

out into the well again. The people said
that fish is to be seen there yet half roasted.
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Signs of the Weather

Long ago the old people were
able to tell by the sky by the birds of the
air and by the animals when it is going
to be wet and when it is to be fine.

When the sky looks dark and cloudy
and when the west wind blows and when
the sun goes down pale in the evenings

When swallows fly low crows are seen
gathered in a line on the top of a wall.

When the cat looks sleepy and sits at the
fire and very often scraping sticks.

Frogs gather near ponds or lakes and
their colour changes to black. Cattle

and sheep are seen lying near the wall.
 Soot is falling and when there is blue
 blazes in the seagull fly inland. When
 insects are crawling on the ground. Is
 the sign of rain.

When stars appear brightly look
 fly high. When the sky looks red in the
 evenings and gray in the mornings.

When smoke goes up the chimneys in
 a straight line is the sign of fine weather.

The south wind blows and when the
 pigs look up to the sky. When mountains
 appear near. When there is a circle is
 around and the larger the circle the
 severer the storm. Is the sign of a storm.
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