

Time to Listen

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With Cavan Library Service
and writer Heather Brett



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Be Time

Testament - About his poem

The poem 'Testament' was commissioned by Catriona O' Reilly in the Cavan Arts Office.

Using the backdrop of the Cavan Burren Park as our page, myself and composer Sean Doherty from Derry were taken to explore what the landscape meant to each of us. Working together we investigated the history and heritage of the Burren, its splendour and uniqueness. How it harboured over 400 million years of place and changing terrain, how the last ice age had shaped the ruts and valleys and left huge glacial erratics in its wake. How past people had aligned landmarks to worship by.

The fact that that year the Kennypottle river in Cavan overflowed and we had sandbags along railway road was my hook into the poem.

The Cavan Choir performed the poem onstage in the Burren Park on the Summer Solstice 21st June 2014.

Heather Brett