

Quatrain: A Hymn for Tourneys

To God on High we make our plea:
Protect our land beside the sea.
For end of day will with it bring
The triumph of our future king.

So guide his steps for us, O Lord,
Make of his name a goodly word
That stands for truth, let him not yield;
And make him thus our kingdom's shield.

Give unto him a touch of Grace,
So that he may, here in this place
Reflect the Light that will not fade;
And make him thus our kingdom's blade.

Great God on High, whom we adore,
Protect our prince, we do implore;
And bless and keep our kingdom, too
Until You make all things anew.

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