

Eða Hvát

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for SATB choir, piano, euphonium, and tuba

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by Kevin Kato, written for TTBB choir, piano, euphonium, and tuba
5:20 duration

The lyrics for this piece are obtained from the old Norse text *Völuspá*, a poem telling of the events taking place before, during, and after the end of the world.

Skeggöld, skálmöld,
Vindöld, vargöld,
Mun engi maðr öðrum þyrma.

Axe-age, sword-age,
Wind-age, wolf-age,
No men will each other spare.

Bræðr munu berjask ok at bönum verðask,
Munu systrungar sífjum spilla;
Hart er í heimi, hórdómr mikill.

Brothers may fight and slay each other,
Sisters' sons will kinship stain;
It is harsh in the world, whoredom severe.

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Vindöld, vargöld,
Mun engi maðr öðrum þyrma.

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Sól tér sortna, sígr fold í mar,
Hverfa af himni heiðar stjörnur.
Geisar eimi ok aldrnari,
Leikr hár hiti við himin sjalfan.

The sun darkens, earth in ocean sinks,
From heaven trembles bright stars.
The raging reek with age to linger
Plays load heat with heaven itself.

(Fjörgynjar burr níðs ókvíðnum
Skelfr Yggdrasils
Troða halir helveg)

(Fyorgynjar's son (Thor) falls,
Yggdrasil shakes,
The dead throng the way to hell)

Geyr nú Garmr mjök fyr Gniphelli,
Testr mun slitna en freki renna;

Now Garm howls loud before Gniphelli;
The fetters will burst, and the wolf run free;

Skeggöld, skálmöld,
Vindöld, vargöld...

Axe-age, sword-age,
Wind-age, wolf-age...

Sér hon upp koma öðru sinni
Jörð ór ægi iðjagræna;
Fallar forsar, flýgr örn yfir,
Sá er á fjalli fiska veiðir.

Now do I see the earth anew
Rise all green from the waves again;
The cataracts fall, and the eagle flies,
And fish he catches beneath the cliffs.

Þá kemr inn ríki at regindómi
öflugr ofan, sá er öllu ræðr.

Then comes a kingdom to the ruling-seat,
the high from above, who rules o'er all.

Skeggöld, skálmöld,
Vindöld, vargöld,

Axe-age, sword-age,
Wind-age, wolf-age.

(Skildir ro klofnir,
áðr veröld steypisk.)

(Shields are cleft asunder,
Ere the world falls.)

Mun engi maðr öðrum þyrma.

No men will each other spare.

Eða hvat?

Would you know more?

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Text from Völuspá

for T.T.B.B. voices, piano,
euphonium, and tuba

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Vehemently, $\text{♩} = 120$ *f*

TT
Skeg - göld, skál - möld,

BB

Piano
p *f* *sub.* *8va*

Euphonium
f

Tuba
f

6 *cresc.* *ff* *p* **A**

TT
vind - öld, var - göld, Mun en - gi ma - ör, ö - örur þyr - ma...

BB
cresc. *ff* *p*

Pno
ff *p* *mf* *8va*

Euph.
ff *p* *8ba*

Tba
ff *p*

12

mf

Bræ - ðr mu - nu ber - jask

TT

BB

Pno

Euph.

Tba

17

mf ok at bö - num ver - ðask. mu - nu sy - strun - gar sif - jum spill - - -

TT

BB

Pno

Euph.

Tba

22

TT hart er í hei - mi,

BB hart er í hei - mi, hart er í hei - - mi,

Pno

Euph. *mf*

Tba *mf*

B

27

TT *f* hór - - dó - mr mik - - ill. hart er, er í, hei - mi.

BB *f*

Pno *f*

Euph. *f*

Tba *f*

33 **C**

TT
Skeg - göld, skál - möld,

BB

Pno

Euph.

Tba

38 *cresc.* *ff* *p*
TT
vind - öld, var - göld, Mun en - gi ma - ör, ö - örur þyr - ma...

BB *cresc.* *ff* *p*

Pno *8va* *ff* *p* *8va* *8ba*

Euph. *ff* *p*

Tba *ff* *p*

D*(violently, end on close to a shout)*

44

TT *gliss.* *sfz*

Ah!

BB *p* Sól tær sort - na, sig - r fold í mar, hver - fa af him - ni hei -

Pno *p sub.*

(8)

Euph.

Tba

51

TT *p* Fjör - gyn - jar burr niðs ók - við - num. Skel - fr Ygg - dra - sils.

BB -ðar stö - - nur. Gei - - - sar ei - mi ok al - dr nar - i.

Pno

(8)

Euph.

Tba *con sord.*

p

57 Tro - ða hal - ir hel - beg. Fjör - gyn - jar burr níðs ók - víð - num. *mf*

Lei - kr hár hi - - ti við him - - in sjal - - - fan. *mf* Geyr

Pno

Euph.

Tba *senza sord.*

61 **E** nú Garm - r mjök fyr. Gnip - a - hell - i, *cresc.* Te - -

Fjör - gyn - jar burr níðs ók - víð - num. Skel - fr Ygg - dra - sils. *cresc.*

Pno *mf*

Euph.

