

The Gryphon's Roar

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Special Edition



Celebrating the Fifteenth Anniversary of the Barony of Gryphon's Lair



Original artwork by Bianca da Ravenna, dated March 1999, after visiting Pine View Reservoir.

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Original Composition: "Where the Gryphons Still Soar," by Baroness Bethany of Windermere, OL.



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Gryphon artwork by Bianca da Ravenna, submitted to the Gryphon's Roar for the Shire of Gryphon's Lair.

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Upcoming Events:

July 30, 2020: Virtual Lammastide: please follow us on Facebook

August 1, 2020: Virtual Investiture of Sionainn and Malatesta

Disappearing Consort Tricks

'Tis not but for a little while,
I shall return by & by,
So speaks my Lord with cheer,
But I know that he lies.
I have lost his heart to another,
Though not to battle's cry.
He does not rally to his King,
Nor to Prince or Baron tied,
Nor gentle Knight or Squire brothers,
Do pull him from my side.
Not to a new maiden fair,
Yet his wake trails sighs.
Not gold, not food, not drink, not song,
Nor merriment draws him nigh.
But 'tis bold adventure beckons
And to the challenge he must rise.

Meraud Des Belles Feuilles

Take online courses:

Royal University of the Midrealm (RUM):

<http://rum.midrealm.org/>

Kingdom of An Tir – Online Collegium:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/283497572757576/>

SCA Virtual Classroom and Artisan Display:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/virtualsca/>

7/25 Dreiburgen Summer Arts Collegium of the Desert (Caid):

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AUdHyOKtHCtTYiRdR8XHi6niGx7sl_m4/view?usp=sharing

7/25 A Brief History of Fencing and Sword Typology (Meridian Order of Defense):

No link yet

7/26 Online Class: Waiting for Cadeaux with Lady Alicia du Bois, 2-4 p.m. PST

8/1 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. EST Online Pennsic Middle Eastern Dance Expo

No link yet

8/7 to 8/9 Pennsic in the Backyard: www.pennsic.atlantia.sca.org

8/8 Zoom meeting with textile archaeologist Karina Gromer see www.schg.org

8/15 Virtual Meridies Kingdom A&S: www.artsandsciences.meridies.org

8/29 Nordwache Virtual Academia (Caid):

No link yet

9/5 – 9/7 Spin, Dye, and Goats! 4th Annual Workshop

Hosted by Mountain View Angora Goats, 10195 North 4400 West, Tremonton UT 84337

9/12 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. EST Online University of Atlantia – Fall 2020 Session 105:

<http://university.atlantia.sca.org/>

Seneschal Sayings:

Seneschal's Sayings:

Greetings unto the people of
the Lair!

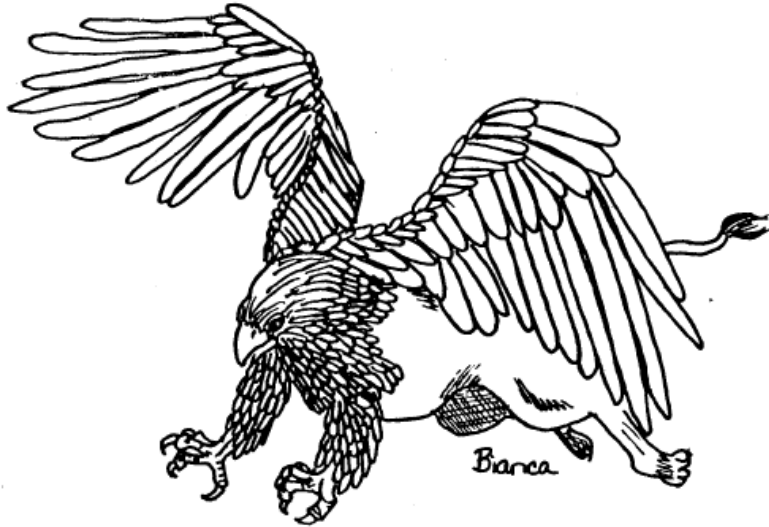
COVID has certainly changed
the way that our Barony plays
our game, but we are nonetheless persevering. Have you taken any online classes? Attended
any virtual events? While we're experiencing a drought of in-person socializing, we are in a
golden age of SCA learning. I enjoyed classes at Knowne World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium
that was held in Lochac (Australia)!

