## In The Raven's Eye

So the vision began And a mighty wind shook the roots of the nine worlds. The great wolf of the night roused And a deep slash cracked open the primordial ice. I saw him coming from the north The father of all gods Two crows next to him Two wolves at his sides In the grey cape wrapped I saw him coming, With the name of all things in his hand. He widened the big eye, this he said: WAR!! I know, for nine whole nights you hung down from the tree By the mercy of the wind shaken By the spear injured To Odin sacrificed, Myself to myself On that tree, of unknown roots, grown Nor bread nor drinking horn was given Towards the ground my look I cast The runes I picked up Shouting I took them And from up there I fell. The eye shut itself And from his hand I fell The human error I understood. Almost no soul to sustain me As if an infernal wind wanted To tear it away from me. Through the pain I saw and through it I understood As too great was the Chaos (at the beginning) Now too great was the order. The great millstone of the sky A new circle was about to be prepared. It was time for war Next to our fathers we would have fought once again

## **Opera IX**