

The Wanderer

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- 1-5
 - The wanderer is introduced
 - Talks of dipping his ores in the icy waters
 - Perhaps a Viking? Or the victim of a Viking attack?
- 8-15
 - We see the Wanderer is alone as "There is no one still living to whom I dare open the doors of my heart."
 - The Wanderer has lost all those he has loved
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 - "A troubled mind finds no relief"
 - The wanderer has a guilty conscious?
- 19-29
 - The wanderer speaks of how he longs to find a, for lack of better words, friend to welcome him into mead halls and bestow cheers upon him as he "bears no friends."
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 - The king is burried
- 33-34
 - "For him is a frozen body"
 - He is dead
- 35-36
 - We see the wanderer used to be wealthy as "In his youth, his gold friend entertained him"
 - Perhaps he did not earn his fortune as he was "entertained" by the "gold friend"? Maybe it is not rightfully his?
- 37-44
 - We see the wanderer place his head in his lords knees, "when sorrow and sleep together hold the wretched wanderer in their grip"
 - Perhaps this is a sign that they where extremely close to allow a man to place his head in another mans lap?
- 45-48

- Here we see more imagery of the sea
- 58-84
 - Here the wanderer(?) speaks of what a man must:
 - Be patient
 - Be old
 - For he is not wise if he has not experienced many a winter
 - Be Humble
 - A man must bide his time until he has no doubt in his brave heart.
 - Must fathom how eerie it will be when all the riches of the world stand waste
 - Concepts he would not have held in high regards before battle
- 85
 - The maker of men laid the world to waste until the ancient works of the giants stood idle.
 - Who are the giants?
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 - There stands a wall
 - A wall of remembrance?
- 110-115
 - The wanderer begins to embrace the Christian God, as he no longer wishes to disappear but rather live an afterlife. This gives him an option of hope.

There may be reasons to step away from paganism and to tentatively explore Christianity. There is no afterlife in paganism, but there is an afterlife in Christianity