

White beard and moustache; gold crown, sceptre, orb and brooch; gold tunic, hose with brown shoes, and red cloke are the colors he wears in the Bayeux Tapestry, where he sits on a red and gold throne

The first Great Seal of Edward the Confessor, 1059



Edward the Confessor
Slept under the dresser.
When that began to pall
He slept in the hall.
—E. C. Bently,
Biography for Beginners

King Edward the Confessor
1042 - 1066

Ever full of cheer was the blameless king,
Though for long in the past, deprived of his land,
He had trodden an exile's path across the wide world.
After Cnut had conquered the race of Aethelred,
And Danes ruled over this dear land
Of England for twenty-eight years
All told, squandering its riches.
In time he succeeded; noble in armor,
A king of excellent virtues, pure and benign,
Edward the noble protected his fatherland,

His realm and people: until suddenly came
That bitter death, which took so cruelly
The prince from the earth. Angels bore his
Righteous soul within Heaven's light.
Yet did the wise king entrust his kingdom
To a man of high rank, to Harold himself,
The noble earl, who ever
Faithfully obeyed his noble lord
In words and deeds, neglecting nothing
Whereof the national king stood in need.
—*The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle* for 1066

King Harold Godwinson
1066



Brown hair; gold and red crown; gold tunic; purple mantle; red hose; brown shoes; Haley's Comet (which will be back again in 1984), bringing the bad omen, gold and red; gold, red and green throne and palace; gold and red birds; white phantom invasion ships

From the Bayeux Tapestry

Earl Harold succeeded to the kingdom of England as the king granted it to him and as he was elected thereto.

—*The Anglo Saxon Chronicle*