The Gate We Couldn't Hold

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Dedicated to Her Majesty Phaedra, who inspired us that day

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Fernando said, "We'll soon be dead.
We cannot hold too long.
We'll fight a while and die in style,
For the foe they are too strong.
Three hundred men can live again,
But healing will be dear.
If strength is gone, and you can't fight on
Then aid us with your cheers.
With gauntlet hand in dusty sand
We built our mighty wall.
But foreign host from sunny coast
Would try to make us fall.
We felt such shocks among the rocks
As waves of foemen came
But on each tongue since day begun
Was Phaedra's glorious name.

They charged at full much like a bull
But we like willows bend
We kill three score and sometimes more
Each charge the foemen send.
We rise each time, rebuild the line
To face the nearest foe.
Command is heard, Fernando's word:
"Please kill them twice as slow."
Against that cliff they crashed so stiff,
But flowed back to the sea,
Their lives were spent, their bodies rent,
But they could not pry us free.
'Gainst Crescent men and proud Aten
Our warlust we did sate
Each took a stone from land we own,
Inside Queen Phaedra's Gate.

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