COMPARISONS of LANGUAGES INVOLVED IN WALAM OLUM (MAALAN AARUM)

WALAM OLUM

Topan
akpinep
winew
akpinep
kshakan
akpinep
thupin
akpinep

it freezes
where they abode
It snows
where they abode
it storms
where they abode
it is cold
where they abode

ALGONQUIN

akooppoon atapin etu wi'new atapin etu kscha chan atapin etu akooppoon atapin etu

OLD NORSE

yggr buuendhr
endr aa bua tjaa
fenna
endr aa bua tjaa
geysa gangr
endr aa bua tjaa
yggr buuendhr
endr aa bua tjaa

dreadful encamping
remain in a (different) place did
cover with snow
remain in a (different) place did
big wind
remain in a (different) place did
dreadful encamping
remain in a (different) place did

WORD (PHRASE) BY WORD (PHASE) DECIPHERMENT

(All references are to Sherwin's eight volumes of the Viking and the Red Man)

Original English it freezes
Recorded sounds to pan

Algonquin words akoo ppoon v.6 p.5 meaning, "winter" 1*

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v. 4 p 17 & 147 5*

Old Norse yggr buuendhr

Norse/English dreadful encamping 2*

Original English where they abode
Recorded sounds ak pinep
Algonguin words at a pinetu

Algonquin words at a pinetu v. 4 p 17 & 147 5*

Old Norse endr aa bua tjaa Morphed sounds 3*

Norse/English remain in a (different) place did Homeland 4*

Original English It snows
Recorded sounds wi new
Algonquin words wi'new

Old Norse fenna

Norse/English cover with snow

Original English where they abode

Recorded sounds ak pinep
Algonquin words at a pinetu
Old Norse endr aa bua tjaa

Old Norse endr aa bua tjaa Morphed sounds 3*
Norse/English remain in a (different) place did Homeland 4*

Original English it storms
Recorded sounds ksha kan
Algonquin words kscha chan

Old Norse geysa gangr Norse/English big wind

Original English where they abode Recorded sounds ak pinep

Algonquin words at a pinetu v. 4 p 17 & 147 5*

Old Norse endr aa bua tjaa Morphed sounds 3*

Norse/English remain in a (different) place did Homeland 4*

Original English it is cold
Recorded sounds thu pin

Recorded sounds thu pin Same as topan 6*
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- 1* The double "oo"s indicate a long "o."
 The "r" may have morphed into "oo."
- 2* Dreadful encampment was an idiom to describe winter. Freezing may have been one word the Recorder understood, when the Historian was trying to communicate "winter."
- 3* This phase illustrates the changes of sounds through time, distance and speakers. An original "d" became a "t" which became a "k" when recorded in another language. The "b" became a "P" through time.

The original "t" survived through time and became a "p" when recorded.

The "a" and "n" sounds are created in a similar way in a similar location in the mouth. The "a" and "n" sounds appear to have interchanged through time and distance, but the Historian and the Recorder were able to communicate them correctly.

- 4* Those who "remain in a (different) place" is a phrase meaning the homeland.
- 5* The "ep" syllable is not definite, but "etu" comes closest.
- 6* The repeat of the Algonquin word for two different meanings indicates that the recorder may not have been familiar with the Algonquin word for winter. The recorder may have recorded the same sounds differently as the Historian tried to describe winter again, again, and again.