

Invocation to Saint Bridget

Vocal Duet

Manx Folk Song
arr. Frank Woolley

Collected by Mona Douglas from Mrs Bridson, Glen Maye
Additional verse by Greg Joughin & Julie Matthews

Dedicated to Cristl & Anna

Traditionally sung on Oie'll Vreeshey [St Bridget's Eve – 31st January],
this Manx Gaelic song marks the start of spring and invites the Celtic
Saint [known as Breeshey in the Isle of Man] to visit their home,
bringing good luck for the year ahead.

Breeshey, Breeshey...

Come to my home tonight. ...

Oh, open the door to Breeshey,

And let Breeshey come in...

Come to my home tonight.

Blessings on me and my family,

Health, peace and good fortune...

Oh, open the door to Breeshey,

And let Breeshey come in...

Come to my home tonight.

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(Arrane y Ben Thie or Clean Suggane)

Manx trad.
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Andante ♩ = 44

p *mp* *mp*

Ped. *Ped.* *Ped.*

5

1. Vreesh - ey, Vreesh-ey, targys my hie, tar__ gys y
2. Ban - nee or-rym as er my lught-thie, slaynt as shee as

mp *mp*

Ped. *Ped. simile*

10

thie aym nocht. Vreesh - ey, tar o tar__ gys y thie aym nocht. O
son-nys vie.

mf *mp* *mf* *mp*

15

fosh - il jee yn dor-rys da Breesh-ey, as lhig da Breesh-ey cheet___ stiagh.

19

Vreesh - ey,
Vreesh-ey tar___ oo gys y thie aym noght.

23

1. 2. mf

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Ped. *Ped.*

27

fosh - il jee yn dor-rys da Breesh-ey, as lhig da Breesh-ey cheet___ stiagh.

31

Vreesh-ey, Vreesh-ey, tar oo gys y thie aym nocht.

Ped. _____

36

Tar___ oo gys y thie aym nocht.

Poco piu lento rall.

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Ped. simile