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SKULLS OVER JUDAH

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Oh, who comes down the mountain, a stalking oak at morning - The trail is wild by Cherith, and Carmel's crags are high! His eyes are grim as iron, that break the people's scorning - Oh, who comes down from Carmel to blast and prophesy?

Alike his hairy girdle, his hardened limbs are hairy; Beneath his locks entangled flames cold his icy eye. The people fall before him but naught shall make him tarry - Oh, who comes down from Carmel to bid a king to die?

The fury of the desert goes in the wind before him; He locks within his bosom the thunders of the sky. The sages of the ages have flung their mantles o'er him - Oh, who comes down from Carmel to break the thrones on high?

The word goes out of Israel to shake the world at dawning. Oh, chariots of Judah, the crimson kings must die! The hungry ravens gather and Hell's abyss is yawning. Elijah comes from Carmel along the morning sky!