newydd ei aredig
a thafllu gwreiddiau

Glaswelltyn wyf ar borfa las
Wedi fy mhlygu gan garn defaid
Wedi fy nghnoi gan ddant bustach
Tyfais yn gnawd byw
Tyfais yn rhan o Gymru

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A Seed

*(to answer the question,
how could I have roots in two countries ?)*

I am a seed from a distant land
Devoured by a wandering bird
Taken over the sea by a swallow
It descended on newly ploughed earth
And threw out roots

I am a blade of grass on green pasture
Bent under sheeps' hooves
Chewed by a bullock's teeth
I grew into living flesh
I grew to be part of Wales.

*translated from the Welsh
by Grahame Davies*

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