

## Beowulf as written in Old English

### *Grendel's Approach*

Cōm on wanre niht  
scriðan sceadugenga. scēotend swāfon  
þā þæt hornreced healdan scoldon,  
ealle būton ānum. Þæt wæs yldum cūþ  
þæt hīe ne mōste þā metod nolde  
se synscaþa under sceadu bregdan,  
ac hē wæccende wrāpum on andan  
bād bolgenmōd beadwa geþinges.

1. What is one way that Old English is similar to Modern English?
2. Can you see any words that are the same as they would be today or extremely close to being the same?
3. What are some unique letters that are used?
4. Opinion: What does it sound like to you?