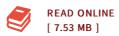




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Sagas: Grettir, Egil, Skarphedin, are always sing ing. In Kidnapped, Mr. Stevenson intro duces
The Song of the Sword of Alan, a fine example of Celtic practice: words and air are beaten out
together, in the heat of victory. In the same way, the women sang improvised dirges, like Helen;
lul labies, like the lullaby of Dance in Simon ides, and ?ower songs, as in modern Italy. Every
function of life, war, agriculture the chase, had its appropriate magical and mimetic dance and
song, as in Finland, among Red Indians, and among Australian blacks. The deeds of men were
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Homer s N ausicaa, accompanied dance and ball play, priests and medicine-men ac companied
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