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A Bibliography

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In 1755, in the notice [*avis*] following his preface to the *Introduction à l'Histoire de Dannemarc ou l'on traite de la Religion, des Loix, des Mœurs & des Usages des Anciens Danois*, Paul-Henri Mallet indicated that “Cette introduction ne tardera pas à être suivie d'une Traduction de l'Edda & de quelques autres morceaux de Mythologie & de Poesie anciennes” [“This introduction will soon be followed by a Translation of the Edda & some other pieces of ancient Mythology & Poetry”]. This paragraph announced the first partial French translation of Snorri's *Edda* and of extracts from the *Poetic Edda*, then entitled *Ancienne Edda* [Elder Edda], the composition of which was attributed to “Sæmund dit le Savant” [Sæmundr the Learned]. Mallet noted that this collection was lost except for three pieces, the *Völuspá*, the *Hávamál* and the *Runic Chapter*,¹ which he introduced in 1756 in his work entitled: *Monumens de la mythologie et de la poesie des celtes et particulierement des anciens scandinaves : Pour servir de supplément et de preuves à l'introduction à*

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¹ The « *Chapitre Runique, ou la Magie d'Odin* » that Mallet cites contains stanzas from the fifth and sixth part of *Hávamál*, respectively named *Rúnatal* and *Ljóðatal*. Mallet, Paul-Henri, *Monumens de la mythologie et de la poesie des celtes et particulierement des anciens scandinaves : Pour servir de supplément et de preuves à l'introduction à l'histoire de Dannemarc*, Copenhagen: Claude Philibert, 1756, p. 144-155.

l'histoire de Dannemarc.² This understanding of the corpus of the *Edda*, which is also found in the work of Louis-Félix Guynement de Keralio,³ derives from the first editions of the poems by Peder Hansen Resen (1665) and by Thomas Bartholin (1689).⁴ Bartholin's work allowed Mallet to incorporate an excerpt from the *Baldrs draumar*. Following the 1779 publication by Grímur Jónsson Thorkelin,⁵ Mallet also included excerpts from the *Vafþrúðnismál* in 1787. Thus, the long tradition of translations of the Poetic Edda in French started in the second half of the eighteenth century. However, the French-speaking world did not only produce translations but also contributed editions of the *Poetic Edda* with, for example, *Poèmes islandais*, by Frédéric-Guillaume Bergmann who, in 1838, presented the edition and translation of three poems: *Völuspá*, *Vafþrúðnismál*, and *Lokasenna*.⁶ In total, more than thirty translations and editions of the *Poetic Edda* or of Eddic poems

² Mallet, Paul-Henri, *Monumens de la mythologie et de la poesie des celtes et particulierement des anciens scandinaves : Pour servir de supplement et de preuves à l'introduction à l'histoire de Dannemarc*, Copenhagen: Claude Philibert, 1756, p. 133. Following the studies of Halldór Hermannsson and Jóhann Sigurjónsson Hannesson, I have chosen to provide only the original French title without its translation. Halldór Hermannsson, *Bibliography of the Eddas*, Islandica, volume XIII, Ithaca: Cornell University Library, 1920; Jóhann Sigurjónsson Hannesson, *A Supplement to Bibliography of the Eddas (Islandica XIII)*, Islandica, volume XXXVII, Ithaca: Cornell University Library, 1955.

³ Louis-Félix Guynement de Keralio writes: "Quoi qu'il en soit, il ne reste de ce grand Recueil que trois Poëmes entiers, & l'abrégué qu'en fit en prose, au commencement du treizième siècle, Snorro Stourleson" ["Be that as it may, only three complete poems & the abridgment that Snorro Stourleson made in prose at the beginning of the thirteenth century remain"]. Keralio, Louis-Félix Guynement de, *Collection de differens morceaux sur l'Histoire naturelle & civile des pays du Nord, sur l'Histoire naturelle en général, sur d'autres sciences, sur différens arts ; traduits de l'allemand, du suédois, du latin, avec des notes du traducteur*, First volume, Paris: R. Davidts, 1763, p. 3.

