

I part of Estonian myth The Keen-witted orphan

An orphaned girl went to sauna on a Saturday night.



There were several feeble old people there whom she kindly helped, whisking and washing them. She was rewarded with scores of words of thanks, but she could start washing herself

only when everybody else had left.



As she was whisking herself, she heard some jingling and tinkling outside, as if several fine carriages had pulled up in front of the sauna door.

The girl donned her chemise quickly and peeped out through a chink in the door.

She saw a magnificent golden carriage drawn by four black stallions. Their harness was all gold and silver, and it jingled every at every turn of their heads. It was as though they were decorated for a wedding-ride.



The girl hurriedly made the sign of the cross over the threshold of the sauna and returned to the sweating shelf.