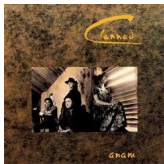


## Clannad – Anam (1990)



1. *Ri Na Cruinne* 2. *Anam* 3. *In Fortune's Hand* 4. *Poison Glen* 5. *Wilderness* (instrumental) 6. *Why Worry?* 7. *Uirchill An Chreagain* 8. *Love and Affection* 9. *You're the One* 10. *Dobhar* (instrumental) - Padraig Duggan - acoustic Guitar, harmonica, mandola - Noel Duggan - guitar - Máire Brennan - vocals, harp - Ciarán Brennan - vocals, double bass, electric bass, guitar, piano, synthesizer - Paul Moran - drums, percussion - Mel Collins - saxophones - Vinnie Kilduff - Bansuri - Anton Drennan - electric uuitar, dobro- - Bridin Brennan - harmony vocals - Ian Parker - keyboards

With the release of *Anam* in 1992, the Irish family act, with more than a dozen albums and 20 years behind them, had been pared to a quartet. Saxophonist Mel Collins spices things up on the jaunty "In Fortune's Hand," but most of *Anam* is slower and softer, mixing keyboard-based ballads with more folk-inflected tracks. Maire Brennan's voice is a thing of beauty, wispy and crystal clear, making the lyrics almost inconsequential (which they will be to most listeners, anyhow, as several tracks are sung in Gaelic). Her duet with Bono on "In a Lifetime" had already appeared years earlier, but its inclusion is one of the set's highlights, as is "Harry's Game" (recognizable from its commercial use). It's all the perfect fit for folk fans wanting something more pop-oriented and new age fans wanting something not so sterile. ---Tom Demalon, AllMusic Review

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