⁴ Resen, Peder Hansen, *Edda Islandorum an. Chr. M. CC. XV Islandice. Conscripta per Snorronem. Sturle Islandiae Nomophylacem, Nunc. Primum Islandice. Danice. et Latine*, Copenhagen: typis Henrici Gordiani, 1665; Bartholin, Thomas, *Antiquitatum Danicarum de Causis Contemptae a Danis Adhuc Gentilibus Mortis Libri Tres*, Copenhagen: Joh. Phil. Bockenhoffer, 1689.

⁵ Grímur Jónsson Thorkelin, *Vafþrúðnismál Sive Odarum Eddæ Sæmundiane Una*, Copenhagen: Aug. FRid. Steinii, 1779.

⁶ Frédéric-Guillaume Bergmann intended to publish "un plus grand nombre de poésies de l'Edda" ["a larger number of poems from the Edda"], but his ambition had to be revised due to the scope of the work. Bergmann, Frédéric-Guillaume, *Poèmes islandais: (Voluspa, Vafþrúðnismál, Lokasenna): tirés de l'Edda de Sæmund*, Paris: Imprimerie Royale, 1838, avant-propos, p. 7.

were published during the long nineteenth century.⁷ They testify to the involvement of French-speaking research in the reception of and enthusiasm for the medieval North during this period.⁸ Although the twentieth and early twenty-first centuries have continued this tradition, it has been carried out at a slower pace and, with the exception of three scholars,⁹ research has mainly focused on individual poems.

The present work contains all the French translations and editions of the *Poetic Edda* from the first studies dating back to the eighteenth century to the present day.¹⁰ Its main goal is to facilitate future research. It is based upon and extends the bibliographies of Halldór Hermannsson and Jóhann Sigurjónsson Hannesson.¹¹ The format, language, and approach of this study therefore follows that used by these two authors, with a few adaptations.¹² In addition to the inclusion of references for the second half of the twentieth century and the beginning of the twenty-first century, I was able to find numerous translations and editions that were not included in the two previous bibliographies. Thus, for the pre-1950 period covered by Halldór Hermannsson and Jóhann Sigurjónsson Hannesson, the corpus has been expanded from eleven to forty-two references. Based on intertextual references and commentaries of the time, the present work has also been able to

⁷ This periodization is borrowed from Eric Hobsbawm, who thus designates the period between 1789 and 1914. For further details on this period and the use of Norse mythology in French at the time, see Mohnike, Thomas and Stahl, Pierre-Brice, “The Reception of Norse Mythology in French. A brief introduction to its multi-faceted history” in this volume.

⁸ Wawn, Andrew, “The Post-Medieval Reception of Old Norse and Old Icelandic Literature,” *A Companion to Old Norse Icelandic Literature and Culture*, Rory McTurk (ed.), Malden: Blackwell Publishing, 2005 [2011], p. 320-337, p. 328.

⁹ Félix Wagner, Pierre Renaud-Krantz and Régis Boyer. Cf. the third part “Bibliography.”

¹⁰ This study builds on the postdoctoral research I conducted for the project “Building the North with Words: Geographies of Scientific Knowledge in European Philologies 1850–1950” directed by Joachime Grage and Thomas Mohnike, with funding from FRIAS and USIAS (15/05/2015 to 15/07/2015).

¹¹ Halldór Hermannsson, *Bibliography of the Eddas*, Islandica, volume XIII, Ithaca: Cornell University Library, 1920; Jóhann Sigurjónsson Hannesson, *A Supplement to Bibliography of the Eddas (Islandica XIII)*, Islandica, volume XXXVII, Ithaca: Cornell University Library, 1955.

¹² Cf. the first part “The Corpus.”

provide some missing publication dates.¹³ I have also brought to light five manuscripts that have never been published and had never been studied before: three manuscripts by Félix Gynement de Keralio which are preserved at the Bibliothèque nationale de France (BNF),¹⁴ one manuscript by Louis Le Pontois kept at the Bibliothèque Nordique,¹⁵ and one manuscript by Arsène Thiébaut de Berneaud preserved at the Bibliothèque Mazarine.¹⁶

The Corpus

The following bibliography includes all the French translations and editions of the *Poetic Edda*.¹⁷ Following Halldór Hermannsson's and Jóhann Sigurjónsson Hannesson's approach, I have included the individual poems. However, I have not listed them in a separate list from the more "complete" translations of the *Poetic Edda*, a corpus that has evolved greatly as new editions and translations have been made.¹⁸ Indeed, the terms *Edda de Sæmund* [Edda of Sæmund], *Edda poétique*

¹³ This is, for example, the case for *Collection de differens morceaux sur l'Histoire naturelle & civile des pays du Nord* of Louis-Félix Gynement de Keralio which is often quoted without an exact date.

