

*Howard Schwietzer*

## **Tristan and Isolde**

He named her: green meadow  
She named him: new Hermes

He named her: uncle's prize  
She named him: the ferryman

He named her: bards' delight,  
potato lass, bright Sun,  
beguiled, life saver,  
serpent's reward, beauty

She named him: minstrel,  
honeyed voice, brave,  
heart's bane, life,  
dragon's death, soul's remedy

He named her: the sea shines  
She named him: surf's foam

He named her: love then,  
love now, love always  
She named him: misery

He named her: the soul's balm  
and life's meaning  
She named him: God's gift/curse.