Viking

Peter Hammill

Looking out forward over the prow of our long ship, Pulling our oars and listening to the foam; Helmets and sheepskins salt-damp in the sea-mist: We're going home.

Aslak of Langadale, Einar Thorgeirsson, Olaf the White and Sigurd the Powerful...

Looking for constellations above the horizon, West wind cutting sharper than our blades; Smiling forever into an endless sunrise, We're flying on the waves.

Thorfin Karlsefny, Aud the Deep-Minded, Snorri Thorbrandsson, Thorstein the Black...

Out of dark Vinland, with grey waves racing before us -We want no rest. Back to the homeland, Iceland, sleeping in winter -Back from the West. Five years we roam; Now we're going home.