¹⁴ Keralio, Louis-Félix Guynement de, *L'Edda, ou la mythologie septentrionale, traduite de l'islandais, avec des explications et des notes, par Louis-F. Guynement de Keralio*, NAF 2618, 18th-century French paper manuscript, 336 pages, 458 × 335 mm, red morocco binding; *L'Edda, ou la mythologie septentrionale, traduite de l'islandais, avec des explications et des notes, par Ls-F.-Guynement de Keralio*, NAF 1812-1813, 18th-century French paper manuscripts, 225 and 378 leaves, 230 × 175 mm, hardback and half-bound.

¹⁵ Le Pontois, Louis, *Edda Sæmundar*, MS 3703, beginning of the 20th-century French paper manuscript, 350 pages, 275 × 210 mm. I would like to thank Florence Chapuis, former head of the department at the Bibliothèque Nordique, and Lisa Houadef, who is studying the collection of Le Pontois, for their help with this manuscript.

¹⁶ Berneaud, Arsène Thiébaut de, "Edda", MS 4447 2, French paper manuscript, ca. 1830.

¹⁷ The bibliography is exhaustive, no translations have been excluded.

¹⁸ Similarly, unlike Halldór Hermannsson and Jóhann Sigurjónsson Hannesson, commentaries and studies on the *Poetic Edda* or specific poems have not been included. Their actual number would exceed the size of an article. This is, for example, the case with Félix Wagner's article: "Völuspa ou Prédictions de la prophétesse. Analyse et interpretation," that was included by Jóhann Sigurjónsson Hannesson. Wagner, Félix, "Völuspa ou Prédictions de la prophétesse. Analyse et interpretation," *Revue belge de philologie et d'histoire*, volume XIII, 1934, p. 45-56; Jóhann Sigurjónsson Hannesson, A *Supplement to Bibliographny of the Eddas*, p. 91.

[Poetic Edda] and *Edda ancienne* [Elder Edda] which can be found in the listed publications refer to a group of mythological and heroic poems, collected notably in the *Codex Regius*, GKS 2365 4to, around 1275. Since the first French translations, the name *Edda poétique* has referred to a broader corpus than that of the *Codex Regius* as other Eddic poems have been transmitted in other manuscripts, such as AM 748 I a 4to for the *Baldrs draumar*, a poem already cited by Mallet in his work of 1756.¹⁹ Some poems like *Hrafnagaldr Óðins* or *Sólarljóð* which were included in several translations of the nineteenth century do not correspond to the twentieth and twenty-first-century understanding of the corpus of the *Poetic Edda*.²⁰ Many French translations, however, never intended to be exhaustive. Some translations initially started with bigger ambitions that were revised later on;²¹ some were only interested in mythological or heroic poems; others were part of larger anthologies;²² and others only focused on a group of poems or a specific poem. I decided therefore to list all the works in chronological order, regardless of whether they focus on one poem, several poems, a part of the *Edda* or the entire *Poetic Edda* (according to the contemporary understanding of the translator or editor). In line with the initial work of Halldór Hermannsson and Jóhann Sigurjónsson Hannesson, I have not included adaptations like the work of William Ritter.²³ As the productions of Charles Marie Leconte de Lisle fall in this category, they

¹⁹ Mallet, Paul-Henri, *Monumens de la mythologie et de la poésie des celtes*, p. 147-8.

²⁰ Puget, Rosalie (du), *Bibliothèque étrangère ou choix d'ouvrages remarquables (histoire, poésie, théâtre, romans, etc.). Traduits de diverses langues, Première Série. Auteurs suédois, danois, norvégiens et islandais*, Paris: L'éditeur, 1838, “Le Poème du corbeau d’Odin”, p. 275-280; “Le Chant du Soleil,” p. 220-233; Bergmann, Frédéric-Guillaume, *Les chants de Sôl (sôlar liôð). Poème tiré de l’Edda de Sæmund, publié avec une traduction et un commentaire*, Strasbourg: Treuttel et Würtz libraires, Paris: F. Jung-Treuttel, 1858.

