

THE SORROW OF MANANNAN.

THERE were three great sorrows in Eiré once in the days that are buried deep beneath the stones of forgetfulness: and mighty sorrows were these, and men and maidens wept for them: but my tale is of a sorrow older yet, and yet that is not wept for: and its name is the Sorrow of Manannan.

They made feast together in the highest hall of Tara: Eterscél, the King, gray with many victories: Conall Collamair, his son: and the Ard Righ of Eiré, who had that day plighted troth to Conall's only daughter, Tuag of the Yellow Hair. There was ringing of harps and tympanes, and the sound of a voice singing of old battles, and great deeds done by the King Eterscél, and the High King Feargus, and Conall, their kinsman, and Cu, King of the Clan Colla, who sat at the left hand of Feargus the Ard-Righ, as he might by right of his