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CERVANTES

May I set the stage? I shall impersonate a man.
Come, enter into my imagination and see him!
His name... Alonso Quijana... a country squire,
no longer young... bony, hollow-faced... eyes
that burn with the fire of inner vision. Being
retired, he has much time for books. He studies
them from morn to night and often through the
night as well. And all he reads oppresses him...
fills him with indignation at man's murderous
ways toward man. And he conceives the
strangest
project ever imagined... to become a knight-
errant
and sally forth into the world to right all
wrongs. No longer shall he be plain Alonso
Quijana...
but a dauntless knight known as -
Don Quixote de La Mancha!

DON QUIXOTE

Hear me now
Oh thou bleak and unbearable world,
Thou art base and debauched as can be;
And a knight with his banners all bravely
unfurled
Now hurls down his gauntlet to thee!
I am I, Don Quixote,
The Lord of La Mancha, b
My destiny calls and I go,
And the wild winds of fortune
Will carry me onward,
Oh whithersoever they blow.
Whithersoever they blow,
Onward to glory I go!

SANCHO PANZA

I'm Sancho! Yes, I'm Sancho!
I'll follow my master till the end.
I'll tell all the world proudly
I'm his squire! I'm his friend!

DON QUIXOTE

Hear me, heathens and wizards
And serpents of sin!
All your dastardly doings are past,

For a holy endeavor is now to begin
And virtue shall triumph at last!

(Don Quixote and Sancho Panza mount their
horses and set out along a road)

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SANCHO

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DON QUIXOTE, SANCHO

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The Impossible Dream

Don Quixote:

To dream ... the impossible dream ...

To fight ... the unbeatable foe ...

To bear ... with unbearable sorrow ...

To run ... where the brave dare not go ...

To right ... the unrightable wrong ...

To love ... pure and chaste from afar ...

To try ... when your arms are too weary ...

To reach ... the unreachable star ...

This is my quest, to follow that star ...

No matter how hopeless, no matter how far

...

To fight for the right, without question or
pause ...

To be willing to march into Hell, for a
Heavenly cause ...

And I know if I'll only be true, to this glorious
quest,

That my heart will lie will lie peaceful and
calm,

when I'm laid to my rest ...

And the world will be better for this:

That one man, scorned and covered with
scars,

Still strove, with his last ounce of courage,

To reach ... the unreachable star ...