

## Routes and Roots (Bruga-dung banjaxed)

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Nostalgia sits here  
At the back of the bus,  
It took me by the hand.  
Here we have so much time left.

*Bruga-dung banjaxed*

Connected to chaos and crowds,  
Community syncs here!  
Anna Livia reflects us.

*Bruga-dung banjaxed*

Yet it is never the same,  
We too, in forever flux,  
All floaty fragments.  
We too are brown moths,  
We too are butterflies,  
We breathe and live in both colours.

*Bruga-dung banjaxed*

Family trees of Gael and Gall,  
Of bloodlines and routes and roots,  
The riddem of rights and ritual  
Reeling us in.

*Bruga-dung banjaxed*

Weave the threads of Huguenot,  
A stitch in time.  
The bell is ringing,  
The drumbeat of congregation,  
And incantation.

*Bruga-dung banjaxed*

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Dream na,  
Ciotóg,  
Aon scéal,  
Féile,  
Le Chéile,  
Go n-éirí an bóthar leat!

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