

The Unnamed Queen

Session 5

1. The Bird Man.

	Bendigeidfran	Lleu
<i>Bird aspect</i>	x	x
<i>Death by poisoned spear</i>	x	x
<i>Death transcended</i>	x	x
<i>Failed Lineage</i>	x	x

2. Papil Pictish Stone Cross Slab, 7th - 8th century CE:





<http://journals.socantscot.org/index.php/psas/article/view/9774/9741>

3. The Bird Woman.

	Branwen	Blodeuedd
<i>Bird aspect</i>	x	x
<i>Wronged ></i>	x	x
<i>Cause of death ></i>	x	x
<i>Cause of transcendence ></i>	x	x
	Bendigeidfran	Lieu
<i>Bird aspect</i>	x	x
<i>Plays a part in wronging</i>	x	x
<i>Death by poisoned spear</i>	x	x
<i>Death transcended</i>	x	x
<i>Failed Lineage</i>	x	x

4. The broader myth.

	Branwen	Blodeuedd	Ceridwen
<i>Bird aspect</i>	x	x	x
<i>Wronged ></i>	x	x	x
<i>Cause of death ></i>	x	x	x
<i>Cause of transcendence ></i>	x	x	x
<i>Mother</i>	x		x
<i>Water</i>	x		x
<i>Cauldron</i>	x		x

	Bendigeidfran	Lleu	Gwion Bach
<i>Bird aspect</i>	x	x	x
<i>Plays a part in wronging</i>	x	x	x
<i>Death by poisoned spear</i>	x	x	(poison?)
<i>Death transcended</i>	x	x	x

5. Thematic context.

SPEECH	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
<i>Magical Speech</i>		Bendigeidfran's head		Gwydion calling the eagle
<i>Special Speech</i>	Pwyll's 'ystyr hud'	Branwen interprets the vision; starling's speech		

6. Questions.

Which family does this character come from?

What role does magical speech play in this character's story?

