



## Useful Welsh Words in the Mystical World of Cyghanedd

**Cyghanedd:** An ancient poetic art form infused into lines of poetry, that literally means 'harmony'

**Cerdd dafod:** Literally 'tongue music', another way of saying 'Cyghanedd' Awen = Muse, inspiration

**Pastwn:** Bardic staff (stick) used to keep the beat

**Llusg:** Drag

**Traws:** Traverse

**Croes:** Across

**Sain:** Sound

**Acen:** Emphasis, also accent. This is the beat within the rhyme that comes from words and their various weights and forms.

**Cytsain / Cytseiniol:** Consonant / Consonantal

**Odl:** Rhyme

**Barddoni:** The English translation is 'to poeticise' – a verb that encompasses everything to do with poetry: from writing, reading, learning, performing and appreciating to gossiping!

**Sain:** This Cyghanedd combines rhyming and alliteration or assonance.

Rhyme + Rhyme + Alliteration (single syllable word)

**Lusg:** These lines contain a internal rhyme. The end of the n first half of the line rhymes with the penultimate syllable in the final word of the line.

**Traws / Croes / Cytseiniol:** These lines are split into two parts and answer the consonants in both half around the emphasis of words.

eg Dwi'n barod / yn y bore (Meaning: I am ready in the morning)

