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A Gift to Athena
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What did he seek,
Alexander of the curly ringlets,
proud, arrogant eyes,
vanquisher of the Persians,
lord of all that was theirs?

His wife a Persian princess,
daughter of Darius,
King of kings ,
old blood bested now
joined to his.

On ten thousand of his soldiers
married to Persian beauties,
he bestowed rich dowries.

Demosthenes the orator
warned cultured Athens
of Philip, and
his son Alexander sent
five hundred suits of armor
from Asia,

from the Greeks, he said,
a gift to Athena, see!
Macedon is Greek,
though wed to a Persian.