

# CHANGELINGS

## In Irish Folklore

*"Come away, O human child! / To the waters and the wild / With a faery, hand in hand, / For the world's more full of weeping than you can understand."*



- CHANGELINGS ARE FAERIES THAT ARE DISGUISED AS HUMANS
- THEY ARE OFTEN DEFINED BY THEIR SICKLY APPEARANCE AND BAD BEHAVIOR
- IT IS LIKELY THAT PARENTS WERE CONFUSING ILLNESS AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS FOR FAERIE QUALITIES
- FIRE AND GENERAL TORTURE WERE OFTEN USED TO GET RID OF A CHANGELING

BRIDGET CLEARY BECAME ILL AND WAS ACCUSED OF BEING A CHANGELING BY HER HUSBAND, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS. HER HUSBAND MICHAEL BURNED HER ALIVE ON MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>, 1895.