A verse attributed to Eyvindr skáldaspillir; and again the origin of dróttkvætt

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The verse in question, (L. tum langra nóta, etc.) in chapter 16 of Haralds saga gráfeldar in Heimskringla will first be analysed in detail. Then two aspects of it are discussed which have relevance to the propositions that: (a) skaldic language evolved from noa-language; and (b) that dróttkvæðr þátr had its origin in rowing chants. In connection with (a), material from e.g. Malaysia (Sarawak) will be adduced, in connection with (b), certain modern verses from Iceland and the Faroes. The overall status of (b) as a proposition will then be reviewed. Finally, the fact that the verse in question is addressed to a woman will be given attention.