

THE PROTO-CELTIC PHONOLOGICAL SYSTEM

- **Vowels**

\bar{i} (< * \bar{i} , \bar{e})	\bar{u} (< * \bar{u} , \bar{o})	i	u	ei	eu (> ou)
		e	o	oi	ou
	\bar{a} (< * \bar{a} , \bar{o})		a	ai	au
				$\bar{u}i$	

- **Consonants:**

φ	t	k	k^w
b	d	g	g^w (< * g^{wh})
s	(ts)	$[x]$	
w	j		
r	l	m	n

- **Miscellaneous:**

- PIE vocalic m and n > PCl. am , an ;
- * rs > rr ; * ls > ll ; * $VsIV$ > ll ; * $VsnV$ > nn ; * ln > ll ; * $VsmV$ > mm ; * wn > bn ;
- lenition not phonological (yet), so not written;
- * ps , * pt > xs , xt ; * ks , * kt > xs , xt ; the x was probably not yet a phoneme, since it only occurs in these positions;
- sb , sd , sg phonologically unchanged.

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