

Douglas Hyde (17 January 1860 - 12 July 1949), known as An Craoibhín Aoibhinn ("The Pleasant Little Branch"), was an Irish academic, linguist, and scholar of the Irish language and the first President of Ireland from 1938 to 1945. He was born at Longford House in Castlerea, County Roscommon. In 1893 Douglas Hyde helped found and became the first president of the Conradh na Gaeilge (Gaelic League). Conradh na Gaeilge was set up to encourage the preservation of Irish culture, its music, dances, and language. Douglas Hyde recited the Presidential Declaration of Office in his native Roscommon Irish dialect. The recording remains one of the few recordings of a dialect that has long disappeared and of which Douglas Hyde was one of the last speakers.

*This arrangement I have made is dedicated to Lucia Spacirova for everything Lucia has done for music in Donegal.
It is also to all the members of Donegal Cameata with thanks and my very best wishes.
Vincent Kennedy 16th June 2017 - Bloomsday*

An Craoibhín Aoibhinn

Music by Vincent Kennedy

Andante Espressivo ♩ = 60

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Contrabass

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

S. Vlc.

Cb.

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