

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