

Words for *As it fell on a holy day* one of the Freemans Songs for 3 Voices
from *Deuteromelia* by Thomas Ravenscroft published 1609

1) As it fell on a holy day, as it fell on a holy day, holy day,
and upon a holy tide a, upon a holy tide a, tide a:

John Dory bought him an ambling Nag, John Dory bought him an ambling Nag, ambling Nag
to Paris for to ride a, to Paris for to ride a, ride a.

2) And when John Dory to Paris was come, and when John Dory to Paris was come, Paris was come,
a little before the gate a, a little before the gate a, gate a:

John Dory was fitted, the porter was witted, John Dory was fitted, the porter was witted, porter was
witted,
to let him in thereat a, to let him in thereat a, at a:

3) The first man that John Dory did meet, the first man that John Dory did meet, Dory did meet
was good King John of France a, was good King John of France a, France a:

John Dory could well of his courtesy, John Dory could well of his courtesy, courtesy,
but fell down in a trance a, but fell down in a trance a, trance a.

4) A pardon, a pardon my Liege and my king, a pardon, a pardon my Liege and king, Liege and king,
for my merry men and for me a, for my merry men and for me a, me a:

And all the Churls in merry England, And all the Churls in merry England, merry England,
I'll bring them all bound to thee a, I'll bring them all bound to thee a, thee a.

5) And Nicholl was then a Cornish man, and Nicholl was then a Cornish man, Cornish man,
a little beside Bohyde a, a little beside Bohyde a, hyde a:

And he mand forth a good black Bark, and he mand forth a good black Bark, good black Bark,
with fifty good oars on a side a, with fifty good oars on a side a, side a.

6) Run up my Boy unto the main top, run up my Boy unto the main top, the main top,
and look what thou canst spy a, and look what thou canst spy a, spy a:

"Who, ho; who, ho; a goodly ship I do see, who, ho; who, ho; a goodly ship I do see, I do see,
I trow it be John Dory a, I trow it be John Dory a, -ry a."

7) They hoist their sails both top and top, they hoist their sails both top and top, top and top,
the mizzen and all was tried a, the mizzen and all was tried a, tried a:

And every man stood to his lot, and every man stood to his lot, to his lot,
whatever should betide a, whatever should betide a, tide a.

8) The roaring Cannons they were plied, the roaring Cannons they were plied, they were plied,
and dub a dub went the Drum a, and dub a dub went the Drum a, Drum a:

The braying Trumpets loud they cried, the braying Trumpets loud they cried, loud they cried
to courage both all and some a, to courage both all and some a, some a.

9) The grappling hooks were brought at length, the grappling hooks were brought at length, brought at
length,

the brown bill and the sword a, the brown bill and the sword a, sword a:

John Dory at length, for all his strength, John Dory at length for all his strength, all his strength
was clapped fast under board a, was clapped fast under board a, board a.