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GUDRUNS SORG

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Med Fader og Moder og fire Brødre leged Vinden paa Havets Vove; Bølgen slog mod Skibets Planker.

Selv skulle jeg dem smykke, selv dem begrave, og selv for deres Helfart sørge. Alt det jeg led i et eneste Aar, og ingen talte et Ord til Trøst."

Dog kunde Gudrun ikke græde; saa mod var hun i Hu over den døde Mand, saa fuld af Smerte ved Fyrstens Ligfærd.

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"I have a harder fate to recount.

Far in the South my seven sons
died on the battlefield with their father.

With father and mother and four brothers the wind played with the ocean's waves The waves hit against the ship's planks.

I alone had to adorn them, had to bury them, and had to care for their travel beyond all by myself. All this I suffered in a single year and no one spoke a word of comfort".

Still Gudrun could not weep; so sad was she of mind because of the dead husband, so full of pain at the Prince's funeral.