

## Emperor "Alsvatr (The Oath)"

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Hark, O'Nightspirit  
Father of my dark self  
From within this realm, wherein Thou dwelleth  
By this lake of blood, from which we feed to breed  
I call silently from Thy presence, as I lay this oath

May this night carry my will  
And may these old mountains forever remember this  
night  
May the forest whisper my name  
And may the storm bring these words to the end of all  
worlds

May the wise moon be my witness  
As I swear on my honor  
In respect of my pride and darkness itself  
That I shall rule by the blackest wisdom

O'Nightspirit  
I am one with thee  
I am the eternal power  
I am the Emperor

Winds and storms. embrace us now  
Lay waste the light of day  
Open gates to darker lands  
We spread our wings and fly away

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