Make sure that however you are holding up through this pandemic, reach out to all of your
friends in the Barony. If we all help to keep each other's spirits up, we can get through this and
make our Barony even stronger.

Enjoy virtual Lammastide as we celebrate our new Baron and Baroness and 15 years of being a
Barony!

YIS,

THL Michelle of Harris upon York



Final words from Baron Owen and Baroness Malkin:

It was in interesting 31 Months. When we were selected, we looked for a central theme that we could use to bring folks together and reinvigorate the fun. We selected the ship.

Why a Ship?

Well, in part, because that way nobody would feel compelled to match us in time period or persona place. A ship picks up crew wherever they happen to be when they need crew. Crew members can be from anywhere the ship can sail, and any location that has access to shipping ports. In the SCA, that also meant crew could be from anywhen. Our crew is varied and diverse and we loved every moment of it.

A second reason had to do with cohesion. Onboard a ship, no crew member is superfluous. Everyone has a job, and everyone needs to do their job to keep the ship afloat. It's good if you like your shipmates, but it's not essential, just as long as everybody does their job and we all hang together.



Words from the Eighth Baron and Baroness of Gryphon's Lair:

Sionainn and Malatesta:

Magnifica Malatesta and I are deeply touched and inspired by your generous words of congratulations and encouragement. With boundless gratitude for the confidence placed in us by Their Majesties Daman and Veronique and the populace of Gryphon's Lair, and with an unswerving resolve to honor that trust, we humbly accept the appointment as the 8th Baron and Baroness of this great Barony.

I wish to extend our deepest respect to Rodrigo and Shirin for their willingness to do this duty as well. Our appreciation to the peoples of The Barony and for their strong support.



Original artwork by HE Bethany of Windermere, OL for the Gryphon's Roar, 1999.

Investiture and Lammastide Announcement:

The time has come for Their Excellencies Malkin and Owen to take to the seas and leave the Barony in the trusted hands of Master Sionainn and Magnifica Malatesta. To honor this momentous occasion there will be a virtual investiture, classes, largesse derby, various online activities, and fun! Please join the Barony of Gryphon's Lair as we welcome our new Baronage. We're celebrating 15 years of Gryphon's Lair as a Barony, so there will be a multitude of activities to honor the Lair:

Our new Baron and Baroness are in dire need of largesse. Take pictures of your contributions and post them on the largesse thread on the event page. Everyone who enters will be able to choose a piece of any contributed largesse. Pick up of the items/distribution will be arranged after the event.

Do you know the history of Gryphon's Lair? Bring your knowledge and play the Gryphon's Lair Game Show.

BGL Bingo will go live Thursday July 30th, play along and win prizes!

If you would like to teach a class please contact the event steward, Lord Andrew of Harris upon York andy.harris@cmtlaboratories.com.

Gryphon's Goings On:

Offices seeking LOIs - Chatelaine, Social Media, Youth Officer, and Deputy Exchequer.

The ideal applicant for Deputy Exchequer will be willing to learn from our current Exchequer and prepare to assume the office at 12th Night.

If you have questions about any of these offices, please contact me or the current officer. This Barony loves volunteers, and indeed can only exist because of how generous people are with their time.

We have a virtual largesse tourney happening at virtual Lammastide. Make fun stuff for our incoming B&B to gift to others and earn some fun swag for yourself.

Everyone stay safe and stay well.



BGL BINGO

With a peer of BGL	Your SCA drinking vessel	BGL sticker in use	With your heraldic banner	Your favorite hat
At Quest	With your Laurel/Pelican /Knight	Wearing a piece of armor	BGL site token	With a founding member of the Barony
You at court	Your feast set up	FREE	BGL award you've received	Your heraldry on an item
Working hard as an officer	Project made in quarantine	Competing in a tournament	Unfinished project	Your bow
Your period shoes	Your throwing knife/axe	You wearing garb	Your sword	With a BGL Baron or Baroness



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Baronial Lineage:

Founding: Thorvald Ulfhednar and Bianca da Ravenna

Second: Math the Fish and Daria de Salomanca

Third: Aaron Carter and Elizabeth Carter

Fourth: Michael the Lucky of Lancaster and Bengta Rolfsdottir

Vicar & Vicaress: Thorvald Ulfhednar and Bianca da Ravenna

Fifth: Vilhelm Silberhammer and Bethany of Windermere

Sixth: Aesgir Rekke I Dane and Allesandria de Capello

Seventh: Owen ap Howell and Malkin Allardson

Eighth: Sionainn Caimbeul and Malatesta Simonetti



The History of Baronial Events:

Quest Event:

Starting in 1992, Gryphon's Lair began holding scavenger events where we would search for the Golden Gryphon's Egg. Suspects were questioned and witnesses interrogated. Questing teams encountered all sorts of terrifying creatures: Frost giants, Highwaymen, Scotsmen and Samurai.

