Se Ƿrenna

Þa ƿær ƿrenna þe in ƿæȝnhuſe neſtlode. He þær ƿunode mid hiſ cynne. Sume dæȝe eode he ut and hiſ ȝemaca to ſecenne fodan to bringenne hira briddum, leton hira briddaſ æne.

Æfter þæce edcom ſe fæderƿrenna ham.

Hƿæt heſ ȝelamp? aſcode he. Belamp aht? Ge cildru þyncaþ me ſƿiðe ȝeæȝſod!

Papa! ſæȝdon hie, aȝlæca com furðum biȝ. He ƿæſ eȝefull! He ſtaƿode in uſer neſt mid hiſ micelum eaȝum! Ƿe dredon uſ þearle!

Ic underȝieæ, ſæȝde he. Hƿider eode he?

He eode be þæm ƿeȝe!

Ge cildru abidaþ heſ, ſæȝde ſe fæderƿrenna. Ic ȝa, him to lærenne, ſƿa þæt he næfre forȝieæ! Ne ſorȝiaþ, cildru. Ic hine finde. Þuſ draf he þone aȝlæcan.

He bieȝde ymbe hƿamm and ſeah leon forþȝanȝendne, ac he him ne dred. He lendde ƿihte on leonbæc and onȝann him to ȝiellan. Hƿa þencſt þu to beonne on eorðan, mid þy þe þu cymſt to minum neſte and eȝſaſt min cildru þearle?!

Se muntleo ne hieþde ac þæm ƿrennan to, ac ſeide forþ.

Þæt tinde ſe ƿrenna eac furðor, and onȝann ſoðlice ȝiellan to muntleon. Þu næfſt nane ſace to cumenne to minum neſte, and ȝif þu eft cymſt, ſæȝde he, þonne leoſaſt þu þæt to hreoƿenne. Ic nelle þearllæcan, ſæȝde he, hof hiſ ſcancan in þa lyfte, ac ic bræce þinne hneccan in beaphtmhƿile!

Þæm ȝeſæȝdum, fleƿ he on bæc to hiſ neſte.

Niſ nu naht to ſorȝienne, cildru, ſæȝde he. Ic tæhte him lare. He ne cymþ eft onȝean.