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THE LEGEND *of* ROBIN HOOD



“Come away with me on a journey back in time, back to the
12th Century and the reign of King Richard of England,
Richard The Lionheart, Richard Coeur de Lion.

It was a time of great disruption all over Europe and the
Middle East, with endless battles and strife, Crusades and
skirmishes, Castles and Kings. Into this world was born
Robert of Loxley, to be known as Robin, the son of the Earl of
Huntingdon, a boy who was to have one of the most enduring
names in history... welcome to The Legend of Robin Hood!”

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THE TALE OF ROBIN HOOD

Come near to me and I will tell the tale of Robin Hood,
And though he was a Nobleman was for the common good,
A man of the people and a hero to us all,
For he robbed from the rich and he gave it to the poor;

Now he was born a Loxley in the Shire of Nottingham,
Our story will begin when the boy became a man,
A master of the blade and bow, a horseman fine,
With an eye for the ladies and for music, food and wine;

Ah lalala....

With an eye for the ladies and for music, food and wine;

To Sherwood Forest a-hunting he would go,
And there with Guy of Gisbourne, vie with sword and bow,
For everybody knew they were childhood friends,
But jealousy and envy would break them in the end,
In the end;

So now we join Robin on his wedding day,
And celebrate a union in which he had no say,
To Marian his father would have him wed,
To bring power and riches through the wedding bed;

Ah lalala...

Ah lalala...

To bring power and riches through the wedding bed;

THE WEDDING FEAST

So the wedding feast begins, jesters dance and maidens sing,
Pork and venison, chicken and beef, as befits a wedding feast;

For a Loxley, duty calls, but for Robin, these Castle walls,
Were a prison and not a home,
His greatest wish was to be gone;

For there are hopes and dreams in a young man's heart,
To take him to the sky,
But if he is tied down to the ground,
His dreams will never fly;

Then his father bids him speak upon this wedding day,
But too much wine, in vino veritas, truth is on the way;

“Father I have always been at your beck and call,
But I don't need you to tell me what I can and cannot do!
So with King Richard I will go to the Holy Land,
Guy of Gisbourne will you join me? Swear it on my hand!

As for Marian, waiting in dread,
Trembling at the wedding bed,
Robin tells her from the door, “do not fear,
I will not stay, I'll be gone before the break of day;”

For there are hopes and dreams in a young man's heart,
To take him to the sky,
But if he is tied down to the ground,
His dreams will never fly;

ONLY A CHILD

She's only a child, just a child,

She's only a child, so very young,

Now I'm here, what has my father done?

He's forced me to take this girl as my bride,

And to follow my duty on this, my wedding night;

Only a child, with all her life before her,

I know what I must do, and now I'll have to tell her,

This wedding bed is not for me; only a child;

Listen; I will not hurt you, I will not harm you,

I will be gone by the break of day,

For nothing in the world would make me want to stay;

I see you tremble, fear is in your eyes,

How will it be on your wedding day?

Some men would take you, but that is not my way;

This is your bed, and in the morning,

I'll go to fight for my God and King,

So far away, who knows what the future may bring?

So keep yourself for one who can love you,

Hold your heart for someone who cares,

I will be gone, I may never be here again;

Only a child, she's only a child;

THE MAN WITH THE DOUBLE FACE

So together they set off for the Holy Land,
Robin Hood and Gisbourne sword in hand,
But soon it was clear from the horrors of
that place,

It was all about the money, and not God's
loving embrace;

But on the road back home from Jerusalem,
Robin fell into a trap,
He was left for dead by Gisbourne's men,
And he won't be coming back!

Who would want to see him dead?
His friend Guy of Gisbourne!
Why would he want to see him gone?
He wants to take his place!
Why would he want to see him dead?
Guy of Gisbourne is his friend!
He's no friend, he's the man with the
double face,
He's the man with the double face!!

And when Gisbourne returned to
England's shores,
To be Sheriff of Nottingham was his reward,
And he tried everything to win
Marian's hand,
But she wanted no time with this
odious man;

For his dream was to be Earl of Huntingdon,
With Marian there by his side,
And though Robin was gone, she would
not agree,
No matter how he tried;

And as they stood there before the
Memorial stone,
Saying "Robin of Loxley is dead,"
A stranger appeared in his raggedy clothes,
And this is what he said;

"Who would want to see me dead?"
Your friend Guy of Gisbourne!
"Why would he want to see me gone?"
He wants to take your place!
"Why would he want to see me dead?"
Guy of Gisbourne is my friend;"
He's no friend, he's the man with the
double face,

He's the man with the double face,
He's the man with the double face,
He's the man with the double face,
He's the man with the double face!!

