

# *The Juniors Entertain*

## *At Feast and Dance in King Arthur's Court*

*"That fair order of the Table Round  
A glorious company, the flower of men,  
To serve as model for the mighty world,  
And be the fair beginning of a time."*

When evening came, King Arthur and his court of knights and ladies proceeded with great ceremony unto the Banquet Hall where a great feast was spread. And as they entered in, lo! music began of a sudden to play with a wonderful sweetness. All about were fantastic castles of gilded hues of blue and silver, and spears all shining decked the royal hall. And in their midst was a great Round Table with seats thereat for twenty persons, and at each place was a brilliant chalice bearing fragrant drink. And beside the separate places were tiny spears which bore great words and the covenant of the Knighthood of the Table Round. Then Merlin, who went before, pointed to a high seat and said, "Behold, lord King, yonder is the 'Seat Royal', and that is thine to sit in." And there appeared sundry letters upon the back of the seat, and the letters read the name, 'Arthur, King.' Then all the knights seated themselves and break bread and quaffed drink and there was great feasting in the Hall. In due time the knights arose and spake in turn, repeating their knightly vows and swearing unto the Covenant of their order. Then Arthur spake and with simple words of great authority cheered

his Table Round. And all those who sat at feasting, both knights and ladies, lifted up their voices in loud acclaim.

And when the feasting and noble speech was done, the King and Queen, followed by all the splendid court of lords, nobles, knights, and fair damsels in full array made progression unto the royal gardens of Camelot. As the King and Queen and Court entered in thereat, they were amazed at the beauty of the scene. In their midst was the royal castle painted all in silver hues. A canopy was made to represent the sky being all of a cerulean blue sprinkled o'er with silver stars which sparkled with surpassing radiance. And all around were great trees of black in silhouette against the sky. And music filled the air round about them and courtly knights and fair ladies moved in grand procession beneath a canopy of spears around the castle walls. And, there was great rejoicing and merrymaking as the courtly couples danced fleeting hours to enchanting music in the Royal Gardens of Camelot.

"The old order changeth, yielding place to new."

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