

Muddy Red Brand

Words: Aed of Avigdor and Brendan O Corraidhe

Music: Black Velvet Band

The heav-ens, they o-pened at mid-night. The de-luge con - tin-ued at dawn, And the
flood-ing soaked e-very-one's clo - thing Ex - cept for the garb they had on

Chorus
He was co-vered in mud to his arm-pits Al-though he was king of the land And
he said to me, "This is my court garb a - dorned with the mud-dy red brand."

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four staves of music. The first two staves correspond to the first two lines of lyrics. The third and fourth staves are marked 'Chorus' and correspond to the chorus lyrics. The music is a simple melody with some rests and ties.

The heavens, they opened at midnight.
The deluge continued at dawn,
And the flooding soaked everyone's clothing
Except for the garb they had on (And some of
that, too!)

At the Globe Theatre it was still raining,
And Grand Court was scheduled for two.
The Pavilion was half under water,
The floor was a sea of red goo.

The labor then started in earnest
To dig 'round the big tent a moat.
The heralds sent out for assistance,
And a king came and took off his coat.

*He was covered in mud to his armpits
Although he was king of the land
And he said to me, "This is my court garb
adorned with the muddy red brand."*

I asked him the reason all for it
That he should be covered with goo.
And he said, "I must set an example
And do as the common folk do."

Chorus

He picked up some tools and went digging.
The trench stretched about half a mile.
Then with hay and with buckets we finished
All covered with mud, hay, and smiles.

Chorus

And thusly he went to the dais,
And I went to sit down and to sing,
Now I tell you all you people forsoothly
This man is the kind I'll call King.

Chorus

He was covered in mud to his armpits
Although he was king of the land
And he said to me, "This is my court garb
Adorned with the Muddy Red Brand."