HOME FROM THE WAR (PART ONE)

There are so many young men, home from a war,
Suffering like Robin Hood, lost and torn,
A stranger to his lady, living on his own,
Can anybody help, when hope has gone?

LIVE LIFE, LIVE WELL

“I am looking for me,” said a man that I know,
“I don’t know where to begin;
I see in the mirror that there’s somebody there,
But I am not sure if it’s me or it’s him;”
“I am looking for me” said the man that I know,
“I’m not sure how to explain;
Sometimes it feels that I am only alive,
When I’m out with my friends, I see me through their eyes,”
But oh don’t worry, everything will be fine,

When you just live life, live well,
Take your time, look after yourself,
Give love, give well;

“I am looking for love,” said the man that I know,
“But I have been there before;
Love is an ocean where we sink or we swim,
In spite of the dangers, we keep jumping in,”

So I told him “my friend, there are no guarantees,
How things will work out in the end,
One day she’ll tell you you’re the love of her life,
But take it from me, that can change overnight,
But oh, don’t worry, everything will be fine,

If you just live life, live well,
Take your time, look after yourself,
Give love, give well;”

But oh don’t worry, everything will be fine,
No, don’t hurry, things will work out in the end;

When you just live life, live well,
Take your time, look after yourself,
Give love, give well,
The only way to get there is to start by loving yourself;
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HOME FROM THE WAR (PART TWO)

To the joy of everyone, Robin had returned,
Back from the Holy Land with much to learn,
For he did not know that Gisbourne,
Had left him there for dead,
So he would have his woman and be Earl instead;

As for Marian, a future was revealed,
Where she would find her Robin once again,
Showing him the sorrows in a world he could not see,
And bringing him back to himself;

OPEN YOUR EYES

You don't know me, but I know you,
You saw my face, but you looked right
through me,
You left your heart and soul at the walls
of Jerusalem!
You joined the fight for God and King,
Together marching to the Holy Land,
with King Richard's crusade,
You were told that you'd be heroes;

But then rich men got richer,
And came back with silver and gold,
And now we live in the forest as outlaws
with nowhere to go;

"Robin, listen!"

Open your eyes to the world around you,
and see what I can see,
Open your arms to the ones who need you!

You're like a bird with a broken wing,
you have a voice but you will not sing
of the pain in this land,
And the cries of the innocent!

You are the lord of this place with the
power to change anything,
So think no more of yourself, but of others,
and what you may bring this day!

Open your eyes to the world around you,
and see what I can see,
Open your arms to the ones who need you,
open your eyes

Open your heart to the ones who love you,
Just open your eyes
Just open your eyes
And be the leader we need,
Just open your eyes,
And help us to be free,
Just open your eyes,

Open your eyes!

THE ARREST!

And now there'd be a change in the life of Robin Hood,
For he vowed to the people that he'd do what he could,
To help with the helpless in their quarrel with the King,
But little did he know of the trouble that would bring;

For he robbed from the rich and he gave it to the poor,
For they could not pay King's taxes anymore,
But he was arrested, to be hanged until dead,
With his final words to the people and King he said;

Ah lalalala...

With his final words, this is what he said;

BREAK THE LAW!

You have sentenced me to death, I accept your decision,
I must hang by the neck till I am dead,
For nothing could be worse than a lifetime in your prison,
So take my life instead;
You accuse me of treason,
I have meant what I have said,
And now I have nothing to fear,

And yes I have been in the forest of the King,
Stealing the royal deer;
While this man, your King, stays up there in London,

Laughing and gorging food and wine,
Obsessing with taxation, he's bringing down this nation,
And flaunting his concubine!
And what of his people, does he know that you are starving,
Can he hear you when you call? No!
He cares no more for you than for dogs down in the gutter,
He will regret this day!

