Singing Them In

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She sings them into battle Beneath the gleaming leaves: Marchers full of mettle, Bringers-in of sheaves,

Chorus:

And when the woods are ringing With the clash of blade on helm The echo of her singing Will bring them all back home

Farming men and women Whose toil proves their worth, Whose hearths are red and warming, Whose lives are fresh-turned earth.

Chorus

The spade became a weapon; The fork became a pike; No matter what may happen They're ready for their work:

Chorus

Or touch them when they're dying In the deep parts of the wood, When roots and twigs are sighing For a fallen Marcher's blood

Chorus

For the blood is blessed by singing -Like the mulch spread on a field; A Marcher only spills it To bring a better yield.

Chorus

She sings them into battle: Who leave their homes and farms To fight for lands so fertile, For the child in her arms.

Chorus x 2