

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?