

Choose an earthly one? for what is earthly
Is as fleeting, vain, and unsubstantial;
Heavenly things are lasting, firm, eternal."

So the Tzar preferr'd a heavenly kingdom
Rather than an earthly . . . On Kossova
Straight he built a church, but not of marble;
Not of marble, but of silk and scarlet.
Then he calls the patriarch of Servia,
Calls around him all the twelve archbishops,
Bids them make the holy supper ready,
Purify the warriors from their errors,
And for death's last conflict make them ready.

So the warriors were prepared for battle,
And the Turkish hosts approach Kossova.
Bogdan leads his valiant heroes forward,
With his sons — nine sons — the Jugocichi,
Sharp and keen — nine gray and noble falcons.
Each led on nine thousand Servian warriors;
And the aged Jug led twenty thousand.

With the Turks began the bloody battle.
Seven pashas were overcome and scatter'd,
But the eighth pasha came onward boldly,
And the aged Jug Bogdan has fallen.

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Then Lasar, the noble lord of Servia,
Seeks Kossova with his mighty army;
Seven and seventy thousand Servian warriors.
How the infidels retire before him,