

# *Beowulf*

Hwæt. We Gardena in geardagum,  
þeodcyninga, þrym gefrunon,  
hu ða æpelingas ellen fremedon.  
Oft Scyld Scefing sceapena þreatum,  
monegum mægþum, meodosetla ofteah,  
egsode eorlas. Syððan ærest wearð  
feasceaft funden, he þæs frofre gebad,  
weox under wolcnum, weorðmyndum þah,  
oðþæt him æghwylc þara ymbsittendra  
ofer hronrade hyran scolde,  
gomban gyldan. þæt wæs god cyning.