

Ode To A Legend: Our Past, Present and Future
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Like a phoenix I arose from ash and flame
Child of Ruprecht the Red whose name I claim.
Called into existence for knowledge—the thirst
In the Western Reich I lay claim as the first.

War and destruction could not impede me
I serve mankind as long as they need me.
They journey from various rank and region
Countless souls that form a grand legion.

These faces have taken me many places
In this world so far and wide.
This birthday occasion, like a honey temptation
Has called you to stand at my side.

To think, me, a quarter and 6 centuries old,
Accomplished dreams and stories untold.
I live in your hearts, my daughters and sons-
I will endure for generations to come.

Like a legend carried on the wings of a tale
Through voices before, my name has prevailed.
Create the future with our history today
Wisdom shall flourish, our love for it ne'er decay.