

# The Man I' the Rock

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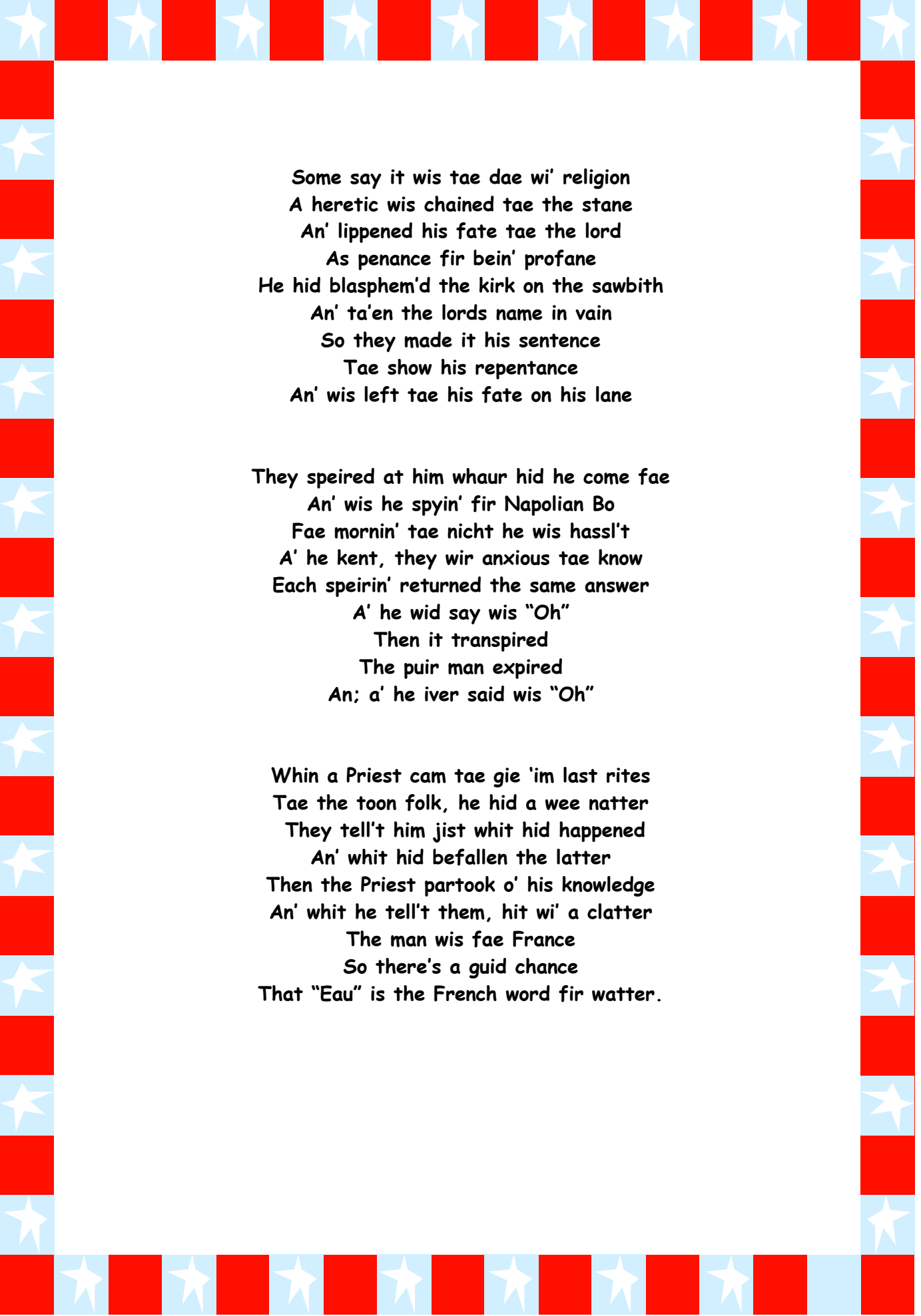
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While some folk say he was a mariner  
Fa'en owerboard while sclimmin' the mast  
He'd hung on tae an auld cabin door  
Thinkin' each breath wis his last  
He hung on fir dear life in a' weathers  
Til on Dubbieside shore he was cast  
An' the guid folk that fun 'im  
Couldnae understaund 'im  
Sic' a dark tale fae aul Dysarts past

At the time o' this happ'nin' we're tellt  
That Britain an' France wir at war  
So the guid folk cid tell by his riggin  
A Frenchman hid washed up on shore  
Thro' the toon he wis harangued an' paradit  
Sine trauchl't back doon tae the shore  
In nae time at a'  
He wis chained tae the wa'  
The guid folk patriotic tae the core

As a bairn ah heard tales o' the Man I' the Rock  
An' wis ta'en tae see its location  
The shape o' a man carved intae the cliff  
Lik' a prisoner chained in due station  
Ah speired whit wey the carvin' wis there  
An' discovered tae mah frustration  
That naebody cid swear  
Hoo it cam' tae be there  
An' whit led tae its culmination

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Some say it wis tae dae wi' religion  
A heretic wis chained tae the stane  
An' lipped his fate tae the lord  
As penance fir bein' profane  
He hid blasphem'd the kirk on the sawbith  
An' ta'en the lords name in vain  
So they made it his sentence  
Tae show his repentance  
An' wis left tae his fate on his lane

They speired at him whaur hid he come fae  
An' wis he spyin' fir Napolian Bo  
Fae mornin' tae nicht he wis hassl't  
A' he kent, they wir anxious tae know  
Each speirin' returned the same answer  
A' he wid say wis "Oh"  
Then it transpired  
The puir man expired  
An; a' he iver said wis "Oh"

Whin a Priest cam tae gie 'im last rites  
Tae the toon folk, he hid a wee natter  
They tell't him jist whit hid happened  
An' whit hid befallen the latter  
Then the Priest partook o' his knowledge  
An' whit he tell't them, hit wi' a clatter  
The man wis fae France  
So there's a guid chance  
That "Eau" is the French word fir watter.