

## The Fate of Kings

Forefather

"I give words of thanks for these adornments  
Which I gaze on here, that I was able to acquire  
Such things for my people before the moment of death.  
Now that I have paid for the horde of treasures Which the life  
allotted me  
You must attend to the people's needs henceforth;  
I can remain here no longer!  
Bid those famous for war to build a fine mound  
After the pyre on the headland by the sea;  
It shall tower high on Whale's Cape  
As a remembrance to my people  
So that seafarers when they drive their tall ships From afar ac  
ross the mists of the flood will thereafter Call it Beowulf's B  
arrow"  
- Beowulf