



MY HEART IS STIRRED BY A NOBLE THEME AS I RECITE MY VERSES FOR  
THE KING: MY TONGUE IS THE PEN OF A SKILLFUL WRITER.  
YOU ARE THE MOST EXCELLENT OF MEN AND YOUR LIPS HAVE BEEN  
ANOINTED WITH GRACE, SINCE GOD HAS BLESSED YOU FOREVER.  
GIRD YOUR SWORD UPON YOUR SIDE, O MIGHTY  
ONE CLOTHE YOURSELF WITH SPLENDOR AND MAJESTY.  
IN YOUR MAJESTY RIDE FORTH VICTORIOUSLY IN BEHALF OF TRUTH,  
HUMILITY AND RIGHTEOUSNESS; LET YOUR RIGHT HAND DISPLAY AWESOME DEEDS.  
LET YOUR SHARP ARROWS PIERCE THE HEARTS OF THE KING'S ENEMIES; LET THE NATIONS FALL BENEATH YOUR FEET.  
YOUR THRONE, O GOD, WILL LAST FOR EVER AND EVER; A SCEPTER  
OF JUSTICE WILL BE THE SCEPTER OF YOUR KINGDOM.  
YOU LOVE RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATE WICKEDNESS; THEREFORE GOD,  
YOUR GOD, HAS SET YOU ABOVE YOUR COMPANIONS  
BY ANOINTING YOU WITH THE OIL OF JOY.  
ALL YOUR ROBES ARE FRAGRANT WITH MYRRH AND ALOES AND CASSIA;  
FROM PALACES ADORNED WITH IVORY THE MUSIC OF THE STRINGS MAKES YOU GLAD.  
DAUGHTERS OF KINGS ARE AMONG YOUR HONORED WOMEN;  
AT YOUR RIGHT HAND IS THE ROYAL BRIDE IN GOLD OF OPHIR.  
LISTEN, O DAUGHTER, CONSIDER AND GIVE EAR: FORGET YOUR PEOPLE AND YOUR FATHER'S HOUSE.  
THE KING IS ENTHRALLED BY YOUR BEAUTY; HONOR HIM, FOR HE IS YOUR LORD.  
THE DAUGHTER OF TYRE WILL COME WITH A GIFT, MEN OF WEALTH WILL SEEK YOUR FAVOR.  
ALL GLORIOUS IS THE PRINCESS WITHIN [HER CHAMBER];  
HER GOWN IS INTERWOVEN WITH GOLD.  
IN EMBROIDERED GARMENTS SHE IS LED TO THE KING;  
HER VIRGIN COMPANIONS FOLLOW HER AND ARE BROUGHT TO YOU.  
THEY ARE LED IN WITH JOY AND GLADNESS; THEY ENTER THE PALACE OF THE KING.  
YOUR SONS WILL TAKE THE PLACE OF YOUR FATHERS;  
YOU WILL MAKE THEM PRINCES THROUGHOUT THE LAND.  
I WILL PERPETUATE YOUR MEMORY THROUGH ALL GENERATIONS; THEREFORE  
THE NATIONS WILL PRAISE YOU FOR EVER AND EVER.

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