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A Swedish translation of Arne was published at Upsala in 1860, and a German one in the same year at Bergen. In 1861 Thomas Krag printed in Bergen an English version which he described as "translated from the second edition" of Arne, apparently taking the German text, which the author had "largely improved," as being the second edition. The translation by Augusta Plesner and S. Rugeley-Powers, which first made the name of Björnson known in this country, was published in 1866 simultaneously in London and New York. Since that time several English versions have been essayed, and Arne has been published in most of the European languages.

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