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#### About this booklet

This booklet is a collection of songs about the Kingdom of Æthelmearc. You'll notice that the songs are divided into two sections. The first section contains all original works by SCAdians, and primarily Æthelmearc subjects and citizens. The second section is called "Contrafacta" in reference to the period practice of taking songs and writing new lyrics to the same tune. Period filking, so to speak. Written music is provided for the first section and for the contrafactum to period (and therefore public domain) melodies, but the music for the modern filks will have to be obtained elsewhere as we do not have the funds to license all the modern music that has been used.

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### Banners of Scarlet

Gwendolyn the Graceful





fight 'til the fields they run scar - let with blood from the foe.

Heed to the drum! To



Our king calls, fight with him proudly
Our king calls - rally your forces!
Our king calls; we'll stand by our crown.
For Æthelmearc march! Do not let him down.

#### Chorus

Shieldwall, wide as a mile, the Shieldwall - shoulder to shoulder the Shieldwall. The moment is near: Let loose your warcry - don't show them your fear.

#### Chorus

Longbow: Agincourt's prowess, the Longbow. Nock and draw strongly your Longbow, then loose and let fly! Tak the first rank before they draw nigh.

#### Chorus

Honour comes before victory.
Honour - let no one question your
Honour. Remember my friend:
'Tis Æthelmearc's honour you bear in the end.

Spearpoints! Dress the line. Hold up your Spearpoints. Lift them up! Steady your Spearpoints. A gleaming display To pierce through the shieldwall and into the fray

#### Chorus

Argent: White the escarbuncle
Argent: Knight's belt of fealty and
Argent as blades of bright steel,
That shall not be sheathed until the foe yields.

#### Chorus

Nightfall, we've fought from dawn until Nightfall. Sit by the fires of Nightfall. In drink and in song, Honour the fallen, remember them long.

#### Final Chorus:

Scarlet, follow the banners of Scarlet, follow the white and the Scarlet, in peace or in war, We'll stand with our kingdom forevermore. Take pride in your kingdom - forevermore.

# The Æthelmearc Song

Haakon Oaktall



Onto the field, there came a new banner, "Æthelmearc, Æthelmearc, into the fight!" Red is for courage and gold is for honor "Æthelmearc, Æthelmearc, show them your might!"

#### Chorus

Dancing the dance of flashing bright steel,
"Æthelmearc, Æthelmearc, into the fight!"
Sending a clothyard shaft speeding downfield,
"Æthelmearc, Æthelmearc, show them your might!"

Chorus



## In Glorias Æthelmearc

Boudicea Ravenhair Katryne of Bakestondone





Verse follows melody line of chorus

We come to fight, we come to serve We come to share our knowledge So join with us and march along In our van so bold

Chorus

To preserve the honor of our fair land We raise our weapons high Our swords and wits are deadly sharp Our arrows straight and true

Chorus

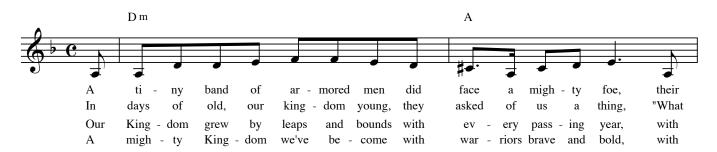
From East to West and in between We make our presence known Whenever we leave Æthelmearc We bring a bit of home

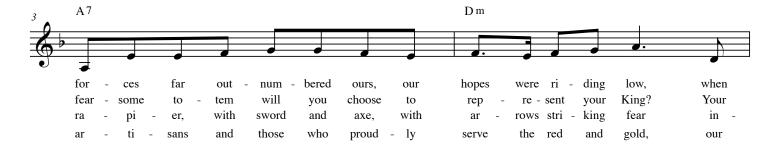
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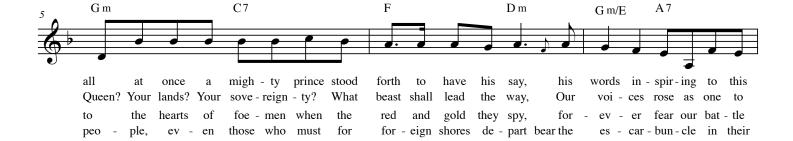


