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“CYDULOCA” “THE FAYREY BRIDGE” (1954)

Do I believe in the fayries at the Ballaglonney Bridge?
Fancy askin' me that! Why, its been the privilege
Of all Manx folks an' others, since a long, long while ago
To pay respec' to the “lil' people”, as they're passin' to an' fro.

I'm wondherin' if Manx fayries would aver understan'
Such Inglified sayin's lek “Good night little man.”
For such “Oie vie, deiney beg” or even “fastyr mie,”
Would be boun' to bring good luck to any passer by.

Of coorse, their's some who say that fayries are not in,
Scholars an' Scientifikers, an' all such other kin.
Aw boghtnidd! Theer was fayries theer before the lek was born,
With their revels an' their dances from twilight on to dawn.

An' me mawther, when a gel, had seen one in Glen Maye,
An' she hel' on to that tale up to her dyin' day.
Are they aver seen at present? Jus by the favoured few.
An' at the Crossin' nex' time, that might perhaps be you.

CYDULOCA.

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