

**APPELLATIONS OF HIS EXCELLENCY KOFI ANNAN**  
**ON HIS INVESTITURE AS CHANCELLOR, AUGUST 11, 2008**

I chant your appellations, alas!  
Busummuru, Man of Dignity  
The little talking Bird, that speaks for Nations  
The whetstone on which warriors sharpen their tools  
To perform deeds of valour  
The War General, our resort in times of crisis  
Grandsire of Ansah Sasraku, who scales the rock to face the foe  
He is the Grandsire of Afrakoma Kusi  
Proud son of Aduana, the lineage that wields the blazing torch  
Grandsire of the Aduana,  
Lineage of the mythical dog that created the flaming torch

Not long ago, sages of the University  
Returned from Council to say,  
A broken iron plate can only be replaced with iron  
When the University went hunting for a Leader  
They looked far and near  
And said its Busummuru, Symbol of Dignity  
That deserves the Honour  
The white chicken earmarked  
By the predator hawk

Kofi, known to all and by all nations  
Father, the Brilliant Mind,  
It's you that deserves the honour, alas!  
A while ago, you were invited by the United Nations  
And crowned to rule the world  
And now you rule a University,  
Where all nations have their kinsmen  
It's no wonder I chant your accolades today  
This University will chant your deeds  
And seat you today on the big stool  
Of Ghana's premier University

Kofi, may your arrival at the seat of knowledge  
Be a national landmark  
Father, the Brilliant Mind  
May this investiture mark the soaring heights  
This University has reached

I stand here to beseech the Dependable God  
To guard and guide your steps as you move in  
And you move out  
Alas, son of the noble land  
I crave for you God's blessings  
We say if you have truly returned  
Sit still on this royal stool!

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