Vilnis Šmīdbergs: Pērkons Has Black Horses from the cycle Mythical Songs

Pērkons is the thunder deity in Latvian pagan mythology, also called Kalējs (the blacksmith). Other deities in this piece include Pērkons' mother, father and their sons, as well as the son of the god Dievs and the daughter of the Sun goddess Saule, who are suitors in Latvian mythology.

Pērkons has black horses,
They feed on rock.

They drink silver water
From a steel trough.

Kalējs forges in the sky,
His coals spill into the River Daugava.

The son of Dievs forged a golden belt
For Saule's daughter.

Mother Pērkons has
Nine sons.
Three drummers, three pipers,
Three to pour mist on the spring in the vale.

Father Pērkons has
Nine sons.
Three kicked, three roared,
Three flashed lightning.

Pērkons, dear Pērkons,
Pass this place by,
Oh, pass this place by.

Pērkons, dear Pērkons,
Do not damage my humble house
Or my little field of crops.