

# Storm Dragon

The storm dragon is stirring,  
Roused from cloud-wrapped dreams,  
His jagged teeth begin to grind.  
His claws uncurl, his limbs unwind.  
His ashen pupils gleam.

The storm dragon is stirring.  
His wrath begins to rise.  
His mighty tail now starts to thrash,  
His fiery breath, to flare and flash.  
There's menace in his eyes.

The storm dragon is raging.  
He rakes his razor claws,  
Across the blanket of the sky,  
To burst the timid clouds on high.  
All heaven hears his roars.

The storm dragon is raging.  
The world's roof is ablaze.  
His fury shakes the strongest trees,  
And punishes the helpless seas,  
Beneath his brutal gaze.

The storm dragon is fading.  
Exhausted from his blast,  
His rasping breath has no more spark.  
As sunlight pushes through the dark,  
His rage is spent at last.

The storm dragon is fading,  
Collapsing in a heap.  
As slumber takes the beast once more,  
At peace with just the faintest snore,  
He falls to silent sleep.



# Storm gods

- In ancient times, people of many different cultures believed that storms were caused by powerful magic. Storm and thunder gods were worshipped and feared.
- In Greek mythology, Zeus (King of the gods) was responsible for storms. His chief weapons were 'thunderbolts', which he would hurl down from Mount Olympus whenever he became enraged. These were manufactured by Hephaestus (god of fire) and the Cyclops (one-eyed giants) deep within the volcano, Mount Aetna.

**Challenge:** Can you match the names of the gods with the appropriate culture? What other information can you find about each god?

Gods	Cultures
Mamaragan Taranis Jupiter (Jove) Thor Silla Zeus Chaac Adad Set Illapa Lei-Kun Haokah	Egyptian Inca Celtic Mayan Greek Australian Aboriginal Chinese Norse Native American Roman Assyrian Inuit

