Ancient Rites, Fatherland

When the restless North Sea is trying to gain more land And a merciless west wind steals my breath When the fierce waves are pounding on the beaches Plain as an endless desert

Or uttermost vile storms are Teaching my people humbleness Then one can see my land resist There one can see my land fight As gloomy grey skies Cast away the northern sun

I turn home.... Always turn home I turn home.... Always turn home

And our cities and villages
Representing centuries and centuries
Seem to drown due to eternal rainfall
Or the rivers turn into Gold

I turn home.... Always turn home I turn home.... Always turn home

Fatherland! I always turn to my Fatherland! Fatherland! Keep on turning to my Fatherland! Fatherland! Always turn to my Fatherland! Fatherland! I always turn to my Fatherland!

Our cities seem to drown
Due to eternal rainfall
I watch the rivers
Turn into Gold
Under a genial sun
When snow capped forests
Create visions larger than life
Then I realise where I belong
My eyes have seen the continents
The beauty of foreign civilisations

An uncontrollable desire forces me to wander Yet echoes of melancholy and remembering The splendour being mine (make me turn home) Where castles and towers are the sole mountains And father time seems to have less grip Where castles and towers are the sole mountains There my land can be found

I turn home.... Always turn home I turn home.... Always turn home

Fatherland! I always turn to my Fatherland! Fatherland! Keep on coming to my Fatherland! Fatherland! Always turn to my Fatherland! Fatherland! Always turn to my Fatherland!