

The King John Rap

King John ruled England in 1215
An unpopular man, lazy and mean.
Imagine him pacing his castle's tall tower
Believing he had absolute power.

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King John believed he had absolute power.

John wanted to rule in Poitou in France.
He needed much cash to give it a chance;
So John taxed his barons to pay for the fight,
But the barons said, 'No! You don't have the right.'

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The barons told John, 'You don't have the right!'
'I'm the king,' answered John. 'I can do what I like.
I can tax – I can kill – put your head on a spike.
I can take all your money, your lands, any hour.
I'm the king thanks to God! I have absolute power!'

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The barons rebelled to prove they had might.
Without their support the king could not fight.
Absolute power just wasn't a starter.
The king had to bow to Magna Carta.

Bow to the charter!
The barons' great charter!
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