We continued to search for the egg for many years. It wasn't long before our loving, warm thoughts coaxed the Baby Gryphon to join our revelry, and the golden egg finally hatched.

In 2002, the Vikings dragonboats were guided by a tiny gryphon and invaded the shores of Pine View.

In 2003, the baby wanted playmates, so it flew to Arabia to chase horses and listen to the bedtime stories of Scherezade as the sun set and Arabian Nights began.

In 2004, we quested Demon Mountain at Japanese Quest, facing the Tengu, Kappa, kitsune and Oni demons.

In 2005, we quested during the War of the Roses, joining the Houses of Lancaster and York for an opulent dinner adorned in red and white roses.

In 2006, we joined the Landsknecht mercenaries of Germany on Quest.

In 2007, we again quested for the Golden Egg, perhaps the sibling of our playful youngster.

In 2008, we sailed the High Seas, questing for the wild hatchling.

By 2009, the hatchling had joined the Border Reavers on the British Isles.

In 2010, we quested for the Cure to the Bubonic Plague, obtaining ingredients from each station.

2011 took us to the Holy Lands on a Crusader Quest.

2012 was Quest for Atlantis.

In 2013, we traveled to South America, where the gryphon youngster was bathing in the Fountain of Youth.

By 2014, we followed the gryphon's trail to the Mary Rose.

In 2015, we traveled the Silk Road with our feathery-furry companion.

2016 was a Quest for Robin Hood.

2017 was Quest for the Sagas.

2018 was Quest for the Grail.

In 2019, we returned to the warmer climates, on a Journey to the East and faced the Monkey King.

In 2020, we Quested under Quarantine for bathroom tissue, Lysol wipes and fresh vegetables. The Gryphon flew off, far away from the plaguelands to play with French.

Midge Marsh Melee:

Skalds tell of a territory dispute between the Shire of Gryphon's Lair and the Shire of Cote du Ciel. Both shires contested that the Marsh of Midges, know as Willard Bay in the Mundane World, belonged to the other Shire. Each year, we gathered in melee to determine who owned the Marsh, and the midges that swarmed it.

Gradually, the event evolved. The Barony of Gryphon's Lair offered unique and challenging melee scenarios, and fighters would gather from all corners of Artemisia to participate in the melees. When the event was moved to Mount Ogden Archery Range, our archers enjoyed the weaving trails through the forest, with animal-shaped targets tucked in the brush, or round targets positioned near the trees. The Event Stewards would provide hay bale targets and a line for both archers and weapon throwers to test their mettle.

The Archery Range had some swampy areas, providing the event with plenty of midges.



In 2020, due to a change in ownership of the Archery Range, the event was moved and the name changed to Lammastide, a celebration of the harvest. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the event was hosted in the Virtual World.

Baronial Timeline:

April, 1993

- The Canton of Gryphon's Lair petitioned to become a Shire.

1999

- Polling of the Shire to determine if the populace supports the Shire becoming a Barony. The vote was unanimously in support of *eventually* becoming a Barony. This information was reported in the May 1999 "Gryphon's Roar." Goals were set for the future. Those goals were:
 - Add \$1,000 to \$1,500 to the Shire Treasury from fund-raisers, donations, events and demos.
 - Separate Arts & Sciences meeting from Fighter Practice, organize information and contacts, and hold at least one class per month.
 - Increase membership by 15 more paid and active members. Create newcomer packets and add a Newcomer Event.
 - Increase mini-events and host Principality and Kingdom Events.

2004

- Thorvald and Sionainn assembled the paperwork required to request Baronial Status.
- Baron Tryggvar Halfdan was recognized as a Knight of the SCA at Baronial Birthday in the Barony of One Thousand Eyes.

