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Cerdded

Mae esgid pob gair yn gwasgu. Nid fi sy'n siarad, ond geiriau.

Yn droednoeth, heb gnawd Yn fy ngwadnau, mae'r rhedyn

Yn llafnau a hedyn ehedog dant y llew Yn llosgi'n ulw, fel rhew.

Walking

Each word's a shoe that pinches. I don't speak, but it's the words.

Barefoot, with no flesh On my soles, the bracken's blades

And the floating dandelion seed Burn through flesh, like ice.

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