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II

I leave my kingly post
To see your children wind
The dance. Among their kind
Will any be my host?

I, who am veiled and shy,
I have a crown and throne,
I am a fairy's son,
The king of trolls am I.

III

You will be rich and royal,
Many splendours, treasure troves shall be your spoil.

You will have spear and sword,
Favour of the fair shall be your long reward.

You will lack wage and name,
Only song shall yield you love and fame.

AWAKENING OF THE BRIDE

An anthem from the tower
When dawn is faint and frail,
Exalts the saints, and stories
The coming day of glories
With moving weight and power
Of horns in the chorale.

Am I still dreaming? No!
There at the gate — a voice!
For seven nights I waited.
A herald is below
From him whom I am fated
To love and make my choice.