

***birhtī** Runic: ᚷ | ᚱ | ᚲ | ᚩ | Pronunciation: /'birx.ti:/

noun · feminine · īn-stem

Meanings

brightness, splendor

Etymology

By surface analysis, secondarily derived feminine abstract from *berhtaz (< PIE *b^her(H)ǵ-tó-, ‘bright, shining’) + *-ī (< PIE *-i-h₂, forms abstract nouns from adjectives). The stem vowel -i- is best explained as the regular Proto-Germanic raising of *e before the inherited i-suffix. Ultimately from root *b^herHǵ- (‘to shine’).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	birhtī	birhtīniz
Acc.	birhtīnų	birhtīnunz
Gen.	birhtīniz	birhtīnô
Dat.	birhtīni	birhtīmaz
Inst.	birhtīnē	birhtīmiz
Voc.	birhtī	birhtīniz

Descendants

*birhti (Proto-West Germanic)

bierhtu (Old English)

bright (Middle English)

bright (English)

***birhtī** (Proto-West Germanic)

berahtī (Old High German)

birti (Old Norse)

birti (Icelandic)

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