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# THE DAY OF ST COLUMBA<sup>1</sup>

*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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<sup>1</sup> 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.*