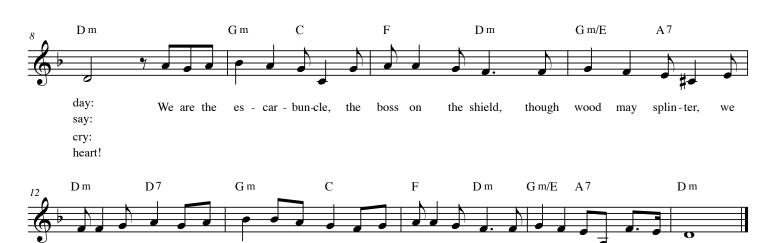
## We Are The Escarbuncle

Giulietta da Venezia









nev-er shall yield, we shall stand, we shall fight, we shall nev-er give way, the es-car-bun-cle holds the day!

# March, Æthelmearc!

Gwendolyn the Graceful



March, Æ- thel - mearc!

## Here's to the Escarbuncle

Cadell Blaidd du





Lay-ing down his life for right And all for the glor-y of Æth-el-mearc! Drink, lads, fill your cups!



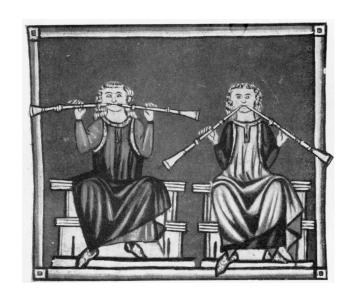
Skilled are the Laurels in their art Teaching those who wish to start All they do comes from their heart And all for the glory of Æthelmearc!

#### Chorus

The Pelican's a noble breed, Helping all of those in need. Doing service is their creed, And all for the glory of Æthelmearc!

#### Chorus

Lords and ladies, nobles all, Lift your glasses, heed my call! Let your voices fill the hall! All for the glory of Æthelmearc!



Chorus (2x, both at full speed)
Optional: sing final chorus a minor third higher

# Simply Æthelmearc

Gwendolyn the Graceful









So how can we extol our land Or tell you of our pride, When we have so few traditions And scant history on our side? And yet I think there is one point I make clear in this poem: Her subjects love fair Æthelmearc Because she is our home.

It's not a perfect kingdom:
Too hot, too cold, too damp.
We've got our share of villains
And drama queens for camp.
Our monarchs have their vices,
Our peers each have their flaws,
And lack of money's a constant threat
That our attention draws

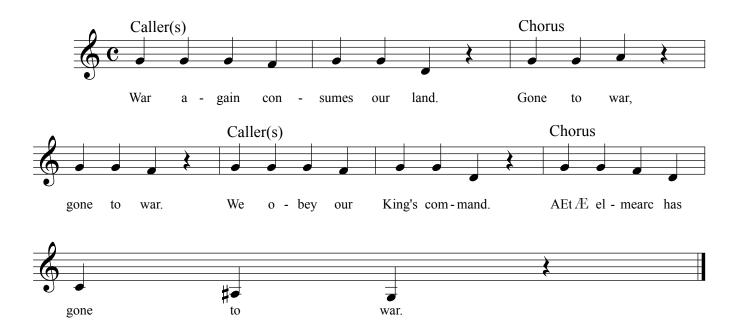
And yet amidst the stress and strain Of one thing I've no doubt: That every soul who lives here Knows just what we're about. Because no matter where we go, On land or sea of foam, Our hearts return to Æthelmearc Because she is our home

While other kingdoms may attest Their patriotic zeal,
Amassing songs and odes of praise
To tell you how they feel
In Æthelmearc our loyalty
Lives deep within the breast,
For though we may not say it much,
We love her first and best.

No, we've no tiger fierce and bold, No falcon swift of wing, No dolphin playing in the sea, Of wolves we do not sing. But our cries are just as heartfelt When we toast the Sylvan throne, And her subjects love fair Æthelemearc Because she's simply: home.

## Æthelmearc War March

Michael Alewright



You who fear the battle's roar (Gone to war...) Should have thought of that before (Æthelmearc....)

Foemen think they have the might (Gone to war...) We will teach them how to fight (Æthelmearc....)

We will answer Glory's call (Gone to war...) Heaven waits for those who fall (Æthelmearc...)

We have killed them by the score (Gone to war...) Go back home and bring some more (Æthelmearc...)

Never fear the death of men (Gone to war...) God shall raise us up again (Æthelmearc....)

Let the sun come beating down (Gone to war...) It is shady underground (Æthelmearc...)

