

The Locations of Egil's Saga

1. Home of Thorolf and Sigrid
2. Island Home of Brynjolf
3. Home of Hogni and Hildred
4. Home of Ketil Haeng and Helga
5. Home of Fridgeir
6. Egil duels Ljot-the-Pale
7. Home of Kari, Oliver Hump, and Eyvind Lamb
8. Egil kills Bard
9. Home of Brynjolf and Bjorn
10. Egil kills Rognvard and Berg-Onund
11. King Hakon dies in battle
12. Battle in which King Harald gains control of Norway
13. Home of Thorir and Thurma
14. Home of Thirfinn
15. Egil is shipwrecked near York and delivers a poem to save his life
16. Egil is out-drunk at Armond's Farm
17. Egil wards off a series of ambushes



My Mother Told Me
Photo: Egil Saga Map

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"My Mother Told Me" originates from *Egil's Saga*, a 13th-century Icelandic saga chronicling the life of Egil Skallagrimsson, a Viking warrior, poet, and farmer. This stanza captures the adventurous spirit of the Viking Age, reflecting the cultural importance of exploration and seafaring.

Historical Context

- Egil's Saga:** One of the great Icelandic sagas, it narrates the life of Egil, a fierce and cunning Viking who exemplified the ideals of the Viking Age: strength, wit, and a yearning for adventure.
- Viking Exploration:** The Vikings were renowned for their maritime expertise, sailing to distant lands for trade, raiding, and settlement. The stanza encapsulates their connection to the sea as a gateway to opportunity and self-discovery.

Original Stanza

Old Norse:

"Móðir mín sagði mér
að mér skyldi kaupa skip
standa á kjöl og sigla í haf
sigla til Íslands."

English Translation:

"My mother told me
I should buy a ship
Stand at the prow and sail across the sea
To Iceland."

Key Themes

- Maternal Wisdom:** The mother serves as a symbol of guidance and ambition, encouraging the protagonist to embrace his destiny as a seafarer.
- Adventure and Opportunity:** The stanza reflects the Viking ideal of venturing into the unknown, with the sea as both a challenge and a promise.
- Connection to Iceland:** The mention of Iceland highlights the Viking colonization of the island, which became a hub for Norse settlers.

Literary Style

- Poetic Form:** The stanza follows *fornyrðislag* ("old story meter"), a traditional Norse poetic style characterized by alliteration and a strong rhythm.
- Oral Tradition:** Such verses were part of the oral storytelling culture, preserving history, values, and ideals across generations.

Historical Legacy

The stanza embodies the Viking spirit of exploration and resilience, offering a glimpse into the cultural ethos of Norse society. It remains a timeless reminder of the Vikings' profound connection to the sea and their unyielding pursuit of adventure.

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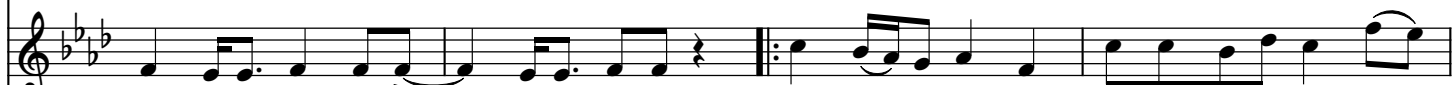
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T.  Hew ma-ny foe - men Hew__ man-y foe-men My moth - er told me Some-day I will buy, Buy!


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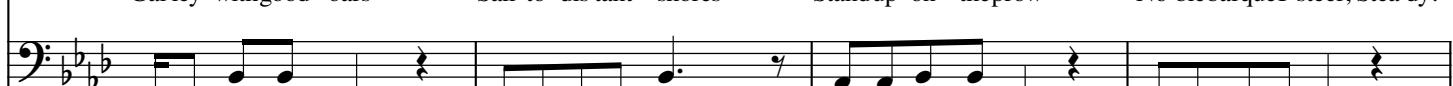
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