3: Egil in York

Egil enquired where in town Arinbjorn lived freely; in rimur style

Freely, as if improvising

Intimate; like a recitative
It was told him, and he rode there
Simple, dream-like and still. Slightly slower

And now you will decide what to do, if you want to help me in any way
Brooding; with an underlying sense of menace

Egil, now you must go and offer King Eirik your head and embrace his foot

Nu skal tu Egil fae ra Eirik i kon ung huga thist og ta ka um fot ho num en eg mun talk
Slightly slower; with trepidation

I lead here this man...

spiccato e col legno

Eg fyl gi hing ath theim man ni
Slightly quicker; imperious

poco stringendo...

Incensed; haughty

Why are you so bold as to dare to come to see me, Egill?

We parted on such bad terms last time that you had no hope of my sparing your life

(with octave pedal)
Slower; mysterious and portentous

switch to B flat clarinet

Solo; to the fore, and with tenderness

I have travelled on the sea-god's steed

mouth slightly open

Ko minn emk á jo

mouth slightly open
a long and turbulent wave-path
to visit the one who sits in command of the English land
**Imperious; haughty**

**Sensuous; icy**

O king bid Egil

You cannot expect anything but to die here

Ac tu en gis an nars af von en þið munt hér dey ja sku lu

Gunnhildur

Egil

Arinbjorn

Elec Vc

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vo.

Db.
You must not kill Egil by night

I will neither hear his words nor see him

be led out and beheaded

Gunnhildur

Egil

Arinbjorn

Elec Vc

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.
My advice is for you to stay awake and make a poem in praise of King Eirik.

Because killing by night is murder,

Egil shall live tonight

Nú vil og það ræð ge fa að þu va kir í nött og yr__ kir lófik vae ði um Æi rík kon ung

Fl.
Ob.
B. Cl.
Hn.
Perc. I
Hp.
Gunnhildur
Egil
Arinbjorn
Elec Vc
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Db.

Faster; freely; speech-rhythm
sotto voce; freely; somewhat obsequious
Heiður sé töð sva la ein við glug inn

A swallow has been sitting at the window

and I haven't had a moment's peace

chattering all night

and I haven't had a moment's peace