Tba

rit.....a tempo

64

TT
- str mun slit - na en fre - ki ren - na. Skeg - göld,

BB
Tro - óa hal - ir hel - beg. Fjór - gyn - jar burr niðs ók víð - num.

Pno

Euph.

Tba

69

TT
skál - möld, Vind - öld, var - göld...

BB

Pno

Euph.

Tba

75 **G** Gently, $\text{♩} = 70$

TT *p* Sér hon upp ko - ma öð - ru sin - ni

BB *p*

Pno *con pedale* *p* *8^{va}* *8^{va}* *8^{va}* *8^{va}*

Euph.

Tba

79

TT jörð ór æ - gi ið - ja - græ - na;

BB

Pno *8^{va}* *8^{va}* *8^{va}* *8^{va}*

Euph.

Tba

83

TT Fall - a for - sar, flý - gr örn y - fir, Sá er á fjall - i fis - ka vei - - -

BB

Pno *8va*

Euph.

Tba

87

TT - ðir. **H** *mf* Þá kem - r inn rí - ki at reg - in - dóm - i ö - flug - r *cresc.*

BB *mf* *cresc.*

Pno *8va* *mf* *3* *3* *3* *3*

Euph. *p* *mf* *mp*

Tba *p* *mf* *mp*

molto ritardando.....

91

TT
o - fan, sá er öll - u ræð - r.

BB

Pno

Euph.

Tba

I Echoing, ♩ = 96

95

TT

BB

Pno

Euph.

Tba

103

TT *p*

Skeg - göld, skál - möld, Vind - öld, var - göld...

BB *p*

Pno

Euph. *pp* *p* *pp* *mp*

Tba *pp* *p* *pp* *mp*

110

TT

BB

Pno

Euph. *p* *pp*

Tba *p* *pp*

J

115

1 Skeg - göld, skál - möld, Vind - öld,

2 *pp* Skil - dir ro klof - nir, skil - dir ro klof - nir, Áð - r ver - öld

1 Skeg - göld, skál - möld, Vind - öld,

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Pno

Euph. *p* *mp* *p*

Tba *p* *mp* *p*

121

1 var - göld... Skeg - göld, skál - möld,

2 stey - pisk. Skil - dir ro klof - nir, skil - dir ro klof - nir,

1 var - göld... Skeg - göld, skál - möld,

2 stey - pisk. Skil - dir ro klof - nir, skil - dir ro klof - nir,

Pno

Euph. *mf* *pp* *pp* *pp* *p*

Tba *mf* *pp* *pp* *pp* *p*

air sound

air sound

126

1 TT Vind - - öld, var - göld... unis.

2 T2 Áð - r ver - öld stey - pisk. unis.

1 BB Vind - - öld, var - göld... unis.

2 B2 Áð - r ver - öld stey - pisk. unis.

Pno

Euph.

Tba

pp *p*

130 rit.....

TT

BB

Pno

Euph.

Tba

ppp *ppp*

133 **K** Slowly, ♩ = 72

TT
Mun en - gi ma - ðr öð - rum þyr - ma. Mun en - gi ma - ðr

BB

Pno
8va

Euph.

Tba

139

TT
öð - rum þyr - ma. E - ða hvat?

BB
ppp

Pno
8va

Euph.
ppp

Tba
ppp

ð = "th" as in "this"

þ = "th" as in "Thor"

Any "r" sounds are to be trilled, as in Scottish.

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Eða hvat?

Skehg-gold, skahl-mold,
Vihnd-old, vahr-gold,
Mün en-gee ma-ðer oh-ð'rum þeer-ma.

Brü-ðer moo-noo bear-yahsk ohk at boh-noom vare-ðask,
Moo-noo sis-th'rün-gar síf-yoom speel-la;
Hart ehr ee hay-mee, hohr-dohm-er mik-ill

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Vihnd-old, vahr-gold,
Mün en-gee ma-ðer oh-ð'rum þeer-ma.

Sole tare sort-na, sigg-er fold ee mahr,
H'v'air-fa ahf him-nee hay-ðahr stohr-ny'ür.
Gay-sahr ay-mee ohk all-der-nahr-ee,
Lay-ker hohr hit-tee vihð sy'ahl-f'van.

(F'yohr-geen-yar bürr nihðs ahk-við-noom
Skel-fer Yigg-drah-seels
Troh-ða hahl-eer hell-vegg)

Goy'r nü Garm-er my'ohk für G'nip-a-hell-ee,
Test-er mün sleet-na en frek-ee ren-na;

Skehg-gold, skahl-mold,
Vihnd-old, vahr-gold...

Sair hohn ohp koh-ma ah-ð'roo sin-nee
Yohr'ð ohr eh-gee eeð-ya-grohn-a;
Fall-a fohr-sahr, flig-ger ohrn ih-f'veer,
Sah ehr ah f'yall-ee fisk-a vay-ðeer.

Pah kemm-er inn rih-kee aht reg-in-dohm-ee
oh-flug-er oh-fan, sah ehr oh-loo reh-ðer.

Skehg-gold, skahl-mold,
Vihnd-old, vahr-gold,

(Skill-deer roh klohf-nir,
Ohð-er ver-old stoy-pisk.)

Mün en-gee ma-ðer oh-ð'rum þeer-ma.

Eh-ðah hv'aht?