

Fairest Isle (King Arthur)

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1. Fair- est Isle, all isles ex- cel- ling, Seat of pleas- ure and of
2. Gen- tle mur- murs sweet com- plai- ning, Sighs that blow the fire of

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love. Soft re- pul- ses, kind dis- dain- ing, Shall be all the pains you

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 prove. Ev' ry swain shall pay his du-ty Grate-ful e-v'ry nymph shall prove;

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 And as these ex-cel in beau-ty, Those shall be re-nowned for love.

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