

## **Iron Maiden**

# **"Alexander The Great"**

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"My son ask for thyself another  
Kingdom, for that which I leave  
is too small for thee"  
(King Philip of Macedonia - 339 B.C.)

Near to the east  
In a part of ancient Greece  
In an ancient land called Macedonia  
Was born a son  
To Philip of Macedon  
The legend his name was Alexander

At the age of nineteen  
He became the Macedon King  
And he swore to free all of Asia Minor  
By the Aegean Sea  
In 334 B.C.  
He utterly beat the armies of Persia

Alexander the Great  
His name struck fear into hearts of men  
Alexander the Great  
Became a legend 'mongst mortal men

King Darius the third  
Defeated fled Persia  
The Scythians fell by the river Jaxartes  
Then Egypt fell to the Macedon King as well  
And he founded the city called Alexandria

By the Tigris river  
He met King Darius again  
And crushed him again in the battle of Arbela

Entering Babylon  
And Susa, treasures he found  
Took Persepolis the capital of Persia

Alexander the Great  
His name struck fear into hearts of men  
Alexander the Great  
Became a God amongst mortal men

A Phrygian King had bound a chariot yoke  
And Alexander cut the Gordian knot  
And legend said that who untied the knot  
He would become the master of Asia

Hellenism he spread far and wide  
The Macedonian learned mind  
Their culture was a western way of life  
He paved the way for Christianity

Marching on, marching on

The battle weary marching side by side  
Alexander's army line by line  
They wouldn't follow him to India  
Tired of the combat, pain and the glory

Alexander the Great  
His name struck fear into hearts of men  
Alexander the Great  
He died of fever in Babylon

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