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Song of parents grieving the loss of their daughter's strength.

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As its sheath fits the knife,
So the parents' smooth land made their life easy.

With the girl at home, water for the tub required no effort from her mother to
carry it.

5 The girl's mother could always get up,
Get up and go for water to the tub.
But now her mother's tears were falling.

With the girl at home, corn from the loft required no one else's strength to
pound it.

The girl's father could always get up and go out on the farm.
But now her father's tears were flowing.

10 The girl's mother found a bowl of corn for him to eat,
And gave it to the girl's father as he went seeking her down the valley.
On his way he met with some swallows,
And the girl's father spoke.
"Have you seen a well-dressed young woman come by here?"

15 "Did you say, 'a well-dressed young woman'? We certainly saw her,
And we also saw a small boat cross over,
And the girl, whoever she was, clothed,
Clothed in a lavish manner, crossed.
Crossed here, over to the shallow side of the pool, and went on.

20 There was silver all around her neck,
And a silk covering over her head".

Thus it is ended.