

## II. By loving the One \_\_\_\_\_

(v. 15-17)

**Roptúrobaille**, a O'noimíu críde  
ní ní nech aile adht fí secht níme.

Roptúro scrútaini i ló'sín-aidhne;  
roptú ad-chéar im chotlud caidche.

Bethou my vision, O Lord of my heart  
None other is sought but the King of the  
seven heavens. Bethou my meditation  
by day and night. May it be thou that I  
behold even in my sleep.

Bethou my father, be I thy son.  
Mayst thou be mine, may I be thine.

Bethou my battle-shield, be thou my  
sword. Bethou my dignity, be thou my  
delight. Bethou my shelter, be thou my  
stronghold. Mayst thou raise me up to  
the company of the angels.

Bethou solely chief love of my heart.  
Let there be none other, O high King of  
Heaven. Till I am able to pass into thy  
hands. My treasure, my beloved through  
the greatness of thy love.

Bethou alone my noble and wondrous  
estate. I seek not man nor lifeless  
wealth. Bethou the constant guardian  
of every possession and every life.  
For our corrupt desires are dead at the  
mere sight of thee.

Thy love in my soul and in my heart --  
Grant this to me, O King of the seven  
heavens, O King of the seven heavens  
grant me this -- Thy love to be in my  
heart and in my soul.

With the King of all, with him after  
victory won by piety. May I be in the  
kingdom of heaven. O brightness of the  
son. Beloved Father, hear, hear my  
lamentations. Truly is the cry of woe of  
this miserable wretch.

O heart of my heart, whatever befall  
me, O ruler of all, be thou my vision.

(Below) The ruins of Slane, Irish town where the tune  
"Slane" (for Be Thou My Vision) was written and united to  
the poem in 1919.



**Going Deeper** (For individual or small groups to think and discuss the passage)

1. Where do you see the message of the poem and hymn Be Thou My Vision intersecting with the truths in 1 John 2:12-17? What gems from each stick out to you?
2. Discuss the relationship of physical and spiritual blindness and physical and spiritual sight. Where do you find irony and correlations between the two? Where is God pointing out your blindness?
3. What "bumper sticker" sized truths do you need to tightly grip, claim and make your battle cry as in vv. 12-14?

## UNBLINDED BY THE LIGHT

1 JOHN 2:12-17

### Celtic Christian History for St Patrick's Day

St Dallán Frogaill (c.530-590) a monk and poet whose name means "little blind one". He composed the Elegy of Columba and "Rop Tu Mo Baile". He was martyred by pirates at the island monastery of Iniskeel.



"<sup>12</sup>I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake. <sup>13</sup>I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. ... <sup>15</sup>Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ... <sup>17</sup>And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever." (1John 2:12-17 ESV)

I. By \_\_\_\_\_ what is written about us (v12-14)

