

## The Atlantian Version of "Belt & Chain" as taught by Mistress Julitta & Master Niall

Days moving fast, and the legends long past,  
but some still remember a place  
a place of skill where honor lies still  
a bastion of honor and grace,  
a bastion of honor and grace

### REFRAIN

Will you take the belt and the chain  
that dream may yet live again  
Swear your heart to chivalry's art,  
swear your sword to our game,  
swear your sword and be chained.

Take the young boy and make him a page  
teach him skills to come of age  
Teach him honour and valour and truth  
Give him these gifts in his youth  
Give him these gifts in his youth

### REFRAIN

Take the young man and make him a squire  
Teach him arms to serve his sire.  
Teach him chivalry, strength without stain  
For someday he too will be chained  
One day he'll take belt and chain

### REFRAIN

Take this belt as a badge of your worth  
And the chain where your oath is interred  
Hold fast to honour as hard as it seems,  
For you guard the halls our dream  
You guard the halls of this dream

### REFRAIN

## **Belt and Chain**

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This is the **original** version of this song that is sung (and sometimes improperly credited) throughout the Knowne World.  
The tune is different from the Atlantian version and can be heard on Vivat! Trimarís I.

The days are too fast, and the legends long past;  
Yet some would dream of a place  
A place of goodwill, where beauty lies still  
A bastion of honor and grace;  
A bastion of honor and grace

### REFRAIN:

Will you wear the Belt and Chain  
That this dream may yet live again  
Swear your heart to Chivalry's art  
Swear your sword to our gain.

Take the young lad and make him page  
Teach the boy to come of age;  
Teach him fealty, service and truth  
Give him these gifts in his youth;  
Give him these gifts in full sooth.

### REFRAIN

Take the young man and make him squire;  
Teach him arms to best his sire;  
Teach him chivalry, strength without stain;  
For one day he'll take belt and chain;  
For one day he too will be chained.

### REFRAIN

Wear the belt as a badge of your word,  
Bear well the chain, for your oath is interred;  
Hold fast to honor, as hard as it seems;  
For you guard the halls of our dream;  
For you guard the halls of this dream.

### REFRAIN