

Rune Handbook – Anglo-Saxon Futhorc

Up to 33 runes from England and Frisia, c. 400–1000 AD

The Anglo-Saxon Futhorc expanded the row to up to 33 characters. The interpretations follow the Old English rune poem (public domain).

Overview

ƿ **Feoh** · **F** – Wealth

ᚱ **Ur** · **U** – Aurochs

ᚦ **Þorn** · **TH** – Thorn

ƿ **Os** · **O** – Mouth/Word

ᚷ **Rad** · **R** – Riding

ᚦ **Cen** · **C/K** – Torch

× **Gyfu** · **G** – Gift

ƿ **Wynn** · **W** – Joy

ᚷ **Hægl** · **H** – Hail

ᚠ **Nyd** · **N** – Need

ᚱ **Is** · **I** – Ice

ᚠ **Ger** · **J** – Year

ᚠ **Eoh** · **EO** – Yew

ᚠ **Peorð** · **P** – Play

ŷ **Eolh** · **X/Z** – Sedge

ᚠ **Sigel** · **S** – Sun

ᚠ **Tir** · **T** – Tir

ᚠ **Beorc** · **B** – Birch

ᚠ **Eh** · **E** – Horse

ᚠ **Mann** · **M** – Human

ᚠ **Lagu** · **L** – Water

ᚠ **Ing** · **NG** – Ing

ᚠ **Eðel** · **OE** – Home

ᚠ **Dæg** · **D** – Day

ƿ **Ac** · **A** – Oak

ƿ **Æsc** · **AE** – Ash

ᚠ **Yr** · **Y** – Bow/Horn

* **Ior** · **IO** – Water serpent

ᚠ **Ear** · **EA** – Earth/Grave

The Runes in Detail

ƿ **Feoh** · **F**

Wealth

In the Rune Poem. Wealth is a comfort to all; yet every man must share it freely, if he would gain honour.

ᚱ Ur · U*Aurochs*

In the Rune Poem. The aurochs is proud and great-horned, a fierce beast that roams the moors.

ᚦ Þorn · TH*Thorn*

In the Rune Poem. The thorn is exceedingly sharp, an evil thing for any to touch – cruel to grasp.

ƿ Os · O*Mouth/Word*

In the Rune Poem. The mouth is the source of all speech, a pillar of wisdom and a comfort to the wise.

ᚱ Rad · R*Riding*

In the Rune Poem. Riding seems easy in the hall; on a hard horse over the miles it is far more toilsome.

ᚗ Cen · C/K*Torch*

In the Rune Poem. The torch is light and flame to every living man, bright where the nobles rest.

× Gyfu · G*Gift*

In the Rune Poem. Generosity brings grace and honour, support and dignity among men.

ƿ Wynn · W*Joy*

In the Rune Poem. Bliss he knows who suffers little sorrow, and dwells in fortune and plenty.

ᚱ Hægl · H*Hail*

In the Rune Poem. Hail is the whitest of grain; it whirls from the sky and turns to water.

† Nyd · N*Need*

In the Rune Poem. Need oppresses the heart, yet often proves a help and salvation to the children of men, if they heed it in time.

ᚗ Is · I*Ice*

In the Rune Poem. Ice is cold and exceedingly slippery, glistening like glass, most like to gems.

ᚦ Ger · J*Year*

In the Rune Poem. The harvest is the hope of men, when God lets the earth bring forth its fruits.

ǀ Eoh · EO*Yew*

In the Rune Poem. The yew is a rough-barked tree, hard and fast in the earth, a guardian of flame and a joy upon the estate.

Ɱ Peorð · P*Play*

In the Rune Poem. Play and laughter ring out where brave men sit blithely together in the hall.

ƿ Eolh · X/Z*Sedge*

In the Rune Poem. The sedge dwells in the marsh; whoever grasps it, it sears the hand.

ᚱ Sigel · S*Sun*

In the Rune Poem. The sun is ever a hope to seafarers, when they journey over the fishes' bath.

↑ Tir · T*Tir*

In the Rune Poem. Tir is a guiding star; well it keeps faith, never failing on its course across the night sky.

ᚷ Beorc · B*Birch*

In the Rune Poem. The birch bears no fruit, yet it grows green with shoots, fairly crowned.

ᚹ Eh · E*Horse*

In the Rune Poem. The horse is the pride of nobles, a comfort to the restless, a theme among the wealthy.

ᚻ Mann · M*Human*

In the Rune Poem. Man is dear to his kin, yet all are doomed to death.

ᚥ Lagu · L*Water*

In the Rune Poem. The water seems endless, when the tossing ship drifts upon the waves.

ᚦ Ing · NG*Ing*

In the Rune Poem. Ing was first seen among the East-Danes, till he departed eastwards over the waves.

ᚷ Eðel · OE*Home*

In the Rune Poem. A home is dear to every man, where he enjoys prosperity in right and peace.

ᚱ Dæg · D*Day*

In the Rune Poem. The day is the Lord's messenger, light and hope, a joy to rich and poor.

ᚱ Ac · A*Oak*

In the Rune Poem. The oak fattens the swine with mast and gives sturdy timber for the sea.

ᚱ Æsc · AE*Ash*

In the Rune Poem. The ash towers high and holy, firm in its stand, a trusty shaft.

ᚱ Yr · Y*Bow/Horn*

In the Rune Poem. Ornament and defence of nobles, fair upon the horse, reliable on the journey.

*** Ior · IO***Water serpent*

In the Rune Poem. The river-creature lives in the water, yet feeds on land, in a fair dwelling.

ᚱ Ear · EA*Earth/Grave*

In the Rune Poem. The grave is grim to nobles, when the flesh grows cold and turns to clay.

Note

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