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Time Is A Ship That Never Casts Anchor

This collection of Sámi proverbs presents the values and views of life among an Arctic indigenous people inhabiting the northernmost regions of Scandinavia. The Sámi claim that it is better to be on a journey than staying put in one place – that is to say, the diametrical opposite to the English saying: “Home, sweet home.”. This proverb demonstrates the different values inherent in the traditional nomadic culture of the Sámi and the more stationary traditional culture of tillers of the soil. Introducing Sámi traditional adages to new readers has also been a process of translating a culture. Some of the proverbs have a mythological base while others reflect how the Sámi considered the Scandinavians when they came north to colonize.

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