



DELYRICAL

John Locke vs. Louis XIV

For each underlined lyric, write a **complete sentence** explaining its historical context.



Louis:

I shine so high in the sky in Versailles, so fly (1)
every guy has to buy my styles when I wear them. (2)
Legs so fine it's my divine right to bare them. (3)
Taught robes and swords to kneel – had to scare 'em! (4)
Maneuver my army en masse – best beware 'em! (5)
English MC steps to me? I will not spare him!
The powers of the throne are mine alone – never share 'em!
I rule *absolument* – I alone am the law.
I am king of France – *l'état, c'est moi!* (6)

Locke:

I imagine being king, you never get lonely,
But Louis, one of many: meet Locke, one and only.
I'm the philosophic father of modern democracy. (7)
And my beat's about to beat your obeisant aristocracy. (8)
I flow tight to fight for right to life and liberty (9)
Proposing proper power is the protector of property. (10)
You've been a cancer on France, sir, ever since you were a child (11)
I'm the physician opposition here to cancel your style (12)
The social contract is all that binds a people to their king. (13)
So heads up: there's no English word... for '*guillotine*'.

Louis:

Mon dieu – sacre bleu – you had your chance.
Now I'm revoking your flow like the Edict of Nantes. (14)
You seem like a smart guy, but it's high time you learned:
Fly to the Sun King – you get burned! (15)

Locke:

Such a joke in your tights and cloak when we all know the fact is (16)
You'd be stone broke without Colbert there doing your taxes. (17)
I'm the brightest Enlightenment titan – few minds are keener. (18)
Not much for heights – but I've topped a fourteener! (19)