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## Lost Ki-Rin

The rider of the lost Ki-Rin can see Only of where she's been, Little of where she'll be As the hooves race on to begin The quest for a new day, Such a one to bear tidings for each With the judgment of good to say Complaints for evil to preach.

Bearing the burdens of victims found, The rider clings for life As Ki-Rin tramples sky and ground, Leaps, bounds through hurt and strife, Daring the wind to strip his guest Of her choice to clutch the reins Or to fall at her own behest To cushion the blow to other's pains.

Such a ride as this arrests The pulse, chills the skin, Measures pride and moves to test The choice to lose the self, Ki-Rin.

Roman Bulawski, '97