

Listen to Each Cornish Name

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Speak it trippingly on the tongue
Mark how from the past it came
Down the years since the world was young:
Tywarnhayle , Trevaylor, Treave
Tregonebris and Trekeive.

Hear the ripple as they flow
Sweet as bells from a Cornish tower
A carillon of long ago.
Tremenheere and Chyandour
Or the soft drift of an evening hymn -
Dunheved, Deveron, Dunmere, Drym.

There is a song the north wind knows
Down the long years since Time began
It's organ symphony swell and grows
With the ancient words of Celtic Man
When days are cold and nights are black
Boscadjack, Kenidjack, Halabezack
Hanterganlick, Balmyynheire
Angwinjack, Gustiveot.

Remembered chords of a Celtic air
Smooth flowing as Fowey or Fal
The west wind sings to the homesteads there
At Chyangwens and Chynhale;
Boswedden, Nanjulian, Ponsandane
Answer still to the old refrain.

An age-old tune the south west plays
Falling pleasantly on the ear
Hear it's melody at Bostraze
Bosorne, Boskenna, Mellandor
Bosporthemnis , Menabilly
Praise-an-Beeble and Roskilly.

The south wind sings a gentle tune
Bringing the sound of a summer sea,
Singing at Gillan, and Gyllingdune
Stirring the heath at St Hillary
Playing in the young elm leaves
And Barloweneth's ancient eaves.