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## *Cædmon's Hymn*

Nu sculon herigean                      heofonrices Weard

[Now must we praise                      heaven-kingdom's Guardian,]

Meotodes meahte                      and his modgeþanc

[the Measurer's might                      and his mind-plans,]

weorc Wuldor-Fæder                      swa he wundra gehwæs

[the work of the Glory-Father,                      when he of wonders of every one,]

ece Drihten                      or onstealde.

[eternal Lord,                      the beginning established.]

He ærest sceop                      ielda bearnum

[He first created                      for men's sons]

heofon to hrofe                      halig Scyppend

[heaven as a roof,                      holy Creator;

Ða middangeard                      moncynnes Weard

[then middle-earth                      mankind's Guardian,]

ece Drihten                      æfter teode

[eternal Lord                      afterwards made --]

firum foldan                      Frea ælmihtig.

[for men earth,                      Master almighty.]

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**f**irum **f**oldan            **F**rea ælmihtig.

structurally: two half lines joined by alliteration

language: tons of synonyms

apposition

“kennings”