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the most neat,  
the most cool grandparents  
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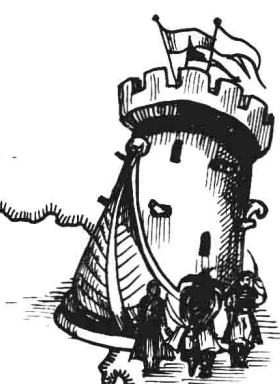
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Dragonfly Bay



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Daz



Checkerred  
Sea



Elidor







O alim el'iah ara  
Ea eluim n'ara  
'S hurim alim dlorimh h'alim  
Ill uiem haluru alim 'ara

Dark is the Day, the Day of Doom  
When shines no sun, shines no moon  
A wind's age, a wolf's age,  
Before the world's ruin