Leaving Song



Fare - well, my comp-an-ions, my com-rades from birth. Well test-ed swords-men who wan-der the Earth.



Man-y a bot-tle we've emp-tied in mirth And in man-y a bat-tle we have prov-en our worth.

Chorus:

Farewell, my companions, my comrades from birth. Well tested swordsmen who wander the Earth. Many a bottle we've emptied in mirth And in many a battle we have proven our worth.

From the far northern lands where the summers are cold We were called to the city with purses of gold To guard Ton Sebaston, his birthright to hold, But I'll stay in the city; 'tis here I'll grow old.

My kin won't believe it. They'll think me quite odd; Abandoning One-eye for the true Christian god, Deserting my farmstead, its black fertile sod, But tell them of gold pavéd streets that I trod.

Take word back to Inga on outflowing tide I can't keep my promise to make her my bride Since raven-haired Zoe has come to my side, But these three bags of gold may soften her pride.

No more will I travel, No more will I roam. No more will I wander on salty sea foam. I'll live out my life within sight of the dome In this jewel of cities, this place called New Rome.

You go back to your kinsmen, your duty is done. But I'll stay in the city and bask in the sun. Just think of the good times; the battles we've won, The women we've chased, and the songs that we've sung.

God bless Hoi Verangoi of noblest birth, Sweetest sword-brothers in all the wide Earth. Nothing can ever replace your sweet mirth And as long as I breathe I will sing of your worth.

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