

# Colourful Bardic Ceremony Scenes



*Official party enters*



*Bards enter and form circle*



*South Australian Cornish Choir sings*



*accompanied by harp*



*Dancers enter the circle*



*and perform a flower dance*

The ceremony takes place in the Cornish language, but an English translation is available. It usually takes about 35 minutes. By tradition, a harp player accompanies the banner bearers, official group and bards as they enter and form the circle. There are about 400 bards in the world at any one time, about 50 of whom live in Australia. The routine of the ceremony has been the same for almost 100 years and is the same wherever the ceremony is held. It is based on ceremonies of mediaeval times.