

Voyage to Vinland

Lyrics adapted from traditional Norscan folk tune performed by Childeris McTavish, ex Guild Leader of Bards Guild (up to 1099)*

Am C G
1. We set our sails and hauled our oars
Am C
Heading for the gods alone know
G
where
Am Em
In the whale's wake we left our shores
Am Em Am
Heading for the gods know where

2. We steered the wind that Asgard sent
Heading for the gods alone know where
The waves did rage without relent
Heading for the gods know where

Chorus

Am C G
So heave me heroes, heave and haul
Am Em Am
Valhalla hails thee one and all

3. The crash of salt-crests foamed and flow
Heading for the gods alone know where
The hail and hoar frost hacked our crew
Heading for the gods know where

4. The albatrosses in the sky
Heading for the gods alone know where
Like valkyries where the vanquished lie
Heading for the gods alone know where

Chorus

5. No time for fond dreams of your farms
Heading for the gods alone know where
Or dwell upon your ladies' charms
Heading for the gods know where

6. The mighty Midgard-serpent's tail
Heading for the gods alone know where
Did churn the sea up like a flail
Heading for the gods alone know where

Chorus

7. The sea turned black as boiling tar
Heading for the gods alone know where
And the shadow's shroud obscured our star
Heading for the gods know where

8. The maggot mouths munched our hull
Heading for the gods alone know where
As we drifted in this turgid lull
Heading for the gods know where

Chorus

9. As if by destiny was planned
Heading for the gods alone know where
Eventually we sighted land
Heading for the gods know where

Chorus (twice)

*OOC credit: Robert Calvert "Voyaging to Vinland" from the album "Lucky Leif and the Longships"