## Skyfire "Son Of The Mare"

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On a mountain top
By a clear wellspring
Laima weaves fate
Plaiting the thread
A golden spinning-wheel runs under her feet

Who will live and who will die Where joy will be heard and where tears will be she'd One thread is long, the other is short As she decides, so shall she weave

A cuckoo calls from a tree
Behind the window a young lady is weeping:
- "If only Laima would give me a son I would nurse and fondle him as best as I could!"

Don't cry young lady? Laima already knows She weaves fate, plaiting the thread For soon there will be time for a hero to come For a hero to come and start his story

In your dream you will see what must be done Catch a pike-fish, gut it and boil it She who will eat that pike Will soon become pregnant

Half man, half beast? the mare will bear a son Like flint, like steel? undefeatable!

But everything will happen as Laima has decreed There will be three who eat that pike A son born from a lady, another from a maidservant But loudest cried third one in the white mare's stable

Half man, half beast? the mare will bear a son Like flint, like steel? undefeatable!

They will become like brothers
But one will be above them all
Not by years, but by days he will grow
Kurbads - son of the mare he will be called

No work will be too hard for him On the third year they send him to hunt On the seventh he boldly lifts his sword He will roll boulders like they were peas He's Kurbads - son of the mare

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