

# Oliver Cromwell

Monty Python

The most interesting thing about King Charles, the first  
Is that he was 5 foot 6 inches tall at the start of his reign  
But only 4 foot 8 inches tall at the end of it because of  
Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector of England Puritan  
Born in 1599 and died in 1658 September

Was at first only MP for Hunting Don, but then he led the Irons  
ide Cavalry  
At Marston Moor in 1644 and won then he founded the New Model A  
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And praise be, beat the Cavaliers at Naisby and the King fled u  
p North  
Like a bat to the Scots

But under the terms of John Pimm's Solemn League and Covenant  
The Scots handed King Charles the first, over to  
Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector of England and his warts  
Born in 1599 and died in 1658 September

But alas, oy vay! The disagreement then broke out between  
The Presbyterian Parliament and the Military who meant  
To have an independent bent and so the 2nd Civil War broke out  
And the Roundhead ranks faced the Cavaliers at Preston Banks  
And the King lost again, silly thing, stupid Git

And Cromwell sent Colonel Pride to purge the House of Commons  
Of the Presbyterian Royalists leaving behind only the rump Parl  
iament  
Which appointed a High Court at Westminster Hall to indict  
Charles, the first for tyranny, ooh! Charles was sentenced to d  
eath  
Even though he refused to accept that the court had jurisdicatio  
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Say goodbye to his head

Poor King Charles laid his head on the block  
January 1649, down came the axe and in the silence that followe  
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The only sound that could be heard was a solitary giggle from  
Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector of England, ole  
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Then he smashed Ireland, set up the Commonwealth and more  
He crushed the Scots at Worcester and beat the Dutch at sea in  
1653  
And then he dissolved the rump Parliament  
And with Lambert's consent wrote the instrument of Government  
Under which Oliver was Protector at last