

OH! FOR THE SWORDS OF FORMER TIME

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**G** **D - D7**  
OH, FOR THE SWORDS OF FORMER TIME!  
**G** **D**  
OH, FOR THE MEN WHO BORE THEM  
**G** **D - D7**  
WHEN ARMED FOR RIGHT THEY STOOD SUBLIME  
**G** **D**  
AND TYRANTS CROUCHED BEFORE THEM  
**C** **D7** **G** **D**  
WHEN FREE YET, ERE COURTS BEGAN WITH HONORS TO ENSLAVE HIM  
**C** **D - C9** **G** **D**  
THE BEST HONORS WORN BY MAN WERE THOSE WHICH VIRTUE GAVE HIM  
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OH, FOR THE KINGS WHO FLOURISHED THEN  
**G** **D**  
OH, FOR THE POMP THAT CROWNED THEM  
**G** **D - D7**  
WHEN HEARTS AND HANDS OF FREEBORN MEN  
**G** **D**  
WERE ALL THE RAMPARTS 'ROUND THEM  
**C** **D7** **G** **D**  
WHEN SAFE BUILT ON BOSOMS TRUE THE THRONE WAS BUT THE CENTRE  
**C** **D - C9** **G** **D**  
ROUND WHICH LOVE A CIRCLE DREW THAT TREASON DURST NOT ENTER  
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