

## Orion

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Orion the hunter stalks the sky  
At his heels, the dog with the fiery eye  
Sirius gleams with magical light  
The brightest star in the winter's night

The hare leaps at Orion's feet;  
A girdle around his waist so neat  
Holds the sword that is death or life  
The stars shine out in his heavenly knife

With his great club raised to the bull's horned head  
To deliver the blow and to strike him dead  
For Aldebaran, the bull's red eye  
Follows his maidens across the night sky

The seven sisters away they flee  
From the giant who would their master be  
The Pleiades flew away as doves  
To be set as stars in the sky above

Orion is king of the winter's night  
His club and his sword prove his power and might  
At his heels, the dog with a fiery eye  
Forever he'll rule in the winter sky