²¹ See footnote 6.

²² Renaud-Krantz, Pierre, *Anthologie de la poésie ancienne : des origines à la fin du Moyen Age*, Paris: Gallimard, 1964; Polet, Jean-Claude (ed.), *Patrimoine littéraire européen. Anthologie en langue française*, vol. 3, Racines celtiques et germaniques, Brussels: De Boeck Université, 1992.

²³ Ritter, William: *Les Eddas. Sigurd. Adaptation de William Ritter. Illustrations de Ernst, Misttis et G. Picard*, Petite collection Guillaume, Paris: E. Dentu, 1893.

are excluded from the bibliography. I have also excluded scholarly books, articles²⁴ and reviews²⁵ that cite text passages from the *Poetic Edda* to illustrate their argument. I decided to include any study held in a library or available from a library portal. This allowed us to incorporate articles published directly in open access as well as theses and manuscripts. I have also included re-editions when they did not consist in a simple reprint of the text. Therefore, I did not add the reprints in print-on-demand.²⁶

The Making of the Corpus and History of Research

Producing a bibliography on the Eddas is not a new undertaking and it began as early as the end of the eighteenth century with Nyerup in 1798.²⁷ Halldór Hermannsson's work, *Bibliography of the Eddas*,

²⁴ For example, the work of Burette, Théodore and Charpentier, Jean Pierre, *Cahiers d'histoire littéraire ancienne et moderne*, Paris: Chamerot, 1836 which includes excerpts from the Poetic Edda from Mallet's translations. Likewise, collections of quotations such as *Paroles de sagesse Viking* have not been included: *Paroles de sagesse Viking. Textes recueillis Willem Hartman, Préface de Régis Boyer*, Carnets de Sagesse, Paris: Albin Michel, 2001.

²⁵ Cf. *Journal des Séavans, combiné avec les mémoires de Trévoux*, May 1763, volume LXXV, Amsterdam: Marc-Michel Rey, p. 28-38 which quotes some stanzas of the Völuspá while presenting the work of Keralio of 1763. Keralio, Louis-Félix Guynement de, *Collection de differens morceaux sur l'Histoire naturelle & civile des pays du Nord, sur l'Histoire naturelle en général, sur d'autres sciences, sur différens arts ; traduits de l'allemand, du suédois, du latin, avec des notes du traducteur*, first volume, Paris: R. Davidts, 1763

²⁶ This includes the publications of the Hachette Livre and BNF program, which has offered, for example, the reproduction of the 1838 book: *Poèmes islandais* by Bergmann since 2012. The latter is also available from other publishers such as: Nabu Press (since 2010); Ulan Press (since 2012); Chapitre.com (since 2014); Wentworth Press (since 2018). Bergmann, Frédéric-Guillaume, *Poèmes islandais : (Voluspa, Vafthrudnismal, Lokasenna) : tirés de l'Edda de Sæmund*, Paris: Imprimerie Royale, 1838.

²⁷ In his chapter II, Xavier Marmier dedicates a section to the question entitled "Bibliographie de l'Edda". Marmier, Xavier, *Voyage en Islande et au Groënland [...] Littérature islandaise par M. Xavier Marmier*, Paris: Arthus Bertrand, 1843, p. 83-87. For the nineteenth century, Halldór Hermannsson also cites in his preface the bibliographic works of Theodor Möbius with the *Catalogus liborum* of 1856 and the *Verzeichniss* of 1880, as well as the more general list compiled by Solberg in 1884. Möbius, Theodor, *Catalogus librorum islandicorum et norvegicorum aetatis mediae editorum versorum illustrorum*, Leipzig: W. Engelmannum, 1856; *Verzeichniss der auf dem Gebiete der altnordischen (altisländischen und altnorwegischen) Sprache und Literatur von 1855*

