

Erdene's Page: Mongolian Triad Poems

Word triads represent a distinctive form of the oral literature of Mongolian nomads. Triad poems classify three different things in some way that they are alike. For example:

Three Endless

Skies are endless.
Wisdom is endless.
Stupidity is endless.

Three Treasures

Knowledge is supreme treasure.
Children are highest treasures.
Material things are lowest treasures.

Three Dark

Dark is a person without education.
Dark is a moonless night.
Dark is the house without a herd.

Three Far Away

The sun is far from a sleeping one.
Home is far for a tired horse.
The end of the year is far for one who is poor.

Write your own Triad Poem. Choose an adjective (such as red, fast, tired, strong...) or an noun (such as peace, home, river, laughter...) and write three sentences that each describe an aspect of the meaning of the word you chose.

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