

## England's Sovereigns in Verse

### Norman Kings

William the Conqueror long did reign;  
William, his son, by an arrow was slain;  
Henry the First was a scholar bright;  
Stephen was king without any right.

### Plantagenet

Henry the Second, Plantagenet's scion;  
Richard the First was as brave as a lion  
John, though a tyrant, the charter signed;  
Henry the Third had a weakly mind.  
Edward the first conquered Cambria dales;  
Edward the second was born Prince of Wales;  
Edward the third humbled France in its pride;  
Richard the Second in prison died.

### House of Lancaster

Henry the Fourth for himself took the crown;  
Henry the Fifth pulled the French king down;  
Henry the Sixth lost his father's gains.

### House of Tudor

Edward of York laid hold of the reins;  
Edward the Fifth was killed with his brother;  
Richard the Third soon made way for another.  
Henry the Seventh was frugal of means;  
Henry the Eighth had a great many queens.  
Edward the Sixth reformation began;  
Cruel Queen Mary prevented the plan.  
Wise and profound were Elizabeth's aims.

### Stuart Line

England and Scotland were joined by King James.  
Charles found the people a cruel corrector;  
Oliver Cromwell was called Lord Protector;  
Charles the Second was hid in an oak,  
James the Second took Popery's yoke.  
William and Mary were offered the throne,  
Anne succeeded and reigned alone.

### Hanoverian Kings

George the First from Hanover came;  
George the Second kept up the name;  
George the Third was loved in the land,  
George the fourth was polite and grand;  
William the Fourth had no heir of his own,  
So Queen Victoria ascended the Throne.

When good Queen Victoria's long reign was o'er  
Edward the Seventh the English crown wore;  
George the fifth rules the vast realm of England today  
And "God Save the King!" all his subjects' hearts say.