Ritual Specialist: We cleanse the body to remove the stain of death and the fatigue of life.

[Washes lord’s face and hands with a cloth].

Ritual Specialist: We arrange the body of our lord so that we may bid him a final farewell. His sword, which protected him in life until a usurper unjustly killed him, will guard him in his death-journey.

[Places sword on top of the lord and clasps lord’s hands over it].

Ritual Specialist: The treasures which the lord so generously shared among his thanes will accompany him into the afterlife, so that he can want for nothing.

[Arranges gold around the body of the lord].

Ritual Specialist: We place this drinking horn next to the lord in remembrance of the pleasures he shared with us in life, and in the hopes that he will drink again with the gods.

[Places drinking vessel next to head, above shoulder].

Ritual Specialist: This shield guarded the lord’s life in many battles. Today it begins to guard him forever.

[Places shield over lord’s torso/head].

Ritual Specialist: And now the lord will become one with his life’s treasures.

[Lights small-scale version of pyre]

Ritual Specialist: We say farewell to the lord. He travels a land no living being may know.

[Holds out urn with ashes in it. Buries the Urn].