



Aerial view showing Fishguard in 1929. Ref: WPW029648

Weather Without – *Dominic Newman*

Surely little will outlast
West Welsh houses. They hold fast
In the western weather's blast.
When the wet Welsh wind is big
(Mast or trunk like straw or twig),
West Welsh houses only dig
Hewn heels further into hills.
Western weather finds and fills

Every crevice: gusts like drills
Deafen heaven, beaches teem,
Waves maraud and woodlands scream.
In foundation, wall and beam,
West Welsh houses, though, are made
Firm against the rain-storm's raid;
Stout of hearth and firmly laid;
Hale of gable in a gale;
Staunch in every joint and nail.
Rows and rows are sworn to guard
West Welsh hearts against the hard
Rain, however swayed and scarred.
Snugly perched along the steep
Western hillsides, each shall keep
Stories, music, breath and sleep
Safe and sound for years on end:
Side by side, they shall defend
West Welsh souls and will not bend.