in claiming that the theory that the Indo-European conquerors borrowed customs from their pre-Celtic predecessors has no basis in his view.

References


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Children of Ireland

While watching children's soccer in America one day

I noticed all the care and food and stuff pushed their way

At half-time, half an orange, at quarter time, a drink

then more food and fruit juice

it made me think

of days I used to hurtle through the fields of summer

chasing hurling balls and footballs

how I dashed a handball against the side of some old barn, at noontime, with Jim, had a great swing to my arm

I don't remember, ever, sucking on an orange and as for drinking fruit juice?

Well, we'd cut across the fields for milk

swinging an old can

had it filled each day, drinking as we ran

Were often chased by cattle

Irish ones are wild

unlike tame beef bovines

sleepy-eyed and mild.

Sometimes, of course, we'd race inside and turning on the tap

would hop from foot to foot while we waiting for the cup

to fill, which, with a gulp was dry

then we'd dash outside

drops falling through the air

to catch the flying, windswept air about us and race away

and never look behind us as we ran.

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