

DOUBLE ACROSTIC POEM FOR HER MAJESTY LORISSA

UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETURN TO THE THRONE OF CAID AS QUEEN, HAVING ALREADY SET UPON THE CRESCENT THRONE ONCE BEFORE AS PRINCESS, AND WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IN PERIOD WHEN EXTOLLING THE VIRTUES OF THE ROSE OF THE KINGDOM, POETS WOULD ATTEMPT TO BRING ALL THEIR ARTISTIC EFFORTS TO THE FORE BY USE OF ANY AND ALL ARTIFICE AVAILABLE TO THEM, AND GIVEN THAT HER MAJESTY HAD SAID THE THEME OF THIS MOST WONDROUS FESTIVAL OF THE ROSE WAS TO BE "FOR HONOR, LOVE, AND BEAUTY," SO NOW DOES BARON BEORN OF THE NORTHERN SEA, LAUREL OF THE SOCIETY, PLACE ALL SUCH EFFORTS ON PARCHMENT FOR THE AMUSEMENT OF SAID QUEEN: HER MAJESTY LORISSA OF CAID

QUEENS OF CAID HAVE LONG STEELED OUR BELIEF
UNBURDENING OUR STRESSES THUS CLUNG TO
ENRICHED WITH GENTLE POISE, REMOVING FEAR
EACH ROSE, IN TURN, HAS SEEN HER PEOPLE THROUGH
NOW PRINCESS REIGNS AGAIN AS QUEEN, AND WHO
LOVES CAID WITH ALL MIND AND MIGHT AND MIEN
O'ER ALL SHE SERVES; AND THUS, WE LOVE HER TOO
REMEMBER ALL, THAT WHETHER FAR OR NEAR
ILL TIMES OR WHEN OUR BELLIES ALL ARE FULL
STRONG CONSORTS CAN WEAK PREJUDICE UNDO
SO LISTEN PEL AND LAUREL, MOD AND CHIV
ANOINT HER AS IF IN A SHAKESPEARE SCENE
DRAW NIGH AND CHEER FOR DEAREST LORISSA
UNTO THE GREATEST POPULACE E'ER SEEN
GIVE BACK UNTO YOUR KINGDOM AS SHE DID
REPORT TO BATTLE, DO NOT YET SUCCUMB
I KNOW WELL, AS DO YOU, HOW SHE DOES LOVE
FULL HEARTED THIS DREAM, CALLED THE SCA
FRRIENDS, NOW THIS POET MUST BID ALL ADIEU
I THANK OUR QUEEN FOR PRECIOUS TIME SO SPENT
NOW CHEER WITH ME FOR OUR DEAR QUEEN THIS DAY

BY BEORN OF THE NORTHERN SEA