

1993. Breeze (Andrew): *Deorc* ‘bloody’ in *The dream of the rood*: Old Irish *derg* ‘red, bloody’.

*In* *Éigse* 28 (1995), pp. 165–168.

Argues that problematic OE *deorc* in *The Dream of the Rood* line 46 is best taken, on grounds the use of Ir. *derg* in later Irish texts, as a loan word from Irish thus meaning ‘bloody’, different from *deorc* ‘dark’ inherited from Germanic.

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- *Dream of the Rood*