

2814. Mac Cana (Proinsias): Ir. *ba marb*, W. *bu farw* 'he died'.

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Discusses the idiomatic use of copula + *marb* 'to die' (as opposed to the stative use of copula + predicative *marb* 'he is dead') and argues that it occurs in tenses other than the preterite, except in case of omission of the copula, where the idiom is confined to the past tense. Includes a collection of examples and a brief account of its substitution by competing idioms such as *téit bás*, *téit éc*, *fuair bás*.

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Words/Proper Names:

- *ba marb*
- *bás*
- *éc*
- *fuair bás*
- *is marb*
- *marb*
- *téit bás*
- *téit éc*