So I stand here before you and face my execution,
At the hands of this tyrant today,
You cannot live in hunger, the law will not support you,
So listen to me when I say;

Break the law, break the law,
Go into the forest take what should be yours,
Break the law, break the law,
The King wants all your money, so don't give him anymore,

Break the law, break the law,
It only helps the rich and strong,
You should be where you belong,
Shout it loud when I have gone!
Break the law, break the law,
Break the law, break the law,
Break the law, break the law,
Break the law, break the law!!

IN SHERWOOD FOREST

And so it came for Robin Hood to cheat the reaper,
Escaping the noose,
A knife would come to cut him down,
Giving him back his freedom;
Oh how all the people cheered,
Cursing the King so hated and feared,
Oh how all the people sang,
And praised the hand that saved him;

Ah lalalala...
It was Marian's hand that saved him;

And in the forest he did hide,
Outlaws and Marian there by his side,
With much to do to show those men,
He'd be the one who could lead them;
So he vowed that he would fight for them,
Giving his life for the rights of men,
Seeking injustice wherever it lies,
Showing the ways of warfare;

Ah lalalala...
Showing the ways of warfare,
Teaching the skills of warfare;



THE SPEECH TO THE OUTLAWS

I stand before you here today,
 A once proud now humbled man,
 And come to you in friendship, I swear it on my hand;
 I know that as a Nobleman, I am all that you despise,
 I will not offer empty words or sanctimonious lies;
 For I have faced the hangman's noose,
 And I praise the hand that cut me loose,
 And thank the knife that gave me life again;
 For when a man is close to death,
 And he can feel the Reaper's breath upon his neck,
 Then something has to change;
 And as for me, now I have seen, the hunger, pain and misery,
 Of you my fellow travellers on this road;
 I give my word, I give my oath,
 I'll give my life to set you free;
 For courage is our greatest hope,
 Our enemies will feel the rope,
 For we will light a fire this day!

A blazing fire that will endure long after we have gone,
 A fire that men will talk about and celebrate in song,
 A fire so bright that it will blind the sight
 Of those who seek to break and crush,
 And take away our spirit and resolve!
 We'll light a fire!!

LIGHT A FIRE!

Watch and wait, God is on our side,
 There are many here among us now, ready for the fight,
 Cometh the hour, cometh the man,
 Go to every hill and mountain for the time is now at hand,
 Light a fire! Light a fire! Light a fire!

Let us march the road up to Nottingham tonight,
 Under cover of the darkness we will slip behind the lines,
 And steal the Sheriff's gold, give it to the poor,
 After years of domination, we won't take it anymore,
 Light a fire! Light a fire! Light a fire,
 They will see through the world!

I'll show you how to set a trap, I'll show you how to fight,
 With skills I have learned as a soldier,
 For what we lack in numbers,
 We will more than match with courage,
 We will light a fire this day!

The time has come for each and everyone,
 To follow your heart, and do what must be done,
 Cast away fear, breaking all the chains,
 For a vision of freedom is born in us today,

Light a fire! Light a fire! Light a fire,
 Are you with me today?..

Light a fire! Light a fire! Light a fire,
 Light a fire! Light a fire! Light a fire,

They will see through the world!

THE ROBBERY

And so they made a plan and they took the Sheriff's gold,
And gave it to the poor, but little did they know,
The Sheriff and the King would be hunting them down,
With a price on the head of each and every one;

Ah lalala...
Ah lalala...

WE'VE GOT THE MONEY

Well the King is up in London with his lovely little wench,
She is on her knees giving him a bit of French,
But he'll never get to heaven with her native tongue,
"No, why?"

'Cos we've got the money and he's got none!!

The Sheriff's in the forest and he's hunting high and low,
He's never going to find us 'cos he's much too slow,
We're having a drink and having a laugh and having fun,
"Oh, why?"

'Cos we've got the money and he's got none,
We've got the money and he's got none!

We've got the money and he's got none!

So let us have a drink to the health of Robin Hood,
He showed us how to fight them in the woods,
For the Sheriff and the King, well their day is done,
"Oh, why?"

'Cos we've got the money and they've got none,
We've got the money and they've got none!

We've got the money and they've got none!
We've got the money and they've got none!

