

CHORUS:

Behold the Lord High Executioner  
A personage of noble rank and title —  
A dignified and potent officer  
Whose functions are particularly vital!  
Defer, defer  
To the Lord High Executioner!  
Defer, defer  
To the noble Lord, to the noble Lord  
To the Lord High Executioner!

KO-KO:

Taken from the county jail  
By a set of curious chances;  
Liberated then on bail  
On my own recognizances;  
Wafted by a favouring gale  
As one sometimes is in trances  
To a height that few can scale  
Save by long and weary dances;  
Surely, never had a male  
Under such like circumstances  
So adventurous a tale  
Which may rank with most romances

KO-KO & CHORUS:

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By a set of curious chances;  
(Liberated then on bail)  
Surely, never had a male  
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So adventurous a tale  
(So adventurous a tale.)

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Defer, defer  
To the Lord High Executioner!  
Defer, defer  
To the noble Lord  
To the noble Lord High Executioner!  
Bow down, bow down  
To the Lord High Executioner!  
Defer, defer  
To the noble, noble Lord  
To the High Executioner!