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**MY DAME**

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Oh, cheer! Heaven's bequeathed rays,  
For us, poor children upon this desolate place.  
Although a lone burning flame, yet hopeful are my days,  
Because I know my warrior defends my tales.

The queen of encouraging words,  
Adoring hugs and truthful says,  
Mending broken hopes for glory's allure-  
Of gracious heart, my dowager of firm faith.

A shade beneath the blazing sun on hurtful days,  
A patient audience to all my cries and complaints.  
In Victor's love and Victorian taste,  
Of vigor and virtue-your warm embrace.

Your gleeful gaze and assuring might,  
I rest in your hopeful sight.  
Of all bright stars, you, my mother, shine apart-  
Oh, how elegant is her grace!

Who else? My mama, always there,  
Redeemer of us, damsels-in-distress.  
Your sacrifices mounting high-  
Milady, you held up my joy instead.

When times fall into dismal states,  
You alone stand tall.  
Into countless bouts, prim is thy courage;  
In you, I find emboldened and enlightened knowledge.

Under your stern discipline, I rest all case;  
In your consoling palms, I am fed.  
On your calm laps, I slept.  
For those out and about, pitching daggers,  
I tell them-admire the woman's true face.



Who shoulders burdens with indomitable spirit,  
And bellows against adverse tides?  
Who but my mother-my patron and saint!

Forgive me, my lady, my ungrateful steeds;  
Much unsung lay your deeds.  
Lost to the awful haste of these days,  
I tell you, my mother, forever in your heartfelt gaze.

Bestowed angels singing away,  
I pray God-may brighter be her days.

But sing again,  
Mortal sons to immortal motherhood.



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