

083 BRIGID

I... I prayed to God last night. I
asked Him to prevent the marriage
you wish for me.

(happiness spreading
within her)

He has answered my prayer.

084 DUBHTHACH

Nonsense! You've done this to
yourself. Used pigments of some
sort.

085 GRAINNE

Disfigured yourself!

086 BRIGID

I didn't!

087 DUBHTHACH

No clansman in his right mind is
going to marry her now!

088 BRIGID

Thank you, God!

DUBHTHACH SITS BACK DOWN, OVERCOME.

089 DUBHTHACH

(shaken)

You would really do all this, just
to pledge yourself to your God?

090 BRIGID

I didn't do this to myself, Dad!
God has done this for me because He
loves me! Why don't you believe me?

DUBHTHACH PROCESSES FOR A MOMENT, THEN THROWS
HIS HANDS UP.

091 DUBHTHACH

Go, Brigid. Do what you must. I
don't understand you.

MUSIC TRANSITION.

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INT. KITCHEN - MORNING

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AOIFE AND BRIGID CHOP CARROTS.

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092 AOIFE

What do you mean, it's not a
miracle?

(MORE)

AOIFE (CONT'D)

Your face is bright red and I've never seen hair that color in all my days! You look like you should be put in a jar and pickled with the rest of these vegetables!

093 BRIGID

Patrick said it was a miracle when it happened the last time, but...

094 AOIFE

(first she's heard of this)

The last time?!

095 BRIGID

(as if it's no biggie)

Oh, I caused a landslide of bread and butter in the larder.

096 AOIFE

(flummoxed)

Did you now?

097 BRIGID

Aoife, I'm so happy the prayer I said last night has been answered, but there's no way God is performing miracles through me! Who am I to be deserving of such a blessing?

098 AOIFE

(takes a deep breath, turns sombre)

Brigid, when the angel came on the day you were born... he came with a prophesy. You're chosen by God, my love.

099 BRIGID

What? Why didn't you tell me before?

100 AOIFE

I was worried for you. I wanted to keep you close. To keep you safe. Ireland clings to the old traditions and laughs at those who challenge them. But you, dear Brigid, have stood up to your dad and forged a new road ahead.

(MORE)

AOIFE (CONT'D)

You will spread the light of the faith in Ireland. You will care for her people. I can see that now.

(reaching for a hug)

Come here to me.

AOIFE AND BRIGID EMBRACE.

101 BRIGID

Oh, Aoife.

102 **AOIFE**

You must find a Bishop at once and take your vows, before Dubhthach changes his mind. I've heard folk talk of a monastery a few days' walk west, in Ardagh, not far from the River Shannon.

103 BRIGID

(awed)

A monastery? A walled village where Christians live and work and pray together? There will be nuns and monks there, Aoife!

104 **AOIFE**

Yes, my girl. Now listen, it's a great responsibility you have been tasked with. The more folk you help, the more folk will appear who need help. Are you absolutely certain you want to cross over that bridge?

105 BRIGID

All I've ever wanted to do my whole life is help those in need. To give them nourishment, safety and love. I've never felt hungry or unsafe, and now I see why: I have been wrapped in God's love since the day I was born. Oh, how I long that everyone in Ireland should know God's love, Aoife.

106 **AOIFE**

I will pray for you, Brigid.

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MUSIC TRANSITION: BRIGID EMBARKS ON A JOURNEY.