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ARGUMENT

IN a great battle, at Ariminum, the Italic nations are finally defeated, by Brennus.

The EARTH-MOTHER, goddess.

King Brennus journeys, with Fridia, leading with them their son Sigamer; to visit her father's house, in Almaine. Brennus, ambushed in the high Alps, is wounded to death. He dies. His solemn funerals.

Queen Fridia and Sigamer come to Almaine. The young king, Sigamer, rides to his uncle, Belin. King Belin sends the prince, by ship; and bearing his father's urn; unto Archigal, his son, now a king in Britain. Come to Troy-novant, the young kings, Sigamer and Archigal, depose great Brennus' ashes, in his mother, queen Corwenna's tomb.

Sigamer and queen Fridia return to Heremod, in Italia. The ethling's death and high funerals. Fridia, in her late age, repairs to forest Almaine; and thence she passeth from the world. Arthemail, son to Sigamer, conquers Cimbria.

A late nephew to Arthemail, the Second Brennus, leads a great mingled host, Eastward, forth. In this warfare, he first overruns Macedon, and slays the king of Greeks. Brennus, forced Thermopylæ, enters Hellas. Descended to Delphos, Brennus spoils the great fane of the Pythic god: but, pursued and vanquished by the heavy wrath of heaven, king Brennus slays himself.

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BUT when, again, of many-hewéd Spring,
Is seen the budded green, Gauls wend forth armed,
To ear, not well assured, that conquered field ;
Each people with their ensigns, lords and druids.
Come speeding messengers, then, with word, from
Arunt ;

And warning likewise sends king Biandrante,
Of gathering great Italic armament ;
To wage new warfare, with the Gauls of Brennus.
Then, who late persed in field, draw to their camps ;
Whence to the Umbrian city, Ariminum,
As foreordained was, all now march to Brennus :
Where come, the third day, enemies them enclose.

Innumerable, their power fills all the plain ;
Like as an harvest field, with wavering helms :
Mongst whom were seen men, like to Romans, armed.
Three days and nights, each other, those observe,