

Celtic Folk

"Oidhche Mhath Leibh"

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This is a very well known song, and is usually sung at the end of traditional ceilidhs. We even had a rendition of it last weekend in London at the ceilidh there! it is called Oidhche mhath leibh, which translates to "Goodnight to you" Although the song loses a lot in translation, the English words are stirring nonetheless.

Se\ist/Chorus

Soraidh leibh is oidhche mhath leibh,
Oidhche mhath leibh 's beannachd leibh;
Guidheim sla\inte ghna\th bhith mar ribh,
Oidhche mhath leibh 's beannachd leibh.

Translation:

Farewell and goodnight to you,
Goodnight and blessings upon you;
let me wish health always to be with you,
Goodnight to you and blessings upon you.

Rann/Verse

Chan eil inneal ciu\il a ghleusar
Dhu\isgeas smuain mo chle\ibh gu aoibh
Mar ni\ duan o bheo\il nan caileag,
Oidhche mhath leibh 's beannachd leibh.

Translation:

There is not a musical instrument that is played
Which awakens the thoughts of my heart to joy
As does a song from the lips of the lassies,
Goodnight and blessings upon you.
There's another 5 verses, but I don't have translations for them !

Craig

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