



Ode for an English International Fly Fisherman

**With Hearts of Lions and nerves of steel, a
Rod is assembled along with a reel.**

**Fly and Leaders are chosen with care, and
rules are given to insure all's fair.**

**Practice done the big day is here, they take
to their boats with the sound of a cheer!**

**First cast is made with all hope and might,
watching and waiting for all to go tight.**

**A change of retrieve is pulled from the hand,
first fish to the boat for Team England.**

**With other Nations we share one thing, a
passion for angling and a will to win.**

**I hope and pray to return to the fold, to
watch our Captain 'Lift up the Gold'.**

**Till then we'll fish and wait for the call, ready
for either the spring or the fall.**

**Three Lions we wear with pride on our chest,
knowing our country can be the best.**

God Bless England.