

A Teaching Ballad: The Ballad of Thread-Fall

This song is a tribute to the Science Fiction Fantasy books of Anne McCaffrey.

General Vocabulary

ballad - a slow song
bore- to dig into
burrow - to dig into
dragon - a mythic creature that can fly
harken - listen
loop - to circle
preen - to make yourself look attractive
rider - a person who rides
save your tails - to rescue you
scored - cut or burned
tithes - to give a percentage of your earnings
whoop - a loud shout

Vocabulary Created for the Anne MacCaffrey's Novel

between - an empty play during time travel
browns/silver/gold - kinds of dragons
pass - a period when there is no danger of thread falling
thread - a liquid metal that rains from the sky
weyr - the home of the dragons and their riders

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The dragons all flew out to fight.
We prayed for the stars to give them light
For they'd plenty of thread to burn that night
Before it reached the ground-o, ground-o, ground-o
Plenty of thread to burn that night before it reached the ground-o

They _____ up high to meet the thread
Before the ground became its bed
For if hit, the dirt _____ dead
'Cause thread will always burrow, _____, burrow.
For if hit, the dirt was dead, 'cause thread _____ always burrow

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The gold flew high, she dipped and _____
With browns behind they _____ the loop
And all the weyr gave out a whoop
As the thread _____ to burn-o, burn-o, burn-o.
All the weyr gave out a whoop as the thread began to burn-o.

The bronze _____ back, his wings all scored
As falling thread thru skin it bored
But his rider was a weyr born lord
Who _____ him in-between-o, between-o, between-o.
His rider was a weyr born lord
Who took him in-between-o.

Between the air was black and cold.
It stopped the heart and _____ the soul
But they both came back, so i've been told
To _____ another day-o, day-o, day-o.
They both _____, so i've been told
To fight another day-o.

Now threadfall's gone away at last
Until it _____ another pass
Our dragons preen and eat at last
As weyr folk all _____, rejoice-o, rejoice-o.
Our dragons _____ and eat at last
As weyr folk all rejoice-o.

_____ this our little tale
When thread is _____ the threat is pale
But dragons remain to save your tails
When the thread _____ down again-o, again-o, again-o.
Dragons _____ to save your tails
When the thread comes down again.

So harken to my harpers call
And tithes your measure, _____ you all
For be sure again the thread will fall.
Prepare then for the morrow, morrow, morrow
_____ sure again the thread will fall
_____ then for the morrow
Prepare then for the morrow.