

# The Song of Roland: A Timeless Epic of Honor and Betrayal

The Song of Roland is a classic epic poem that tells the story of Roland, a brave knight who fights to defend his lord, Charlemagne. The poem is full of action, adventure, and tragedy, and it has been inspiring readers for centuries.



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The story begins when Charlemagne invades Spain with his army. Roland is one of Charlemagne's most trusted knights, and he is given the honor of leading the rearguard of the army as it returns to France. However, Roland is betrayed by his stepfather, Ganelon, who allows the Saracens to attack the rearguard. Roland and his men fight bravely, but they are outnumbered and outmatched. In the end, Roland is killed, and the Saracens are victorious.

The Song of Roland is a tragedy, but it is also a story of honor and heroism. Roland is a brave and loyal knight, and he fights to the death for his lord and his country. The poem is a reminder that even in the face of defeat, there is still hope and glory to be found.

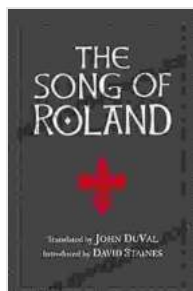
This Hackett Classics edition of The Song of Roland includes an by renowned medievalist Professor Robert Hanning, Jr., and features the original Old French text alongside a modern English translation. The provides a wealth of background information on the poem, and the translation is clear and accessible. This edition is the perfect way to experience this classic work of literature.

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