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Medieval Welsh Poetry

Some groups of poets and genres of poetry stood completely outside that tradition. After the Milesians defeated the Tuatha De Danann, Eber Finn and Eremon asked Amairgin to judge who should be king of Ireland. In his final illness he took the habit of and died in , where he was buried in the Brothers' Court.

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But the storytelling tradition was basically oral, and only a few remnants suggest the wealth of that tradition.

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But it was in private poetic bouts with fellow poets that the satire tradition flourished.

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In the Middle Ages Welsh was used for all sorts of purposes and this is reflected in the type of prose materials that has survived from this period: original material and translations, tales and facts, religious and legal, history and medicine. Women seem to be totally excluded from the Welsh poetic guild, or Order of bards.

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Users without a subscription are not able to see the full content on this page. Bardic activity in Wales is conventionally divided into three main periods marked by the key dates of 1066, when Norman settlers colonized much of south and east Wales, and 1282, when Edward I conquered north Wales and brought the whole of Wales under English administration. Sencha appeared frequently in many Irish tales.

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