Now's the time for blood and gore (Gone to war...) This is what you signed up for (Æthelmearc....)

Babes and children all may sleep (Gone to war...) Safely for the trust we keep (Æthelmearc...)

Peasants plant and tradesmen sell (Gone to war...) We march in the mouth of Hell (Æthelmearc....)

We won't leave the field of Mars (Gone to war...) 'Til the victory is ours (Æthelmearc....)

Let the Devil show his face (Gone to war....) We will put him in his place (Æthelmearc....) Now we face the foe at last (Gone to war...) Now the time for song is passed (Æthelmearc....)

# Sylvan March

Gwendolyn the Graceful





From Abhainn Chiach Ghlais, let the song of war be raised, Bring your archers out from their old Hunter's Home Onto Sunderoak's plains, piping hot or drenched with rains: Where our King and Queen have need of us, we'll roam. (And)

Chorus

Ev'ry year, so I'm told, Delftwood sends their fighters bold, And from Hartstone and from Riverouge they come, From Myrkfaelinn, brave friends ,doughty souls from Sylvan Glen, Joining Winter's Edge by marching to the drum. (So)

Chorus

And do not forget, the strong folk of Wyntersett, Do not doubt the folk of Hornwood and Nithgaard! Gryffin's Keep, Courtlandslot, what a force of arms we've got! Summon all who would be Æthelmearc's home guard! (And)

Chorus

At Beau Fleuve, waters flow, and in Stormsport winds may blow, But no raging falls nor wave of inland seas
Could convince them to hide –they would form against that tide,
And their shieldwall could defeat all enemies. (So)

Chorus

From St. Swithin's Bog and from River's Edge they'll slog While Blackwater keeps on rolling o'er and o'er, They shall stand, tall and proud, with a war-cry deaf'ning loud, Echoed tenfold by the forces of Gael Mor. (So)

Chorus

King's Crossing proud stands with the Debatable Lands, And together they will make our foemen think! But far from us they'll run, as if followed by the Huns, When we challenge them with Steltonwald to drink! (So)

Chorus

Still our ranks ever swell, as the troops of foes we quell, For our subjects far and wide all heed and hark, And wherever they bide, they'll assemble at our side, When our King has need of Greater Æthelmearc! (We'll)

Chorus

From Æthelmearc's glade muster ev'ry able blade Let the Scarlet and the Silver wave on high! Move your feet to war's dance, no invader stands a chance, When the Sylvan army gathers by and by! (To)

Chorus

## Enchanted Æthelmearc

Anjuli McDonald of Clanranald of the Isle of Skye



# We Fight With the Midrealm

Cadell Blaidd du





Today we fight with the Midrealm So rally your swords to the cause We fight for the honor of Malcolm And dragons have powerful jaws.

The field of the day was the mountains For raiders had come on the morn When steel tasted blood I knew this was The day for which I had been born.

Today we fight with the Midrealm The black stones of onyx our prize We fight for the glory of Tessa So you won't see fear in our eyes.

The battle was lengthy and bloody But now it has come to an end Where once we took arms 'gainst an enemy We'll now take the hand of a friend. Today we fought with the Midrealm Great honor was won on the field Glory it was the day's watchword But all of the wounds have now healed.

We drink the drink of the warrior
We sit by the fire's proud light
But when new foes come from the East realm
We'll stand with our friends as we fight.

Tomorrow we'll fight with the Midrealm When the war-drums of Pennsic are played The dragon, once foe, is now ally And the Tyger shall fall by our blade.

The dragon, once foe is now ally And the Tyger shall fall by our blade.

## Escarbuncle Banner

Michael Alewright

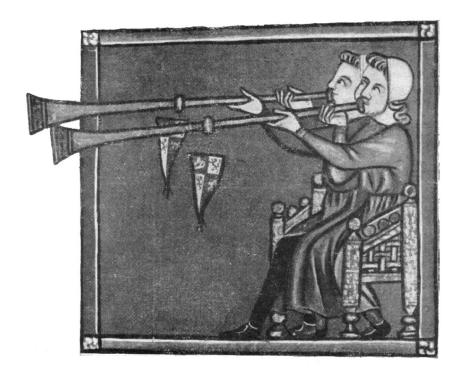


Who comes to us in friendship, you are a sacred guest. Who comes to us with knowledge, pray put us to the test, Who comes to us in force of arms, your welcome's just as deep: For you, a little plot of land to hold you as you sleep.

