

## The Rainbow Passage

When the sunlight strikes raindrops in the air,

ˌwɛn ðə 'sʌnlɑ:t 'st.rɪks 'rændrɒps ɪn ði 'eɪ/

they act like a prism

ðe 'ækt əz ə 'prɪzəm/

and form a rainbow.

ən 'fɔ:m ə 'reɪnbə//

The rainbow is a division of white light into many beautiful colors.

ðə 'reɪnbə ɪz ə dɪ'vɪʒn/ əv 'maɪt 'laɪt/ ɪntə 'meni 'bjʊtɪfəl 'kɒləɪz//

These take the shape of a long round arch,

'ði:z 'teɪk ðə 'ʃeɪp/ əv ə 'lɔŋ 'raʊnd 'ɑ:tʃ/

with its path high above,

wɪð ɪts 'pɑ:θ 'haɪ ə'bʌv/

and its two ends apparently beyond the horizon.

ənd ɪts 'tu 'endz ə'pɑ:ɪntli bɪ'jɒnd ðə hə'reɪzən//

There is,

ðəɪ 'ɪz/

according to legend,

ə'kɔ:ldɪŋ tə 'leʒənd/

a boiling pot of gold at one end.

ə 'bɔɪlɪŋ 'pɒt əv 'gɒld/ ət 'wʌn 'end//

People look,

'pi:pl 'lʊk/

but no one ever finds it.

bət 'no wʌn 'evəɪ 'faɪndz ɪt//

When a man looks for something beyond his reach,

ˌwɛn ə 'mæn 'lʊks fɔ: 'sʌmtɪŋ bɪ'jɒnd hɪz 'ri:tʃ/

his friends say he is looking for the pot of gold at the end of the  
hɪz 'frɛndz 'se/ hi ɪz 'lʊkɪŋ fəɹ də 'pɒt əv 'gɒld/ ət ði 'ɛnd əv ðə  
rainbow.  
'reɪnbə//