2005

- August: The Investiture of Thorvald Ulfhednar and Bianca da Ravenna
- Don Daniel D'Aurelle played his prize to become a Defender of the White Scarf
- Sir William Kyle was named Premier of the Order of the Gryphon and Hammer at Uprising
- Don Sionainn Padraig Caimbeul, then called Sextus Papellous Caesidious, is Premier of the Order of the the Lux Gryphus
- The Honorable Lady Meraud "Dragonslayer" des Belles Feiulles was named Premier of the Order of the Pharos' Flame at Harvest War 2005

2006

- Math Halfdan, called the Fish, was recognized as a Knight of the SCA at Twelfth Night 2006

- Azir de Lucero, was recognized as a Pelican of the SCA at Uprising 2006.
- The Honorable Lady Bethany of Windermere was named Premier of the Order of the Cero et Luce (Candle's Light).

2007

- Baroness Bianca da Ravenna was Elevated to the Order of the Laurel at Twelfth Night

2008

- Investiture of Sir Math the Fish and his lady Daria de Salomanca as the Second Baron and Baroness of Gryphon's Lair
- Baron Thorvald Ulfhednar was recognized as a Knight of the SCA at Uprising 2008.
- The Honorable Lady Bethany of Windermere was Elevated to the Order of the Laurel at Solstice
- Fish and Daria created a new award, the Vesica Presul meaning Sword Dancer. Premier of the order was HE Master Vilhelm Silberhammer. Request submitted to change the name to Ordre du Penache Blanc in 2019

2009

- Don Vilhelm Silberhammer was Elevated to the Order of the Pelican at Twelfth Night

2010

- Investiture of Don Aaron Carter and his Lady Elizabeth Carter at Twelfth Night as Third Baron and Baroness of Gryphon's Lair
- The Honorable Lady Jaqueline de Radonvilliers was Elevated to the Order of the Laurel at Twelfth Night

2011

- Mistress Bengta Rolfsdottir was Elevated to the Order of the Laurel at Twelfth Night

2012

- Investiture of Sir Michael the Lucky and Mistress Bengta Rolfsdottir as Fourth Baron and Baroness of Gryphon's Lair
- New Award: The Order of the Gryphon and Tablet, for recognition of those who teach their specialties to other members of the populace.
- Gwynnyth verch Morgan was Elevated to the Order of the Pelican at Uprising.

June 2012

- Baron Thorvald and Baroness Bianca are installed as Vicar and Vicaress
- Her Ladyship Serafina Basso was Elevated to the Order of the Laurel at Baron's War

2013

- Investiture of Master Vilhelm Silberhammer and Mistress Bethany of Windermere as Fifth Baron and Baroness of Gryphon's Lair
- Bohun the Black was recognized as a Knight of the SCA

2014

- Her Ladyship Fiametta da Trastevere was Elevated to the Order of the Laurel
- The Order of the Cero et Luce was renamed The Order of the Gryphon and Candle, due to conflict in heraldry.

2015

- Joyful revelry continues

2016

- Investiture of Aesgir Rekke I Dane and Allesandri di Capello as Sixth Baron and Baroness of Gryphon's Lair

2017

- New Award: Order of the Gryphon and Bow for skills in archery in the Barony. The Premier of this Order is HE Aghren the Brus.

- New Award: Order of the Gryphon's Covey is given to the youth of the Barony fifteen years of age or less who demonstrate chivalry, courtesy, service and art within the traditional SCA style.
- New Award: Order of the Mantle of Gryphon's Lair. Given to those who assist Gryphon's Lair yet live in another area. Premier of this order is Dame Jenet Moir de Beechin.
- Renamed Award: The Order of the Lux Gryphus was renamed the Order of the Gryphon and Compass.
- New Award: Society of Saint Bianca's Heart (2018) to recognize those who are of exceptional service to the Barony. Premiers are: Malatesta Simonetti, Sven the Templar, Skylar the Brown Eyes, Azir de Lucera, Bengta Rolfsdotter, Carson of the Blue Eyes, Domnall MacTire (called Griff), Fiametta da Trastevere, Gwynnyth verch Morgan, Jaquelinne de Radonvilliers

2018

- Investiture of Master Owen ap Howell and Mistress Malkin Hallardson at Twelfth Night
- Renamed Award: The Order of the Vesica Presul was renamed Order of the White Plume.
- Owen y Bwa ap Howell was Elevated to the Order of the Laurel at Baron's War

2019

- Don Sionainn Padraig Caimbeul was Elevated to the Order of the Pelican at Baron's War
- Her Excellency Malatesta Simonetti was Elevated to the Order of the Pelican at Coronation

2020

- Virtual Court, Virtual Classes and Virtual Competitions courtesy of COVID-19

- Investiture of Master Sionainn Caimbeul and Mistress Malatesta Simonetti at Virtual Lammastide



Memories: Thorvald & Bianca

Thorvald:

At Uprising in 2006, I picked a fight during Grand Court with the Baron of Loch Salann, Ulrich to introduce Baron's War, a camping event for Loch Salann. We bantered back and forth, egging each other on by swapping insults and challenges. I remember hearing the populace snickering and enjoying the shitck.

