

Seanchas Ìle

MACLAGAN MANUSCRIPTS

SUPERNATURAL: Water Horses

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Talking of water horses (each-uisge), an old Islay woman said:
(Translated from Gaelic)

“There were water horses in olden times in Lochgorm. I heard this story from my mother. A man was coming home one night from the market. The man was pretty tired, and he said that he wished he had a horse on which he might ride. The word was no sooner out of his mouth, than he saw a horse at the side of the road and he jumped on its back. But it was not long till he noticed that it was not a right horse at all that was in it, and he jumped off it. Well, the horse ran down to the loch, where there were other horses, and when these felt the smell of the man of him, and they fastened on it and killed it.”