

A Usurper's Lot is Not a Napping One (1 Henry 4)

Tune: "When a felon's not engaged in his employment" from "Pirates of Penzance"

Lyrics: Harry Robinson

After Henry seized the throne through usurpation
Plus a regicide we try to overlook
He began to plan a Holy Land invasion
But got stuck at home defending what he took.

... usurpation
... overlook
... land invasion
... what he took

The Percy clan has turned tyrannophobic
Glendower's calling spirits from the deep
The Douglas threatens massacres wardrobe-ic
And Henry finds it hard to get to sleep.

... -rannophobic
... from the deep
... yes, wardrobe-ic!
... Ahh!

When a consecrated king has been undone
A usurper's lot is not a napping one!

... been undone
... napping one

Prince Hal is not engaged in acting royal
He is acting out in Eastcheap with Sir John
And though "prodigal" ought not imply "disloyal"
Hal is not the type to pin your hopes upon.

... acting royal
... with Sir John
... not disloyal
... hopes upon

Yet of his loose behavior be indulgent –
He so offends to make offense a skill
From foul and ugly mists he'll rise effulgent
Redeeming time when men think least he will.

... be indulgent
... -fense a skill
... yes, effulgent!
... Ahh!

When consanguinary duty's to be done
All eyes are on the king's late-rising son!

... to be done
... rising son