Hello,

My name is Katelyn Roche, I am in 2nd year in Colaiste Fionnchua, Mitchelstown, Co Cork. This is my entry to ‘Éirí’ Évoking Ireland’s Resilient female Ícons.

This is my artwork of Badb, an Irish goddess of war and death.

She takes form of a crow, therefore is known as badb catha (battle crow).

She is known to cause fear and confusion among soldiers to move the tide of battle to her favoured side. Badb may also appear prior to a battle to foreshadow the extent of the carnage to come, or to predict the death of a notable person. She would sometimes do this through wailing cries, leading to comparisons with the banshee.