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G R E A T H O R N E D O W L

for Anthony Etherin

go! loth wanderer,
 wrangled hooter,
lorn weather-god,
 leeward: go north.
retread (how long?)
 nae old regrowth
nor whorled gate:
 leeward, go north.

another grew old:
 the lorn dowager,
the warlord gone;
 the lord wagoner,
the lard-row gone;
 the orange world,
the oranger wold.
 leeward, go north.

lo! goth wanderer,
 hooted wrangler,
elated, grow horn—
 oh! grow antlered,
(oh! grown altered)
 row, tangled hero,
(oh! tangled rower)
 leeward: go north.

how terra longed
 (how golden, terra)
to harrow legend,
 to lead her wrong.
how terra longed
 (how golden, terra):
the orange world
 another red glow.

oh! gentled arrow,
 loathed, regrown,
dart erelong (how
 long?) toward here.
oh! let danger row
 thee, lorn war-god,
regaled two-horn,
 leeward: go north.

oh, row! let danger
 adorn thee; growl,
glow, ardent hero,
 long-eared, wroth:
dart erelong (how
 long?) toward here.
go: a netherworld
 doth glow, nearer...