

Heart of the Griffin

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Chorus:

The heart of the griffin is ten thousand strong
an army of kinsmen, one voice raised in song
we cry "long live Northshield!" wherever we roam
the heart of the griffin, forever our home

The blood of the northland burns bright in our veins
its fire keeps us warm on the coldest of plains
we raise high the banners of sable and gold
to welcome all into our kingdom's great hold

Each deed laid with care in the floor of this hall
to build a foundation of service to all
from humble beginnings we spring and return
a heritage fit for our children to learn

These four walls were raised with the traits we embrace
the first stands for honor, the second for grace
the third is for courage, where we take our stand
the last, to keep laughter and joy close at hand

When thunder and lightning consume the night sky
the wind howls above and the waters rise high
a blanket of shields blossoms up from the clay
our crown of all colors keeps darkness at bay

our borders are not what define who we are
at home in our hearts though we travel afar
so raise high the banners of sable and gold
and be one of Northshield, the griffin, the bold!