

Old English *Beowulf* Passage Handout

Lines 1-3

Hwæt we Gārdena in geardagum
þeodcyninga þrym gefrunon
hu ða æþelingas ellen fremedon.

Lines 4-7a

Oft Scyld Scefing sceþena þreatum,
monegum mægþum meodsetla ofteah,
egsode eorlas, syððan ærest wearð
feasceaft funden;

Lines 7b-11

 he þæs frofe gebad,
weox under wolcnum, weorðmyndum þah
oð þætt him æghwylc þara ymsittendra
ofer hronrade hyran scolde
gomban gylðan. þæt wæs god cyning.

Lines 12-16a

Ðæm eafera wæs æfter cenned
geong in geardum þone god sende
folce to frofre; fyenðearfe ongeat,
þæt hie ær drugon aldorlease
lange hwile.