

Cædmon's Hymn

Nu sculon herigean

[Now must we praise

heofonrices Weard

heaven-kingdom's Guardian,]

Meotodes meahte

[the Measurer's might

and his modgeþanc

and his mind-plans,]

weorc Wuldor-Fæder

[the work of the Glory-Father,

swa he wundra gehwæs

when he of wonders of every one,]

ece Drihten

[eternal Lord,

or onstealde.

the beginning established.]

He ærest sceop

[He first created

ielda bearnum

for men's sons]

heofon to hrofe

[heaven as a roof,

halig Scyppend

holy Creator;

Ða middangeard

[then middle-earth

moncynnes Weard

mankind's Guardian,]

ece Drihten

[eternal Lord

æfter teode

afterwards made --]

firum foldan

[for men earth,

Frea ælmihtig.

Master almighty.]

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heofon to **h**rofe **h**alig Scyppend
ða **m**iddangeard **m**oncynnes Weard
ece Drihten **æ**fter teode
firum **f**oldan **F**rea ælmihtig.