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| Cá fhad | “How long have you been working here?” he asked curtly. |
| Dhá | “Two days. I’m on a week trial.” |
| Ná | “Don’t come back tomorrow,” said the manager. |
| Tig | “You can get any pay you have coming to you from the office.” |
| D’iompaigh | Colm turned disappointedly and headed to the office.” |
| Bhí | He was unemployed for a fortnight after leaving Kelly. |
| Murach | Were it not for the pay he got at that time, he’d be down and out. |
| Bhí | He was delighted when he succeeded in getting a job in the theater and he was expecting a long spell of work. |
| Ach | But Sinead Casey had just put an end to that. |
| Bhailigh | He collected the little money he had coming to him and left the theater. |
| Bhí | The night was foggy and he thought gloomily about the nice raincoats he had at home. |
| Shiúil | He walked past an elegant restaurant in which he used to eat dinner with his friends. |
| Tháinig | He had a great urge to call a taxi, go home, dress himself in an evening suit and return to the restaurant for a good meal. |
| Chuirfeadh | The staff would welcome him warmly. |
| D’fhéadfadh | He could imagine the comfort of the place and smell the aroma of the rich food. |
| Ba dheacair | It was hard for him to imagine that there was a time when he didn’t have an appetite. |
| Stán | He stared into the restaurant. |
| Bhí | It was full of well-dressed men and women. |
| Cé | Although many of the women were not bad-looking, he wasn’t very interested in them. |
| Mhair | Mary’s memory lived strongly in his mind, and it was often that he imagined her beautiful face. |