Chorus

Now let us march to make our mark upon this earthly world. And let us look to Heaven as our banners are unfurled. There's meat and drink awaiting all who live when day is done, So let your valor and your blade reflect the rising sun.

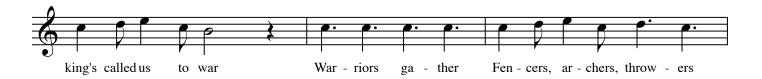
Chorus (x2)

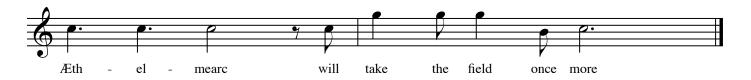


## A Call To War

Mæve Ronan







Invaders come to test the Sylvan army Beat them back, let them see our might Polearm, shield wall, leave them where they've fallen They regret they challenged us to fight

Fencers all, step us to your foeman Shlauger, foil, daggers deadly pierce Cut them down, teach them all a lesson As one by one they fall on your blades fierce

Archers now, answer the King's calling Raise your bows and notch your arrows fast See them fly straight for target center They fly true. the first one to the last

Ax and knife, throwers make ye ready Aim them true and let your weapons soar See the fear gather in their eyes now They forget what they all came here for



# Æthelmearc is Marching Off to War

Helene al-Zarqá







See the escarbuncle flying high (flying high) See the escarbuncle flying high (flying high) Escarbuncles flying high Show we are not afraid to die Æthelmearc is marching off to war.

Rally 'round the banners white on red (white and red)
Rally 'round the banners white on red (white and red)
White on Red we'll rally round
Hold the line and hold our ground
Æthelmearc is marching off to war.

See the column stretch a mile wide (mile wide)
See the column stretch a mile wide (mile wide)
See the column miles wide
We'll take the field from side to side
Æthelmearc is marching off to war.

Rally 'round the king as we fight on (we fight on)
Rally 'round the king as we fight on (we fight on)
Rally all around the king
And soon enough a vict'ry bring
Æthelmearc is marching off to war.

# Æthelmearc, My Camelot

Music: Guillaume de Machaut Lyrics: Gwendolyn the Graceful



Oh, Æ - thel-mearc, my
(Your) ranks are filled with
(Tho') Cam - e - lot has
(For) - ev - er in our

king - dom so fair, Your no - blest of Knights, No with - er'd to dust, If hearts shall we praise The song is heard and your Lau - rel cir - cle com-

ev - er leg - end be es - car-bun - cle, the



ban - ner un - furl'd Your - pares to your own, Your proof of the Dream In lau - rel, the crown, To

bor-ders rich with Pel-i - cans look Æ-thel-mearc its you our songs of

treas - ure more rare Than down from the heights: Their mem'-ry, we trust Will

raise,

For

Than an - y in the ts: Their works in you are Will live a - new and

you

our shouts re-

glo - ry

world. In ser - vice to the shown. Our fen - cers fierce and gleam. As once proud Ar - thur's sound. Sweet Æ - thel - mearc my

Dream, My king and question bold Vow to up - he knights, Dazz - ling in home, Where - e'er I results.

queen, Hon - oured to be
- hold Hon - our for the
might, Gath - er'd to uproam, Ev - er shall I



hold of right, So birth Ring the cause let our song of out our Tho' in call this land own, some - day we part, Here my may my



nown In loy - al - ty and love king-dom Your for and crown. Win for Æ-thel - mearc the Tho' glo - ry she's due. Liv - ing that the Dream might be known on earth. The heart, Is loy - al - ty and dear Æ - thel love for

mearc.

### Children of AEthelmearc

Music: "Children, Go Where I Send Thee," traditional Lyrics: Katryne of Bakestondone and Bouadicea Ravenhair

Call: Children, go where I send thee Response: How shall you send me?

I'm gonna send you one by one: One for the dream of honour Found in a suit of armour Fighting on the fields at Pennsic, Held, held here in Æthelmearc

#### Call/Response

I'm gonna send you two by two: Two for the arts and the science, One for the dream....

Three for the acts of service, Four for the reigning monarchs, Five for the heirs apparent, Six for the children joyful, Seven for the fencers deadly, Eight for security up too late, Nine for the archers shoot so fine, Ten for the staff and the Coopers, Eleven for the Midnight Madness, Twelve to pass the Dream along....

