Leader: 1 My heart overfloweth with a goodly matter;

I speak the things which I have made touching the king:

My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

Response: **2 Thou art fairer than the children of men;**

**Grace is pouredinto thy lips:**

**Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.**

Leader: 3 Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O mighty one,

Thy glory and thy majesty.

Response: **4 And in thy majesty ride on prosperously,**

**Because of truth and meekness *and* righteousness:**

**And thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.**

Leader: 5 Thine arrows are sharp;

The peoples fall under thee;

*They are* in the heart of the king’s enemies.

Response: **6 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever:**

**A sceptre of equity is the sceptre of thy kingdom.**

Leader: 7 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated wickedness:

Therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee

With the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Response: **8 All thy garments *smell of* myrrh, and aloes, *and* cassia;**

**Out of ivory palaces stringed instruments have made thee glad.**

Leader: 9 Kings’ daughters are among thy honorable women:

At thy right hand doth stand the queen in gold of Ophir.

Response: **10 Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear;**

**Forget also thine own people, and thy father’s house:**

Leader: 11 So will the king desire thy beauty;

For he is thy lord; and reverence thou him.

Response: **12 And the daughter of Tyre *shall be there* with a gift;**

**The rich among the people shall entreat thy favor.**

Leader: 13 The king’s daughter within *the palace* is all glorious:

Her clothing is inwrought with gold.

Response: **14 She shall be led unto the king in broidered work:**

**The virgins her companions that follow her**

**Shall be brought unto thee.**

Leader: 15 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be led:

They shall enter into the king’s palace.

Response: **16 Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children,**

**Whom thou shalt make princes in all the earth.**

**17 I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations:**

**Therefore shall the peoples give thee thanks for ever and ever.**