

Gate Opening Prayer

The Fire Tender throws incense on the fire and says:

From tearing ocean into welcoming bay,
Come homeward, Sailor, on silver keel.
Cross beacon-guided the shattering shoal,
and gently come

All:

and joyful stay.

The Fire Tender pushes her hands outwards in an opening gesture, saying:

Á Mhanannán, open the way!

All:

Open the way!

The Fire Tender throws incense on the fire and says:

From tearing ocean into welcoming bay,
past guardian jetty guide your boat,
and tie its rope to pillared pier,
and gently come

All:

and joyful stay.

The Fire Tender throws incense on the fire and says:

A Mhanannán, open the way!

All:

Open the way!

The Fire Tender throws incense on the fire and says:

From tearing ocean into welcoming bay,
set foot on land with blessing touch,
and enter home, and sit at hearth.
Come homeward, Sailor; come Son of Sea:

O gently come

All:

and joyful stay.

Jenna pushes her hands outwards in an opening gesture, saying:

A Mhanannán, open the way!

All:

Open the way!

Fire Tender:

From the land of the gods,
To the land of men,

All:

May sacred power flow.
May Manannán be our guide to the gods.

When she says “May sacred power flow,” the Fire Tender throws some incense into the fire.