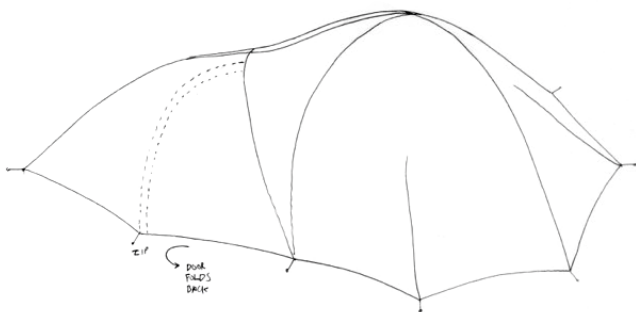


Cnoc Chadail ('The Sleepful Knowe') in Glen Ey, is a *sithean* hillock, with a perfect big-and-little-hump form, whose name refers to one such folk-myth of sleepy confinement. In some tales an individual is kidnapped by the shee (fairies) for a night of revelry. When they are set free to return the next morning, they discover they've been underground for a seven-year spell.



Sidhean a' Cailleach
calliach fairy-knowe

Tobar Loch Shianta
the fairy-loch wellspring

These *sithean* raves remind me of Hamish Henderson's riddling in 'under the earth I go', a poem he wrote in the 1950s and came to reframe as his own elegy.