### Æthelmearc, The Beautiful

Music: "Materna" ("America, The Beautiful"), Samual Ward Lyrics: Ysabeau Ferch Gwalchafed

How beautiful, fair Æthelmearc
For noble borders free;
From Blackstone Mountain's majesty
To the pine of Coppertree.
O Æthelmearc, great Æthelmearc
Our Kingdom strong and free
By Crown and Rood,
In brotherhood,
From wood to Inland Seas

How beautiful the gracious smiles
Of ladies high and fair
Their graceful banners to inspire
The lords and fighters there
O Æthelmearc, great Æthelmearc
Our Kingdom's blessed by these
By Crown and Rood
In brotherhood
The flower's nobility.

How beautiful the gentle arts
The fruits of wealth and peace
The inspirations from the hearts
of craftsmen never cease
O Æthlemearc, great Æthelmearc
Our Kingdom's built by these
By Crown and Rood
In brotherhood
Our hand's ability.

### Æthelmearc Warriors

Music: "Northstar CIT's" from the movie "Meatballs."

Lyrics: Mæve Aislynn Ronan

From Æthelmearc we warriors come to fight We stand behind our king, defend his right We're going to roust you out with all our might (Watch out, we bite!) We're Æthelmearc Warriors!

Out here the women fight beside the men We'll pick you up to beat you down again We get great pleasure from your groan of pain (We're not real sane) We're Æthelmearc Warriors!

The archers' bows so strong ring swift and true Our enemies this day will learn to rue We're going to beat you 'til you're black and blue: A lovely hue. We're Æthelmearc Warriors!

On countless fields we've many rivals met And with their blood the fields they soon were wet Your banner next in line for us to get (Wipe off the sweat) We're Æthelmearc Warriors!

Come to our feasts and fires invited all And listen to our bards within the hall And when the morning comes with battle call We'll have a ball! We're Æthelmearc Warriors!

### Deo Gracias, Æthelmearc

Music: "Banana Boat Song (Day-O)", Darling/Arkin Lyrics: The Mad Bard of Æthelmearc

Deo, Deo, Deo gracias, Æthelmearc.
Deo, Deo, Deo gracias, Æthelmearc.
Our king went forth to Pennsic War,
Deo gracias Æthelmearc,
We'll fight and sleep and fight some more!
Deo gracias Æthelmearc.
Deo, Deo, Deo gracias, Æthelmearc.
Deo, Deo, Deo gracias, Æthelmearc.
Come mista marshal man, come inspect my armor,
Deo gracias Æthelmearc,
Sun's up, so am I, and it's getting warmer,
Deo gracias Æthelmearc.
Deo, Deo, Deo gracias, Æthelmearc.

Six kings, seven kings, eight kings, Fight! Deo gracias Æthelmearc, Six kings, seven kings, eight kings, Fight! Deo gracias Æthelmearc. Deo, Deo, Deo gracias, Æthelmearc. Deo, Deo, Deo gracias, Æthelmearc.

### Æthelmearc, Sing!

Music: "Sing, Australia", John Denver

Lyrics: Kateryna y Ty Isaf

I come from the Sylvan lands as many good folk do,
To see all the pageantry on a field of crimson hue,
To hear somebody call good day and call good morrow to you,
To sit before the bardic fire and share a tale or two.
Some of you came as lost cousins less than a year ago,
Some of you come as kings and queens, your blessings to bestow,
Some of you stand all swelled with pride, some kneel before our king,
But all of us come with open hearts to hear Æthelmearc sing.
In the forests, in the cities, in the mountains and in the trees,
In the stories and in the people I can hear Æthelmearc sing.

The Pelicans, the Laurels, the Knights of chivalry,
The performers, the artisans and nobility,
The tales of our creation, the teaching of gentility,
The legends of a Camelot for all eternity.
And in the recreation of a brief twelve hundred years,
At what cost do we build a kingdom in blood and sweat and tears,
For if we stood divided, divided we would fall,
But since we stand together, we shall conquer all.
In the forests, in the cities, in the mountains wild and free,
In the stories and in the people I can hear Æthelmearc sing.

Sing of honor, sing of valour, sing of friendship and good company, In the field on a Pennsic morning, I can hear Æthelmearc sing.

O, I can hear Æthelmearc sing.

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