

The
Hollow Crown

An Entertainment By And About
The Kings And Queens Of
England

Devised by John Barton

THE MONARCHS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

HENRY V - Agincourt Song

Diplomacy

HENRY VII sends a secret memorandum to his Ambassadors concerning a proposed marriage between himself and the Queen of Naples, and they reply to it.

The Queen's Command - Orlando Gibbons

A speech

MARY denounces the rebellion of Sir Thomas Wyatt raised in protest against her proposed marriage to Philip of Spain.

HENRY VIII - The King's Hunt

Letters

HENRY VIII proposed to Anne Boleyn, a lady in waiting at his court.
ANNE BOLEYN writes to Henry from the Tower before her execution.

Song by ANNE BOLEYN'S brother
"Oh, Death, rock her asleep"

Poems

HENRY VI "Kingdoms are but cares"
HENRY VIII "As the Holly groweth green"
ELIZABETH complains of being importuned with love.
CHARLES II "I pass all my hours in a shady old grove"

CHARLES II - "Here's a Health unto his Majesty"

PART TWO

The Stewarts

JAMES I blows a counterblast to Tobacco

CHARLES I confronts JOHN BRADSHAW, President of the Court, at his trial for high treason and is condemned to death.

Ayre by CHARLES I

CHARLES II (1) marries Catharine of Braganza (from a speech to Parliament and two letters to the Lord Chamberlain)
(2) is anatomised by the Marquis of Halifax, one of his ministers.

The Vicar of Bray upholds the Protestant Succession.

CHARLES II
JAMES II
GEORGE I

WILLIAM AND MARY
ANNE

The Illustrious House of Hanover

QUEEN CAROLINE The death of George II's Wife
Lord Hervey
GEORGE II is buried in Westminster Abbey
Horace Walpole
GEORGE III discussed the Arts with the
novelist and diarist Fanny Burn
Burney
GEORGE IV is unswathed and interpreted
William Thackeray

THE REGENCY The madness of GEORGE III
 Marianne Thornton to E.M.
 Forster

WILLIAM IV makes a good start
 The Grenville Memoirs

The Victorian Age

A Ballad to an Absent Friend
by ALBERT, Prince Consort
(with words by his brother, ERNEST)

VICTORIA describes her Coronation at the
 age of nineteen
 (from her private journal)

Variations on God Save the King - Beethoven

EPILOGUE

From the MORTE D'ARTHUR by Sir Thomas Malory.

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