

Rise of the Gilds part 2 - The Ballad of John de Denton

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Don't ne-glect it, get se-lec - ted, be a bur-gess runs the cry. Join the gild and be a burg - ess,

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then kiss po - ver - ty good-bye. Pay your gild fee, be a mer - chant, get se - lec - ted fair and square,

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be a bur - gess, be a mer - chant, John de Den - ton was the mayor.

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All voices unison

1. Hear the sol - diers at the door, John de Den - ton's

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mayor no more. The ci - ty is a - live with news, John de Den - ton stands ac - cused.

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A packed court hears a tale of plots of John and in - trigue with the Scots. The ju - ry frown at

50 CHORUS

what is heard but John de Den-ton says no word. Great-head Gal-lo-way and Dol-fan - by__

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have the power to set John free. But they mean to make him pay. Great-head Dol-fan-by and Gal-lo -

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way. S&A 2.The ci - ty bridge was 3.Two mayors,two fac - tions

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to re - pair, John got the price but took his share. It seemed the town hall
clashed for power, the vi-olence wor-sened hour by hour. Black-fri - ars' gates were

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might co - llapse, John found the gold but split the tax. The mer-chants hoar-ded
ba-ttered down, King Ed-ward's en - voys came to town. Con-fu - sion then new

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all this wealth, each man had plen - ty for him - self._ The craft gilds sought to
rules in force, the mer-chant gilds com - plain,of course. The crafts-men havesome

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CHORUS

get their share, chose Ri-chard Ac - ton for their mayor. 4.Greed and en - vy
power at last, but o - thers find their power is past. Children

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have no tongue, but they get their bu-siness done. Wealth and po-wer rare-ly fail, _

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John de Den-ton rots in jail._ One day bad wa - ter, next bad bread, John de Den-ton

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bows his head. The gild still schemes from day to day, _ John's sha-dowed spi-rit slips a - way.

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S, A&Children 5. And then still ca-lling harsh and dry_ "Ven- geance" is his wi-dow's cry... T&B

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The king's men once a - gain re - turn, and stand ap - palled at what they learn.

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The word goes out, the gib-bet's red, hung and drawn, Dol - fan-by's dead.

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CHORUS

Though tried, shy Great-head slips a - way, but what be - comes of Ga-llo-way?

116 All Voices

6. A for-mer mayor, a weal-ty man, he twists and turns as best he can. At last a par-don

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from the king, though guil- ty, gold buys any thing. The world goes on, the word's the same,

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the mo-neyed men, the pow-er game. On-ly the dead can make no of fer, on - ly the poor still

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CHORUS

strive and suf fer. Great-head Gal-lo-way and Dol-fan - by — have the power to set John free. But they mean to

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make him pay, Great - head Dol - fan - by and Gal - lo - way.

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