



Ancestry

**When speaking of our ancestry,
my mother's eyes would shine.
And proudly she would tell us all,
"You're of the Tudor line"**

**But father with a smile would say,
"while bearing that in mind
You keep your eyes on goals ahead;
not those that lie behind.**

**You have a noble ancestry,
but all are dead and gone.
Tis you who have to prove your worth,
not those who've journeyed on.**

**And back along that Tudor line,
'tis sorry truth I state
There may be some you can't approve,
and even some you'd hate.**

**The way to prove your ancestry
is what you are yourself.
Not by the charted family tree
in a book upon the shelf.**

**So try to be an ancestor
within the time allowed,
Of whom your children's children
in the future can be proud".**

Author Unknown