

Invictus¹ [in.'vik.tus] / ([In.'vɪk.təs])

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Set by *Amy Marcy Cheney Beach* (1867-1944) [Am], *Dark is the night*, op. 11, #1; *Bruno Siegfried Huhn* (1871-1950) [Br]; *Marshall Rutgers Kernochan* (1880-1955) [Am], *Unconquered*; *Francis Alexander Korbay* (1846-1913) [Br], *Out of the night*, from *Album of Five Songs*; *Martin Edward Fallas Shaw* (1875-1958) [Br]

Out **of** **the** **night** **that** **covers** **me,**
[ɑ:ʊt əv ðə na:ɪt ðæt 'kʌv.əz mi]

Black **as** **the** **pit** **from** **pole** **to** **pole,**
[blæk æz ðə pɪt fɹɑm po:ʊl tu po:ʊl]

I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the Horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds, and shall find, me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate:
I am the captain of my soul.

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¹ *Invictus*, unconquered or undefeated in Latin.