



Flaggy Shore

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With foam
and glitter”

Ba le linn dó a bheith ar laethanta saoire sa Chlár
a scríobh Seamus Heaney ceann dá dhánta is fearr
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Seamus Heaney wrote one of his
finest poems when holidaying in Clare
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Na Leacacha



“na **LACK**-aka”

Postscript

And some time make the time to drive out west
Into County Clare, along the Flaggy Shore,
In September or October, when the wind
And the light are working off each other
So that the ocean on one side is wild
With foam and glitter, and inland among stones
The surface of a slate-grey lake is lit
By the earthed lightning of a flock of swans,
Their feathers roughed and ruffling, white on white,
Their fully grown headstrong-looking heads
Tucked or cresting or busy underwater.
Useless to think you’ll park and capture it
More thoroughly. You are neither here nor there,
A hurry through which known and strange things pass
As big soft buffetings come at the car sideways
And catch the heart off guard and blow it open.

Nobel Laureate Seamus Heaney (1939–2013)



Choinnigh 40 saighdiúir
súil ar Chuan na Gaillimhe
ó Thúr Martello Fhíonaigh
Bheara i lár an 19ú haois
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Forty soldiers kept watch
over Galway Bay from
Finavarra Martello Tower
in the mid 19th century
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- 1 Téigh ar shiúlóid chun an lochán gliomach a aimsiú ar Chonair Oidhreacht na Leacacha.
Walk to find the lobster pond on the Flaggy Shore Heritage Trail.
- 2 Siúil ar do shuaimhneas chomh fada leis an túr Martello ag Pointe Fhíonaigh Bheara.
Take a stroll to the Martello tower at Finavarra Point.
- 3 Caith tamall ag faire ar na healaí ar Loch Muirí, ‘slate-grey lake’ Seamus Heaney.
Watch the swans on Lough Murree, Seamus Heaney’s ‘slate-grey lake’.



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