

BROTHER TO BATTLES

Lyrics and music by Mark Osier

Intro: Am G F G Am

Am Dm G E Am
I was born a peasant no more than a tanner's son
In a town so small it had no name, on the coastline of Arad Doman
But not content with my lot in life at seventeen I went away
Am G F G F G Am
Seeking a life of glory and wealth to follow the swordsman's way

For two short years I lived that life - the life of a sword for hire
No man was my master and none was my slave - I did as my heart desired
Then one day I met a woman - on a trip like so many before
Black hair, blue eyes, and an ageless face - my life would be changed evermore

When the bandits attacked the caravan rose - to drive them away or to die
And lightning danced from the fingertips - of this woman, an Aes Sedai
But even as she faced down two armored men - a third came at her from behind
His blade took me as mine took him - we fell - his blade still in my side

CHORUS

Dm Am G E Am
Some call me a glorified bodyguard - some call me a puppet or fool
Dm Am G E
But I have been tempered and I have been tried - in the Light's noble cause I'm a tool
Am F G E
For I now answer a higher call - the right hand of an Aes Sedai
Am G F G F G Am
A shield between my charge and harm - Brother to Battles am I

And when I awoke, unable to rise - strange feelings and thoughts filled my head
She sat by my side, silent and still - I thought myself crazy or dead
When she spoke it was of compassion - of how she could not let me die
To save my life she'd linked our souls with the bond of an Aes Sedai

CHORUS

It's been ten years since that fateful day and still I remain at her side
Neither man nor beast has harmed her although a fair number have tried
She strides in the Light and I walk at her side, protector and agent and friend
A pair to stand against the dark - Aes Sedai and Gaidin