

Then Crecy, Nevile, Poitiers made known Third Edward's fame.  
Poor Second Richard, Tyler's king, surprised, made to resign,  
Placed England's crown in Hereford's hands in thirteen ninety-nine.

#### LANCASTRIAN PERIOD. 1399—1461.

In Shropshire, while Fourth Henry reigned, Scots, Welsh and Hotspur bled,  
A prince was seized and Lollards quelled ere warlike Percy fled.  
"Prince Hal," Fifth Henry, Gascoigne's friend, soon won the crown of France,  
Nor Harfleur, Agincourt, Rouen could check his bold advance.  
By loss of France and Bedford's death Sixth Henry's fall was wrought,  
A captive now, and now a king, 'twas peace, not power, he sought.

#### YORKIST PERIOD. 1461—1485.

York won St. Alban's bloody field, but died at Wakefield Green ;  
His son, Fourth Edward, seized the crown, and captured Henry's queen.  
A bloody scene ! Fifth Edward died, a prey to Yorkist strife,  
Then Richard Third, 'mid all his crimes, at Bosworth lost his life.

#### TUDOR PERIOD. 1485—1603.

Wise Henry Seventh, Simnel's lord, 'gainst Warbeck held his ground,  
Ere Margaret married Scotland's prince or Labrador was found.  
False Henry Eighth, who warred with France, made Scots at Flodden fly ;  
Through Wolsey next he claimed divorce, but Rome would not comply.  
Sixth Edward sought Scotch Mary's hand in arms at Pinkie's field ;  
Then Mary, Spanish Philip's wife, at Calais had to yield.  
The golden age of "Good Queen Bess" was marked by Mary Soot,  
A Spanish war, some Irish fights, and, lastly, Essex' plot.

#### STUART PERIOD. 1603—1714.

James First, of Henry Seventh's line, from Holyrood was brought ;  
He killed Guy Fawkes, shed Raleigh's blood, and with the Spanish fought.  
An odious tax by Charles raised, in arms the Commons rose ;  
Edgehill was won, Gloucester was lost, and Chalgrave cleared of foes.  
Then Marston Moor and Naseby lost, the King to Scotland fled,  
But sold again to Cromwell's friends, ere long he lost his head.  
Protector Cromwell, Erin's foe, drove Scots from Worcester field,  
Dispersed the Dutch, made Frenchmen fawn, and Spain Jamaica yield.  
With Holland Charlie Second fought, the Corpus Act he framed ;  
For fire and plague and fearful plots this blythe king's reign was famed.  
James Second, Duke of Monmouth's King, while Jeffreys favored Rome,  
By William, Prince of Orange, next was driven from his home.  
The bloody Boyne, by William won, saw England's debt increase ;  
At Ryswick, after years of war, the French agreed to peace.  
At Blenheim, Ram'lies, Malplaquet, Gibraltar—France and Spain—  
United Britons crushed their foes in "Good Queen Annie's" reign.

#### BRUNSWICK PERIOD. 1714—1901.

A Whig of Scottish James' line, named German George the First,  
Who warred with Stuarts, Scots and Spain, saw Blunt's gay bubble burst.  
Culloden Moor and Dettingen with Portobello gained  
Made Stuarts, French and Spanish yield while George the Second reigned.  
George Third o'ercame both France and Spain, and held Canadians fast,  
But Thirteen States, once colonies, were lost to him at last.  
Bold Nelson, Pitt and Wellington drove Bonaparte away  
From Egypt, Spain and Waterloo to St. Helena's Bay.  
False George the Fourth oppressed his queen, repealed the penal laws,  
And then, like Byron, 'gainst the Turks upheld the Grecian cause.  
King William Fourth saw railways made and served a time at sea,  
Had Poor Laws passed, Reform Bill too, and negro slaves set free.  
Russia, India, Egypt, the world—Boer-clad—withstood,  
On loving hearts impressed the name, "Victoria the Good."