

King Lear Patter

Tune: "My Eyes Are Fully Open" from "Ruddigore "

Lyrics: Harry Robinson

King Lear has ruled for decades
Over British lands and waters
Now he's looking to retire,
Leave the kingdom to his daughters,

But his youngest gives a "nuh-uh"
To emotional extortion,
So her nasty older sisters
Get to divvy up her portion,

And then Gloucester learns the truth
Behind legitimate and bastard -
With eye-popping revelations
Of who's loyal, who a dastard,

Then there's madness and tomfoolery
And murder - gods defend us -
As a nearly happy ending
Turns to something quite horrendous!