A LOVE REVEALED

For so many years, Robin concealed,
His feelings for Marian, soon to be revealed;
No longer a child, there by his side,
Is a beautiful woman and love is in her eyes;

I AM FALLING IN LOVE (ALL OVER AGAIN)

I never knew if you heard what I said,
You just turned and walked away,
I never knew if you wanted me at all;

I never heard you call my name,
I think your words were lost in the wind,
I never knew that you felt this way at all;

Now we're no longer talking like strangers,
You have found the woman in me;

You came back to my life and you saved me,
To be the man that you see;

Tears at my window, when you left me that day,
There is so much I have wanted to tell you,
Please listen when I say;

I am falling in love all over again,
With someone I have known for a lifetime,
But I was too young to know what love could mean to me;
But now you are here, and for so many years,
I have been waiting for the right time, here it is;

And never before have I opened the door to my heart,
That's been hiding for a long time,
And now I have found you,
You're reaching out your hand to me,
So together we'll go, for now that we know,
We have been waiting for the right time, here it is...
I love you!

Falling in love all over again,
We have been waiting for the right time, here it is...

I love you!

I love you;

I love you;



IN PRISON

And so the two became as one,
Finding the love that the years had begun,
And soon the name of Robin Hood,
Was spoken of all over England;
For he robbed from the rich and he gave to the poor,
Fought for the rights of every man,
Along with the Barons he made King John,
Sign the Magna Carta;
But all good things must come to pass,
Robin's freedom it never could last,
Gisbourne's men would hunt him down,
Throwing him deep in a prison;

THE DUEL

So Robin Hood lay in his cell in such despair I dare not tell;
Gisbourne stood there at the door,
Drinking wine and mocking!
“You are my prisoner, not my friend,
And on this you can depend,
I'll take your lands and I will have your Marian!!
So I'll have another cup of wine, enjoying every moment!!
Now I've got you where I want you,
There is no escape this time,
You must think of me as cruel,
But for all the times we've had before,
And now your life is over,
I will challenge you to a duel—

We will fight to the death,
And then we'll see who is the best,
You always thought that you were better!!
So pick up a sword and you will get your just reward,
My trusty blade will settle this forever, yes forever!”

Then blades were flashing in the sun,
With parry and thrust it had begun,
And soon it was Robin's fight for winning;
For Gisbourne lay there on his back,
With Robin's sword against his neck,
Then Robin said “you're not worth killing”,
Oh but as he turned to walk away,
Gisbourne stabbed him from behind,
And on the ground the blood was spilling;

Then an arrow let fly, catching Gisbourne in the eye,
It came from the bow of sweet Marian;
And then as he died, she ran to the side of her Robin
Who was mortally wounded, oh oh oh...
Mortally wounded in her loving arms he lay;

WHERE MY LAST ARROW FALLS

I spared him his life, but he has taken mine,
Your arrow's revenge will send him straight to hell,
And now comes the night, the shadows are here,
They are calling out to me, but I have no fear,

For I must leave you now,
Yes I must leave you now;

I look to the sky where my spirit will fly,
Tell me that I have been a good man,
For I have done my best,
I'll draw back my bow, one kiss before I go;
Bury me where my last arrow falls,
Bury me where my last arrow falls;

(Marian said)..." and I called our son... Robin."

A MAN FOR THE AGES

And now that all is said and done it is time for me to go,
With many a glass and many a song the story will be told,
Of a man for the ages and a hero to us all,
The name of Robin Hood will live forevermore,
The dreams of Robin Hood will live forevermore;

LEGACY

Just one dream can change a nation,
Just one man can open a door,
A single voice can be lost in time,
But a million voices will be heard;

Just one dream can change a nation,
Just one man can open the door,
A single voice will be lost in time,
But a million voices will be heard;

Just one dream can wake a nation,
Just one man can break down a door,
A single light can be lost in the dark,
But a million lights will shine through the world!

Just one dream can change a nation,
Just one man can break down a door,
A single light can be lost in the dark,
But a million lights will shine through the world!

"I believe when a child is born that he is equal to us all,
No rank or power can stop him standing tall;
And I believe that a wealthy man should play his part,
Do what he can, or we will take it and give it to the poor;
And I believe in the strong eternal right,
For every man, and every woman,
To live a fair and equal life;
And I believe that dreams live on, in years to come,
When we are gone, truth and justice will always prevail;"

Just one dream can change a nation,
Just one man can break down a wall,
A single light can be lost in the dark,
But a million lights will shine through the world;

A million lights will shine through the world!
Through the world!

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