

THE DANIEL JAZZ

Vachel Lindsay 1879 - December 5, 1931) was an American poet.

He is considered a founder of modern singing poetry, as he referred to it, in which verses are meant to be sung or chanted often to music.

Darius the Mede was a king and a wonder.

His eye was proud, and his voice was thunder.

He kept bad lions in a monstrous den.

He fed up the lions on Christian men.

Daniel was the chief hired man of the land.

He stirred up the jazz in the palace band.

He whitewashed the cellar. He shovelled in the coal.

And Daniel kept a-praying:—"Lord save my soul."

Daniel was the butler, swagger and swell.

He ran up stairs. He answered the bell.

And he would let in whoever came a-calling:—

Saints so holy, scamps so appalling.

"Old man Ahab leaves his card.

Elisha and the bears are a-waiting in the yard.

Here comes Pharoah and his snakes a-calling.

Here comes Cain and his wife a-calling—

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego for tea.

Here comes Jonah and the whale, and the sea...