

BARDIC COLLEGES

The way of a bard is gregarious. Bards seek each other out to swap songs and stories, boast of their accomplishments, and share their knowledge. Bards form loose associations, which they call colleges, to facilitate their gatherings and preserve their traditions.

COLLEGE OF DIRGES

Bards of Songs rarely sing about the death that awaits us all; predominately they sing about heroism. Yet the Bards in the College of Dirges sing melodies of sorrow, love lost, faithlessness, and most importantly, death. It is these songs, written and performed from the depths of the human soul, that bring catharsis to the mourning and soothing to the heartbroken. Dirge Singers can mend the emotionally wounded, or rip them asunder.

BONUS PROFICIENCIES

When you join this college at 3rd level, you gain proficiency in Performance. If you already have proficiency in Performance, you may add double your proficiency bonus to checks made with this skill.

SONG OF SORROW

Beginning at 3rd level, you may expend a Bardic Inspiration die to lull a single enemy into a deep, inescapable melancholy. As an action, select 1 creature you can see within 30 feet to make a Charisma saving throw. On a failed save, the creature is unwilling to attack any creature for up to 1 minute, and only does so in self-defense. The creature may repeat this saving throw at the end of each of its turns, ending the effect on a success.

CREEPING DREAD

Starting at 6th level, when you score a critical hit against a creature or when a creature rolls a 1 on a saving throw made to resist the effects of one of your spells, that creature must make a Wisdom saving throw. On a failed save, the creature is frightened of you for 1 minute.

SONG OF DEATH

Beginning at 14th level, as an action expending a Bardic Inspiration Die, you can sing a melody of death to one creature. If this creature can hear you and is within range, you cast the spell *finger of death* targeting it without expending a spell slot. After using this ability, you must complete a long rest before using it again.

