

# Duel at Rannoch Moor

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It was at the tribal campfire  
The fearsome stranger came.  
A dragon hide was all he wore.  
It matched his deadly game.  
T'was Beltane Eve that holy time  
The time of blessings due  
He gave a challenge loud and clear  
For reasons they all knew.  
It was at this tribal fire so rude  
Not in their castle dear  
To which he came to show his might  
Wanting to strike great fear  
He challenged Godric to a duel  
Upon that Rannoch Moor  
He was to take away their heart  
So it would beat no more  
They all stood and invited him  
To share their meat and wine  
They recognized a warrior true

And with him they would dine  
They knew he from the Druids came  
To take back their old fief  
But they honored him nonetheless  
He came not like a thief  
They could not offer him their best  
In rough camp they must dwell  
To be friends with all the herdsmen  
And wish their cattle well  
For tomorrow was the Beltane  
To bless the livestock all  
And mourn with sacred proper rites  
Whichever one would fall  
They told him this was not an end  
Druids had fueled their hate  
No matter which side won or lost  
They would retaliate  
The bounty hunter rose that morn  
And traveled to the site  
All the others gathered around  
To see the fearsome fight  
The dragon hide did turn away  
Godric's mightiest blast  
He charged with blade but all his friends  
Feared that he could not last  
The spear was thrust at his brave heart  
His sword swung to parry  
Lifeblood gushed; the body gave up  
Soul it could not carry  
That Beltane day three bonfires burned  
Two for herds as was right  
One stacked higher for to honor  
A memory so bright  
The herdsman now could take their choice  
Which embers they desired  
They all chose the warriors pyre  
Their spirits were so fired  
Godric leaning upon his crutch  
Thanked them man and wife  
For making the choice he would make  
Upon his very life

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