

Excerpt from The Prose Edda; The Death of Balder:

Loki went and pulled up the mistletoe and proceeded to the meeting. Hod stood far to one side in the ring of men, because he was blind. Loki addressed himself to him, and asked: Why do you not shoot at Balder? He answered: Because I do not see where he is, and furthermore I have no weapons. Then said Loki: Do like the others and show honor to Balder; I will show you where he stands; shoot at him with this wand. Hod took the mistletoe and shot at Balder under the guidance of Loki. The dart pierced him and he fell dead to the ground. This is the greatest misfortune that has ever happened to the gods and men. When Balder had fallen, the Asas were struck speechless with horror, and their hands failed them to lay hold of the corpse.