The Duke of Marlborough



In Devonshire I drew my breath,

That place of noted fame.

I was beloved by all my men, Kings and princes likewise Its many a town I've often took, I did the world surprise. King Charles the Second I did serve, To face our foes in France And at the battle of Ramilles We boldly did advance.

The sun was down, the earth did shake, So loudly did I cry: "Fight on, my boys, for England's sake, We'll conquer or we'll die!" That very day my horse was shot, 'Twas by a musket ball, And as I mounted up again, My aide-de-camp did fall.

Now I on a bed of sickness lie, I am resign'd to die; You generals all and champions bold, Stand true as well as I. Stand true, my lads, and take no bribe, But fight with courgae bold, I led my men through smoke and fire, But never was brib'd by gold.