

Imperial Commander

Cheltenham Gold Cup Winner, 2010

By the press and media loudly foretold
The Battle between Kauto Star and Denman,
Would be the 'War of the Wold' -
But Imperial Commander no one told !

The Gold Cup race would prove his greatest test.
But only ranked third place at best.
Yet, right from the start,
Imperial Commander showed a valiant heart !

He never resorted to any tricks.
In fact he stayed clear from the mingling mix.
Keeping outside on the bank,
He stalked Denman, the towering 'tank' !

Suddenly, from the stand, came a mighty yell,
When Kauto Star crucially fell !
Denman immediately increased his speed,
Sensing another win as the Gold Cup steed !

But, then, Imperial Commander
Showed he was a true, classic contender -
As he chased after 'the tank' and began to pass,
Giving more gas than he'd ever been asked !

Riding on, driving on, racing on -
Imperial Commander and Paddy Brennan !
And when they thundered clear
They flew past the winning post to cheers !

All Naunton wanted to give the Gold Cup a kiss,
Masterminded by Nigel Twiston-Davies !
No greater claim, no greater bounty -
The Gold Cup was back in the county !