

## 2022.08 - Pennsic - Pearl - Hlāford Bran Mydwynter

Flourishing his quill, Raven-wise  
in sun bright torc and amber beads  
Hlaford Bran Mydwynter  
awen inspired  
Glorifies the worthy,  
Leads students to strive—  
Their hands ink-stained  
And scrolls spiral wreathed.  
Honor his genius with a  
Lustrous Pearl  
And grant him arms  
To mark his mastery.  
Done at the Pennsic war  
by Cuan Rex and Adelhait Regina  
Anno Societatis LVII (57).

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### Image Exemplars

[https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/object/H\\_1872-1213-1](https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/object/H_1872-1213-1)

#### Witham Shield

Iron Age: La Tène

400 BC - 300 BC (circa)

Found: British Isles: England: Lincolnshire: Witham, River

Materials: copper alloy, coral

Technique: inlaid, repoussé, engraved

Dimensions: Length: Length: 1092.20 millimetres, Width: Width: 345 millimetre

#### The Battersea Shield - 350 BC - 50 BC (circa)

[https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/object/H\\_1857-0715-1](https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/object/H_1857-0715-1)

#### Wandsworth Shield Boss - 350 BC - 150 BC (circa)

[https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/object/H\\_1858-1116-2](https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/object/H_1858-1116-2)

### Text Exemplar

<https://www.library.wales/discover/digital-gallery/manuscripts/the-middle-ages/book-of-aneirin#?c=&m=&s=&cv=&xywh=-99%2C-138%2C4453%2C3106>

Based on Gillian Clarke's translation of poem IV of Y Gododdin:

"Flaunting a brooch, wolf-wild, in torque and amber beads, Gwefrfawr, mead-empowered, repelled the foe, led his men on, his face bloody and blade-torn, till, rallied by Ysgyrran's son, aid came from Gwynedd and the North, but shields were broken still."

Clarke, Gillian; Clarke, Gillian. *The Gododdin: Lament for the Fallen* (p. 25). Faber & Faber. Kindle Edition