At one point, my retort left Ulrich speechless. His champion, Sir Raven stepped out from behind the throne, to protect his Baron. He drew his bow menacingly. My Champion, Sir Tryggvar swaggered from behind our thrones. He stepped in front of Bianca and my throne, and began beating his chest and grunting. Then, he hunched down and began ripping up grass and throwing it over his head, moving around on his knuckles and toes like a great Silverback Ape. The gathered nobles laughed heartily.

Bianca:

Forty-two.

The meaning of Life, the Universe, and Everything ... and also the number of people who volunteered to make the dream gown for my Elevation happen. During that time, they were my life, universe and everything.

Forty-two people stepped forward to give me my dream, in gratitude for the Dream I had shared with them. Johanne & Ashe'el for fitting that gorgeous silk on me while I tried to embroider, Bronwyn for the blackwork sleeves for my Vigil Gown, Sumayya and Bronwyn Morgan for beautiful embroidery on my skirt, Thorvald, Astrid, Thea, William Dragonhearted who stitched over 1,000 pearls on my underskirt, Elinor Rowan for gloves, Bengta for blackwork and the rest of my Pink Monster crew; Meraud, Sherece, and the crew who set up my Vigil room; Thorvald and Bethany who made my beautiful Vigil book, Jean-Richard for the kindest words I've ever heard; Sean, Caryn, Ulrich, Vilhelm, Fish, Sionainn, Tryggvar, Timmur and Tianna for believing in me enough to stand as witness to my right to be in the Order; to Mistress Gwendolyn for being one of my first friends in the SCA, and flying from Atenveldt to witness my ceremony, to my son and daughter for supporting me even they didn't understand what was going on. And, again, to Thorvald, who stayed up as late as I did, sewing gold thread onto pink silk and shared the fifty-something total hours of sleep we captured in the month preceding my Elevation.

I was floored by the response of people who offered to help me. I am still in awe (and tears) over the kindness I was shown.

Bianca, as Vicaress:

The SCA has opportunities for formality and ceremony, rituals of honor and demonstrations of chivalry and Magic Moments that whisk us back in time. The SCA has a place for outright silliness. We started our silliness at Uprising, on the night when Hildegard was on Vigil.

Ladies of the Lair had been preparing for this night for months, creating the required accessories for our silly adventure. We pulled out the box containing these treasures after sundown. We each had

a plastic viking hat with horns and yellow yarn braids, and set out on our voyage. We sang “Row, Row, Row Your Boat” with our best cartoon Viking accent. We had palm-sized pillows to “pillowage”. We had a cluster of (plastic) grapes on a stick to “grape”. We had packets of butter and salt, for when we committed “a-salt” and “buttery.” Finally, we had red, orange and yellow crepe paper to “burn” our victims as we wrapped them in the paper.

Sometimes, we “tiptoed” between camps, pretending to be stealthy before we rushed in to grape, pillowage and burn.

When we heard about the delicious sideboard for Hilde’s Vigil, we decided to pay a visit. Odfa watched us file in to the buffet tent with an incredulous expression on his face. When we filed out the other side with plates of goodies, and chipmunk cheeks stuffed with rum balls, he seemed to understand. We greeted Hilde with words of support, and almost left the encampment.

Due to the vanishing of our pilfered rum balls, it was imperative that we obtain more. We pleaded with Odfa, entreating “Please Chef, may I have some more?” He is a generous and kind man, and dispersed rum balls to honor our request.

As we were leaving, Morgan Woulffe called out.

“Look, it’s the Skulking Viking Horde!”

We all stopped. We looked at each other questioningly, trying to determine if we all understood his final word correctly. Then, in unison, we turned to him and replied, “Skulking Viking horDE!” (which is what he said.) We laughed as we scampered to the next encampment. We didn’t find any more rum balls that night, but still laugh about the escapades of the “Skulking Viking HorDE.

