

Waverock and rockwave (comments to Finlay's Rock/Wave)

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waw wazes waue whave

waḅ wæḅ weben weave weve wêwen wehen

vafe váfa waiver

wafian waive

move through time, from Germany, Norway, Scotland to England, from coast to coast, to arrive, dissolve and become one word: wave.

roche rocca roc rock

the steadfast invasion of the Latinate and Romance languages? or

rich roccian rocky rokken rocken rock

the Anglosaxon-Germanic-Dutch-Scandinavian gentle movement? or

both? 'Rock' as terminology to indicate that land is not as stable, immobile, or limited as you think.

In a space that is one tint darker (or should I say denser) than the rest of the image, letters tell you what you see or fail to see. On the lines of the background environment, they assemble to form the words 'wave' and 'rock'.

'Wave' and 'rock' meet. Does one word engulf the other? Does one disappear? It depends on what word you concentrate on: rock or wave? The other word disappears in the out-of-focus of the encounter. And where both words disappear, new letter-limits emerge and reveal new words:

aveck waroock woocer

To you they are foreign words that do not evoke an association. To future readers they may express the different shades of waverock or rockwave.

