

“According to the legend, one night Cannera saw all the churches Ireland emitting rays of light; but the greatest blaze was made by that of Senan. She at once went to visit him on his island. What follows is from the Life in the *Book of Lismore*

“Senan went to the harbour to meet her, and gave her welcome.

‘You see, I have come,’ said Cannera.’

‘Go,’ replied Senan, ‘to your sister who dwells in yon isle to the East, for I cannot receive you here.’

‘I have come to abide here,’ retorted Cannera.

‘Women are not suffered to enter this isle,’ rejoined Senan.

‘How canst thou say that?’ asked Cannera. ‘Art thou better than Jesus Christ? He came to redeem women no less than men. He suffered on the Cross for women as well as men. He opens the kingdom of heaven to women as surely as to men. Why then dost thou shut women out from this isle?’

‘You are an obstinate woman,’ said Senan.

‘Come now,’ said Cannera, ‘give me a place where I may be buried and give me the Sacrament.’

‘I will give thee a place of resurrection on the sea-brink,’ said Senan.

‘But mind you, the sea will eat it away, and carry off your bones.’

‘God will grant,’ said she, ‘that the spot where I shall lie may not be the first to be swept away by the waves.’

‘Very well, then,’ said Senan, ‘come ashore’”

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