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THE DAY OF ST COLUMBA¹

*Thursday of Columba benign
Day to send sheep on prosperity,
Day to send cow on calf,
Day to put the web in the warp.*

*Day to put coracle on the brine,
Day to place the staff to the flag,
Day to bear, day to die,
Day to hunt the heights.*

*Day to put horses in harness,
Day to send herds to pasture,
Day to make prayer efficacious,
Day of my beloved, the Thursday,
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¹ Carmichael, *Carmina Gadelica*, i., 163.

Seven years before the end of the world, a deluge
shall drown the nations : the sea at one tide
shall cover Ireland and the green-headed Islay—
But Columba's Isle shall swim above the flood.

Old Gaelic Prophecy.