

A verse attributed to Eyvindr *skáldaspillir*;
and again the origin of *dróttkvætt*

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The verse in question, (*L_tum langra nóta*, etc.) in chapter 16 of *Haralds saga gráfeldar* in *Heimskringla* will first be analysed in detail. Then two aspects of it are discussed which have relevance to the propositions that: (a) skaldic language evolved from *noa*-language; and (b) that *dróttkvæðr þátr* had its origin in rowing chants. In connection with (a), material from e.g. Malaysia (Sarawak) will be adduced, in connection with (b), certain modern verses from Iceland and the Faroes. The overall status of (b) as a proposition will then be reviewed. Finally, the fact that the verse in question is addressed to a woman will be given attention.