



daróg

n., Irish, meaning 'little oak'

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hello, little oak

cén chaoi a bhfuil tú?

(what way is it that you are?)

we grow, little oak, *ón luaithreach*

from the ashes of our past selves



'waves', acrylic on canvas



we have lived and died, been created and forgotten /
the sludge of human impact smothers the bones /
it was all natural once.



tá brón orm, little oak

I stumble on the words

my ancestors took what did not belong to them

and abandoned the song of their home





the fire is coming closer, little oak

and it is starving

loisg siad mo bhaile go talamh

am I to celebrate

when they burn homes half a world away?

A digital photograph of a swampy area. In the foreground, there is a dense layer of water with floating green lily pads and brown pine needles. To the left, tall, thin green grasses stand upright. To the right, a complex network of brown, gnarled tree roots hangs down from the top of the frame. The background is dark and out of focus.

we are memories, little oak

drúcht na maidine

shining in the dawn

one day I will become mist in the golden light, too

and you, daróg, will hold my memory

long after I am gone



Saturated. Fallen. Perfect. It seems time has taken your youth and your life - and yet, you remain. Life beyond death, habitat beyond destruction. Are we to savor the bittersweet taste of knowing, and of not knowing, what is to come?

Editor's note:

THANK YOU for reading our zine; it means a lot to us both that we have so many supportive friends out there. We're excited to challenge ourselves each month to create new chapters of this visual storytelling experiment, and we can't wait to share those too. For this month's issue, image descriptions and translations for each piece will be posted in The Bulletin in the coming weeks. We appreciate your patience as we make our site and work more accessible.

Go raibh maith agat!

