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Merlin's prophecy

A prince out of the North shall come  
 King born, King he be, his brot upon  
 a Lyon rampant strange to see  
 and C. f. S. fetched her  
 from in a Country rude and strong  
 yet he courageous wife and bold  
 At birth of strength, his fortune best  
 in shall receive and then him rest  
 couch as a Lion in his den  
 and he in power so long as men  
 shall wonder and all christendome  
 thich the four king, both all and some  
 at last he called a parliament  
 and breaking it of, in discomfit  
 and then shall shortly roused be  
 by coming beyond the sea  
 but when he death in drawing day  
 so that the sleeping lion shall  
 for ever be that the same again  
 he ruddy by force to niches pay  
 far better as if he then shall die  
 great Alexander far out for  
 in passeth seas, and far as his  
 till many grince roving at home  
 and chafe him in their government  
 and crown him with your Emperor  
 after a year he shall be great  
 that city ancient, old and great  
 in on some hole is scitnat  
 till he her walls hear ruinat  
 then shall a foe from East appear  
 the barch of our great river  
 the lion rampant shall him meet  
 and if on that side he shall fight

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the day is lost. but he shall cross  
the river great. and bring past  
shall in like strength of his great god  
Or to his fort a strong and good  
causing him then to take in flight  
of Gasconne Kinges succo to see  
during his tyme, he is in one hour  
of East and West crowned Emperor  
then shall the God in fure burn  
and from the East in hast return  
to aide of Kinges and Prince great  
to Valley of Josaphat  
then shall there meet the Lyon strong  
who is a battail fierce and long  
shall fight by force: then cruell death  
shall take away his vitall breath.

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