

The Oath

Apprentice/Squire/Protege':

I kneel here in faith for the course we have charted
My hands in your hands and with trust in my heart
Of service and duty and skill you will teach me
Proudly I take up this vow and this start

I pledge you this promise with strength and with passion
No matter the trial I'll hold to the last
My oath and my loyalty I freely offer
To stand by your side and be ever steadfast

I stand as your vassal, I enter your service
My fealty sworn before all in this place
Your honor my honor as I don your colors
May I bear this burden and never disgrace

The road may be long and someday I may stumble
Forgive me my follies as I strive to learn
One day I will join you, and mentor another
The knowledge I've garnered I shall then return...

Master/Mistress(replace lord with lady and make "As" a pickup)/Knight:

I hear now your oath for to enter my service
As your lord and master for all men to see
In-return I will train you, correct, and advise you
To push you to be all I know you can be

I'll praise and protect you, guide and direct you,
Share trials met, on this path you are bound
We'll work for the day when you exit my service
You'll stand by my side when you're raised by the crown

You stand as my vassal, you enter my service
Our Fealty sworn before all in this place
Your honor's my pride, shortcomings my failing
(May) we both bear this burden with joy and with faith

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