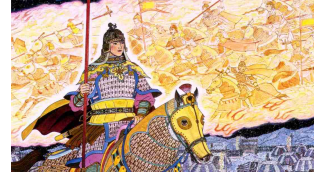




THE BALLAD OF MULLAN



sorrowful – very sad

sighs – long, deep breaths exhaled by a person, often because of sadness.

invaders – enemy attackers from another country.

troops – soldiers

draft – selection of people to serve the army.

scrolls – rolls of paper with writing.

frail – weak

bridle – straps, bit, and reins placed on a horse's head and used for control while riding.

armor – body covering, often of metal, worn for protection in battle.

farewell – goodbye

bank – ground along the edge of a river or lake.

dusk – the time of evening just before dark.

harsh – extremely unpleasant.

endured – put up with or lasted through.

ravaged – violently destroyed.

triumphant – successful

victorious – having won by defeating another.

summoned – asked to come.

bestow – give or award.

swift – fast

escort – to travel along with, usually to provide protection or show respect.

comrades – companions who share one's activities.

astonished – very surprised; amazed.