constitutes one of the central studies on the topic. Published in 1920, it is a continuation of his previous works such as the *Bibliography of the Mythical-Heroic Sagas* of 1912.²⁸ The 1920 work is divided into two main parts: “Sæmundar Eddda” and “Snorra Edda.” The first one includes: “Editions,” “Translations,” “Works on the Edda,” “Individual poems.” The second one includes: “Editions,” “The grammatical treatises,” “Translations,” “Works on the Edda.” The book ends with an author index. The part on “Sæmundar Edda” mentions the Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Latin, Norwegian, Polish, Spanish, and Swedish translations. Halldór Hermannsson lists three editions and five French translations dating from before 1920. This study was continued thirty-five years later by Jóhann Sigurjónsson Hannesson, who added a supplement to this bibliography listing the editions, translations, and works published in the period between 1920 and 1955.²⁹ Jóhann Sigurjónsson Hannesson mostly followed the same division as Halldór Hermannsson,³⁰ so that his work is a direct continuation of Halldór Hermannsson’s bibliography. Moreover, Jóhann Sigurjónsson Hannesson also had access to Halldór Hermannsson’s card file.³¹ In addition to these two bibliographies, two websites exist which list some of the French translations and editions of the Poetic Edda. The website *Germanic Mythology: Texts, Translations, Scholarship* by William P. Reaves proposes a webpage on editions and translations of the Eddas in languages other than English. It contains ten entries on French translations and editions.³² The most complete

bis 1879 erschienenen Schriften, Leipzig: W. Engelmann, 1880; Horn, Winkel Frederik, Anderson, Rasmus b., Solberg Thorvald, *History of the literature of the Scandinavian North from the most ancient times to the present*, Chicago: S.C. Griggs and Co., 1884.

²⁸ Halldór Hermannsson, *Bibliography of the Mythical-heroic Sagas*, Islandica, volume V, Ithaca: Cornell University Library, 1912. Additionally, there is the *Catalogue of the Icelandic Collection* of 1914, which contains an entry on French translations and editions including four works: Halldór Hermannsson, *Catalogue of the Icelandic Collection bequeathed by Willard Fiske, compiled by Halldór Hermannsson*, Ithaca: Cornell University Library, 1914, p. 111.

²⁹ Jóhann Sigurjónsson Hannesson includes three French translations.

³⁰ “Preface;” Abbreviations;” “Sæmundar Edda” with: “Editions,” “Translations,” “Works on the Edda” and “Individual poems;” “Snorra Edda” with: “Editions,” “The grammatical treatises,” “Translations and Works on the Edda;” “Index.”

³¹ Cf. Preface, p. viii.

³² Reaves, William P., *Germanic Mythology: Texts, Translations, Scholarship*: <<http://www.germanicmythology.com/works/eddiccollections.html>> [last consulted on

website is Hanna Steinunn Þorleifsdóttir's *Littérature islandaise en traduction française* [Icelandic Literature in French Translation] which offers a bibliographical list of translations of medieval and contemporary Icelandic literature and which, at the time of writing, lists twenty entries for the *Poetic Edda*.³³ In parallel to these lists of French translations and editions, numerous journals list new publications every year.³⁴ Similarly, several bibliographies also exist about the North.³⁵

The making of the following bibliography was based, above all, on the analysis of references authors made to each other, especially, for the nineteenth century publications. The reviews and publishing advertisements of this period also served as a precious source for this list.³⁶ Finally, the work was completed by a search into French library collections, in particular the Bibliothèque Nordique, the Bibliothèque nationale universitaire of Strasbourg (BNU) and the Bibliothèque nationale de France (BNF). In total, this bibliography contains fifty-five references.

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³³ Hanna Steinunn Þorleifsdóttir, *Littérature islandaise en traduction française*: <https://isl.hypotheses.org/>, last updated on July 20, 2020 [accessed on 03/04/2021]. The translations and editions of the *Poetic Edda* are divided into two pages: « Éditions anciennes (1756-1974) des *Eddas* ou des fragments de la poésie eddique et poésie autre (Lys, etc.) » and « *Edda poétique* ». The blog also presents two additional references that do not fit the criteria defined above: *Paroles de sagesse Viking* (see footnote 16) and an article that contains an excerpt from the *Völuspá*. Jón Sveinsson, “L'ancienne littérature islandaise,” *Etudes publiées par des Pères de la Compagnie de Jésus*, number 106, February 1906, p. 516-529.

