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### **THE GIANT OF BERN**

It was the lofty Jutt of Bern  
O'er all the walls he grew;  
He was mad and ne'er at rest,  
To tame him no one knew.

He was mad and ne'er at rest,  
No lord could hold him in;  
If he had long in Denmark stayed  
Much damage there had been.

It was the lofty Jutt of Bern  
Bound to his side his glaive,  
And away to the monarch's house he rode  
With the knights a fray to have.

Now goes the lofty Jutt of Bern  
Before the King to stand:  
"Thou shalt to me thy daughter give,

And a brief for half thy land.

“Here as thou sitt’st at thy wide board,  
Hail Monarch of the Danes!  
Thou shalt to me thy daughter give,  
And the half of thy domains.

“Thou shalt to me thy daughter give,  
And divide with me thy land,  
Or thou shalt find a kempion good  
In the ring ’gainst me to stand.”

“O thou shalt ne’er my daughter get,  
Nor a brief for half my land,  
I’ll quickly find a kempion good  
Shall fight thee hand to hand.”

Then strode the Monarch of the Danes  
To his castle hall amain:

“Now which of ye, my courtiers, will  
The lovely Damsel gain?

“Here sit ye all my Danish swains  
On whom I bread bestow,  
Now which of ye will risk his life  
To lay the Berner low?

“I’ll give to him my daughter dear,  
The wondrous lovely may,

Who in the ring with Jutt of Bern  
Shall dare the desperate fray.”

In silence all the kempions sat,  
None dared reply a word,  
Except alone Orm Ungerswayne,  
The lowest at the board.

Except alone Orm Ungerswayne,  
He bounded o’er the board:  
I tell to ye in verity  
He spake a manly word.

“Wilt thou to me thy daughter give,  
And divide with me thy land?  
O then will I the kempion be,

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