

# **Comharthai Aimsir**

## Signs of Rain

When the seabirds come in on the land

When the ducks quack loud

When the peacocks cry

When the distant hills look near

When you see snails

When the frog looks black

When the cock does not crow in the morning

When the cat has his back to the fire

When the ass his lugs down in the morning

When you see the silk worm over the soil

When you hear the bells ringing loud

When the train makes a very loud noise

When the elderly people complain of corns

When there is a swarm of midges in the evening

When you see the cattle and horses standing with their backs against the ditch

When you see the cows lying down on a fine day

If it starts to rain in the morning and if the rain runs down the

If there is a ring round the moon

If the swallows fly low

If the dog eats grass

When there is a lot of sleet falling

When there is a blue blaze in the fire

When the crickets are singing

When the curlews are screeching it now," said John. He went to the priest again and they went back to biddy and told her all about it. They lived happy ever after.

## **Rain**

A horse standing with his back to a fence

Rainbow on a Saturday

Cat washing his face

The swallows flying low

A halo round the moon

A rook on a fence pecking his feathers

Dark clouds

The pigeons cooing

A new moon upside down

The cricket singing

The robin crying

Smoke in the kitchen

## **Rain**

When the wind comes from the south

When the train makes a great noise

When soot comes down the chimney

When a cow drinks a lot of water out of a river in hot weather

When a horse shakes himself when in a green field

When a rainbow comes in the morning

When the moon looks watery

A mackerel sky

When the sun is of a golden colour when setting

When the rooks are in clusters cawing

When the curlews screech

When a dog drinks water or eats grass

Thick fog on the mountains

When no dew falls

When salt gets damp

When cattle are seen lying on top of a hill

When an ass stands next to a ditch

When a cat lies near a fire with his face turned to it

Swans flying with flow of water

When starlings are screaming

A fog on the moon

## **Good Weather**

When the Ballina bell sounds loudly

When the wind comes from the north

When the fire lights clearly

When a rainbow comes in the evening

Heavy dew at night

When the sun is red when setting

A light fog rising from bogs and wet places

A clear far sky

If there is no ring or a halo round the moon

When the wind is from the west

To hear the corncrake in the meadow early in Summer

When the cuckoo is to be heard early in April

When the lark sings loudly in Spring

When Nephin is clear

When we get a new moon on a Thursday

When the stars are falling from the sky

When the salt is hard

## **Frost**

A red horizon Wind from the east  
A river making a loud sound at night  
If the smoke goes up straight out of a chimney  
When a night is calm  
Stars twinkling brightly at night  
Water ducks on the lake  
The hens picking themselves before roosting

## **Storms**

When a cat scrapes the chair  
When blue lights are to be seen in the fire  
When the seagulls fly over the land there is a storm at sea  
Ducks screeching while in a green field  
When the window glass shines green  
When the wild geese come from Scotland early in Winter  
The swans on the lake  
The wild geese flying towards the sea  
Crows flying high

## **Snow**

When the starlings are seen in flocks  
When the wild geese leave the bog and come to the mountain  
When the sheep come from the mountain to the valley  
When the robin comes near the house  
When the wind blow from the east  
When the clouds turn towards the north  
The hens perched on the bushes

The wild geese flying towards Nephin

The birds hopping on the bushes

The hens standing near the house

The wind from the North