



VASSALS' HASSLES

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A DUKE FROM FRANCE KICKS AN ENGLISH KING'S PANTS
HE SAILS UP THE THAMES
AND BRINGS THE FEUDAL SYSTEM
WE PLEDGE AN OATH ON BENDED KNEE
OF SERVICE AND LOYALTY,
WE'RE HIS VASSALS, HIS SUBJECTS FOR ALL TO SEE

WE ALL ONCE LIVED ALONE
BY OURSELVES IN OUR HOMES
WITH NO VILLAGES AND NO FRIENDS TO SEE
NOW VILLAGES AROUND
BARONS, KNIGHTS ARE AROUND
WE'RE ALL VASSALS. NO HASSLES
YIPPIE!

THE KING OWNS ALL THE LAND THEN HE LOANS IT AWAY
TO RICH BARONS WHO SAY THANKS IN A MILITARY WAY
WHEN THE KING SAYS WAR
THE BARONS DON'T SAY WHAT FOR
THEY TELL THEIR KNIGHTS BACK YOUR BAGS FOR A FIGHT

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IN RETURN FOR THEIR STAND
BARONS LOAN THE KNIGHTS LAND
THE KNIGHTS FORCE PEASANTS TO GIVE THEM A HAND
THEY WORK THEM LIKE SLAVES, HAVE NO CHOICE JUST BEHAVE
TO GOD GENUFLECT AND THE KNIGHTS WILL PROTECT
FEUDALISM IS A DREAM. A PYRAMID SCHEME

FROM KING TO KING MEDIVAL TIME MOVES ON
TIL IT'S, THE TYRANNY TIME OF KING JOHN
FROM WAR TO WAR LIKE NO KING BEFORE
HE LOSES AND LOSES AND LOSES SOME MORE.

WE ALL ONCE LIVED ALONE
BY OURSELVES IN OUR HOMES
WITH NO VILLAGES AND NO FRIENDS IN SIGHT
BUT NOW WAR IS ROUTINE
KNIGHTS IN ARMOUR THAT GLEAM
WE MUST SEND TO ADVANCE THE KING'S FIGHT

THE BATTLES GO ON, AND THE LOSES WON'T CEASE
KING JOHN; NEEDS MONEY AND THE TAXES INCREASE
DEMANDING MORE KNIGHTS
TO WHICH HE HAS NO RIGHT
THE TIME HAS COME FOR A CIVIL FIGHT

THE KING SEND SHERIFFS AND BALIFFS TO PLUNDER THE LAND
DEMAND LARGE SUMS FOR A WOMAN TO MARRY A MAN
HE TAKES CATTLE, ONE'S CASTLE
THERE'S NO DOUBT IT'S A HASSLE
TO BE A KING'S LOYAL VASSAL

WE ALL ONCE LIVED ALONE
BY OURSELVES IN OUR HOMES
WITH NO VILLAGES AND NO FRIENDS TO SEE
BUT NOW IS THE HOUR
TO STOP THE KING'S ARBITRARY POWER
25 BARONS MADE JOHN CONCEDE
AT RUNNYMEDE

TO FIGHT THE KING WE REJECT
INSTEAD WE'LL BALANCE AND CHECK
ANCIENT CUSTOMS UPON WHICH WE DRAW
TO YOU AND I WILL EVER DENY RIGHT AND JUSTICE UNDER THE LAW.
NO ONE, NO KING CAN EVER BE SEEN AS ABOVE THE RULE OF LAW.