³⁴ For example, *Arkiv för nordisk filologi* or *Acta Philologica Scandinavica*.

³⁵ For a French bibliography, one can, for example, refer to Denis Ballu's *Lettres nordiques, une bibliographie*, which focuses on all the publications on the North and which contains two pages on the *Poetic Edda* (p. 408-9). This work is based on the 1996 book: *Lettres nordiques en traduction française*. In English, and in the field of Old Norse mythology, one can refer to the work of John Lindow, *Scandinavian mythology: an annotated bibliography*. Ballu, Denis, *Lettres nordiques, une bibliographie*, 1720-2013, Stockholm: Kungliga Biblioteket, 2016; *Lettres nordiques en traduction française 1720-1995*, Nantes: L'Elan, 1996; Lindow, John, *Scandinavian mythology: an annotated bibliography*, Garland folklore bibliographies, volume 13, New York: Garland Publishing, 1988.

³⁶ In particular the *Revue des deux mondes* and the *Journal des Savans*.

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³⁷ This book, as well as *Introduction à l'Histoire de Danemarc, Seconde Partie* from 1763, contains excerpts from *Völuspá*, *Hávamál*, and *Baldur draumar*. See footnote 1.

³⁸ Old Norse text of *Völuspá* with a French translation based upon Mallet's, Resen's, as well as the Swedish translation by Johannis Gøransson whose edition Keralio uses. See: Keralio, *Collection de differens morceaux*, p. 4-5. Gørasson, Johannis, Yverborna Ätlingars eller svögöthars och nordmänners patriarchaliska Lära, Stockholm, 1750.

³⁹ Contains *Hávamál*: "Haramaal [sic], c'est-à-dire, Discours sublime d'Odin, traduit de l'ancienne langue Islandoise". Keralio, *Bibliotheque universelle des romans*, p.35.

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Ampère, Jean Jacques, “Ancienne poésie scandinave”, *Revue des deux mondes*, third volume, second series, Paris, 1833, p. 420-433.⁴³

⁴⁰ This edition incorporates extracts from the *Vafþrúðnismál*. Mallet notes in this regard that it was first published in 1779 by Grímur Jónsson Thorkelin. Mallet, *Edda, ou Monumens de la mythologie*, 1787, p. 269; Grímur Jónsson Thorkelin, *Vafþrudnismal Sive Odarum Dddæ Sæmundiane Una*, Copenhagen: Aug. FRid. Steinii, 1779.

⁴¹ Contains *Thrymskvida*.

⁴² Manuscript kept at the Mazarin Library. I found an announcement of this translation in *Bibliographie de la France* indicating that it would be published “incessamment” [very soon]: “M. Blumut, Suédois fort versé dans l'histoire des antiquités du Nord, et M. Thiébaut de Berneaud, l'un de nos plus savans bibliothécaires, vont publier la *Mythologie des anciens Scandinaves*. [...] Cet ouvrage laisse bien loin derrière lui l'informe traduction donnée par Mallet au milieu du XVIII^e siècle” [Mr. Blumut, a Swede well versed in the history of northern antiquities, and Mr. Thiébaut de Berneaud, one of our most learned librarians, are going to publish the *Mythology of the Ancient Scandinavians*. [...] This work leaves far behind the rough translation given by Mallet in the middle of the 18th century.] “Feuilleton de la bibliographie de la France. N° 20”, in *Bibliographie de la France ou journal général*, number 38, September 17, 1831, p. 2.

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⁴⁸ The work was reprinted several times, the 1872 edition being the fifth.

⁴⁹ The book includes excerpts from the *Poetic Edda* with an Old Norse edition, a Latin translation and explanatory notes in French.

⁵⁰ In his book, Eischoff notes that his translation of the *Völuspá* “la Valospâ ou Vision de Vala” originally dates from 1836 and that he retouched it for this publication. Eischoff, *Tableau de la littérature du nord au moyen âge*, p. 46, footnote 1.

⁵¹ Translation of *Rígsþula* with the Old Norse text from Peter Andreas Munch's edition: *Den Ældre Edda. Samling af norrøne oldkvad*, Christiania: P. T. Mallings Officin., 1847.

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⁵⁷ Partial translation of *Hávamál*.

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