

Corpus Number: TC-108

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Variety: NM.F.O.1a

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n.....lath  
óim̃ ..... lath  
óim̃ ..... lath  
pā pāia h̃ pāia h̃ mābāp̃  
pāia pāia h̃ mābāp̃  
im̃ pāia pāia: lā yāp̃ pāia  
pā pāia im̃ mābāp̃. t̃ anq  
dāp̃ lāia h̃ia pāia pāia t̃ óim̃ pā  
óim̃ h̃ anq pāia pāia pāia pā  
p h̃ia pāia pāia pāia pāia pāia  
yā pāia pāia pāia pāia pāia  
.....h̃ a dāia pāia pāia  
yā pāia pāia pāia pāia pāia pāia  
.....pāia pāia pāia pāia pāia pāia  
mā pāia pāia pāia pāia pāia pāia  
óim̃ ~ pāia pāia pāia pāia

r .....(y)ears  
since ..... ready  
sorrow ..... yester  
day being the tenth of November  
Balin lord of Moria fell  
in Dimrill Dale: he went alone  
to look in Mirrormere. A orc  
shot him from behind a stone. We  
slew the orc but many more ca(me)  
(u)p from east up the Silverloade.....  
we rescued Balins b(ody).....  
.....re a sharp battle.....  
we have barred the gates but doubt if  
.....can hold them long. If there is  
no escape it will be a horrible fate to  
suffer – but I shall hold

**Notes:** This sample takes the form of a manuscript page heavily damaged by fire. Ellipses (...) represent unreadable areas where the page has been burned away. This item clearly demonstrates the use of *Alda* in contrast to *Lambe+underbar* for 'll'. There is a single error in 'hold' where *Alda* could have been used for 'ld' before being corrected by adding *Ando*. Similarly, in 'will' a regular *Lambe* is incorrectly used (additionally without an underbar). Of note, 'is' appears to be written in tehta form as opposed to ig. Earlier this was thought to be an error, almost certainly for brevity. However, *Feanorian B* <sup>PE23/34</sup> clearly indicates this is a shorthand form of 'is'. This passage also uses a special tengwa t (essentially a modified *Telco*) for the article 'a', which is more typically seen in phonemic styles.

Capital letters are used in proper names only, where they are slightly larger and decorated with a double stem. The only punctuation used on this page is a period, which looks identical to a standard period.