

Caedmon's Hymn

Nu sculon herigean / heofonrices Weard
[*Now must we praise / heaven-kingdom's Guardian,*]

Meotodes meahte / and his modgeþanc
[*the Measurer's might / and his mind-plans,*]

weorc Wuldor-Fæder / swa he wundra gehwæs
[*the work of the Glory-Father, / when he of wonders of every one,*]

ece Drihten / or onstealde
[*eternal Lord, / the beginning established.*]

He ærest sceop / ielda bearnum
[*He first created / for men's sons*]

heofon to hrofe / halig Scyppend
[*heaven as a roof, / holy Creator;*]

ða middangeard / moncynnes Weard
[*then middle-earth / mankind's Guardian,*]

ece Drihten / æfter teode
[*eternal Lord / afterwards made --*]

firum foldan / Frea ælmihtig.
[*for men earth, / Master almighty.*]

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