

**Sample Submission #3** – an excerpt from the *Saga of Sangor(u)*, a Black chief of Feridhoo island in Ari atoll (the Republic of the Maldives). This account offered by Adamu (and other direct descendants of Sangor) appears on pp. 890 - 921 in The Lore of the African Indian Ocean. The information contained within was collected and versified by Dr. Powe.

The Saga of Sangor  
Marjaan and Bilalu  
Will now be expounded.  
My name is Adamu.

My mother was daughter  
Of Mariyam Fulhu,  
The Daughter of Ahmed  
The son of Sangoru.

Sangor and the others  
Were first brought to Male  
From Mecca by Sultan  
Hassanu el Haji,

To work as policemen  
And safeguard the nation  
From internal plotters  
And foreign invasion.

These kinky-haired black men  
Strong, red-eyed and tall,  
By their very presence  
Brought terror to all.

The nobles, who feared them,  
Maligned them in vain;  
For the Sultan's response was:  
"The Blacks will remain!"