Memories Malkin and Owen:

We were asked what our favorite part of the tenure was. While the entire tenure was awesome, here are some personal favorites

Malkin:

My individual favorite moment was dressing in my fighting gear and leading the Barony onto the field at Estrella War. Due to some stunningly bad communication, we had missed muster. When we realized the error, we formed up and marched to the battlefield as a unit. It was among the most surreal and amazing and awesome moments in my SCA life to march alongside my barony onto the field to join Their Majesties.

Owen:

I have two favorite memories of our tenure: The amazing turnout and evident enjoyment of all at the Queens Prize display at 12th Night was amazing and awesome; the Black Knight Tournament at the Quest for the Holy Grail was the most amusing and enjoyable tourney I have ever witnessed, and was also enjoyed by all the participants, who praised the fun they had widely.

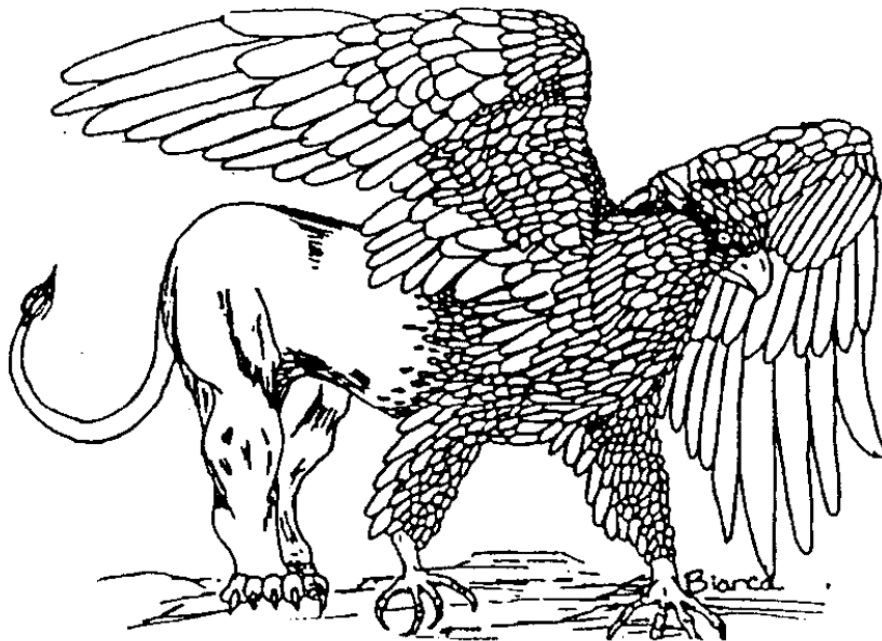
Together:

One of the coolest parts of this job is being able to recognize people with baronial awards. The thing we enjoyed the most was being in a position of being able to recognize people for all of their hard work, training, and service. Thank you all. You made this job easy.

Cheers

Owen and Malkin

7th Territorial Baron and Baroness of Gryphon's Lair



Original Composition:

Where the Gryphons Still Soar

Written in honor of Gryphon's Lair becoming a Barony

Bethany of Windermere

As a soldier I traveled to many far countries
By the side of my king in the battles' front line
My life and my oath, I gave them both freely
To fight for the land that I proudly call mine

Ch:

Oh, give me the land of the high mountain eyrie
From white-clouded peak down to rocky lake shore
Give me the land that is told of in story
The beautiful land where the gryphons still soar

For many a year I have had just a memory
Of ones that I love who are so far away
My son and my lady, I fight for their freedom
And to one day turn homeward and forever stay

Ch:

Oh, give me the land of the high mountain eyrie
From white-clouded peak down to rocky lake shore
Give me the land that is told of in story
The beautiful land where the gryphons still soar

But fate played us poorly and we were surrounded
Harried and pressed we fought on 'til the night
By the light of the moon I saw death's wings surround me
Protecting the king, felt a sword blade's cruel bite
Now I lie here and wait for the angels to take me
My eyes as they dim see my family more clear
With my last earthly breath, I beg of my comrades
To at last take me home to the land I hold dear

Ch:

And bury my bones 'neath a high mountain eyrie
Where white-clouded peak meets with rocky lake shore
Take me back to the land that is told of in story
The beautiful land where the gryphons still soar

The land I call HOME where the gryphons still soar

