

## Fairport Convention "Part V (John Lee)"

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John Lee, your headache's growing, the cold wind's  
blowing

But the sea's without a ripple

John Lee, your forehead's damp, your muscles cramp

The sea can't use a cripple

(Chorus)

John Lee, you're turning around your fate again

Oh, John Lee

John Lee, you're turning around your fate again

Oh, John Lee

John Lee's been made a freeman, his heart's a seaman

But his flesh won't make a sailor

Working in a big hotel, waiting for the bell

That's ringing for his labour

(Chorus)

John Lee, your chances are good, you better touch  
wood

We think things must get better

John Lee, you've a friend so true, she wants to help you

Miss Keyes has sent a letter

(Chorus)

"Dear John, come and work the Glen, just write me  
when

And I'll send someone to meet you"

John's gone to where he started from, he's not worked  
long, just beginning to belong

"It hasn't been a very good day, the missus wants to  
halve my pay

Close the door and douse the light, it's quiet at night  
when she's tucked in tight

Sometimes I feel, when they're all in bed, it's almost  
like the whole world's dead

So I lay me down to sleep, I pray thee Lord my soul to  
keep"

(Chorus)

(Chorus)

"The customary quiet of Babbacombe, a residential  
suburb of

Torquay, was greatly disturbed early on Saturday  
morning

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d the peaceful inhabitants roused to a state of intense alarm and terror by one of the most frightful tragedies that human devilment could plan or human fiend could perpetrate. The name of the victim was Miss Emma Anne Whitehead Keyes, an elderly lady of some sixty-eight years. The name of her home, the scene of her tragedy, was 'The Glen'. She was found early in the morning, lying on her dining room floor. Her throat had been horribly cut and there were three wounds on her head. It was evident that her murderer had also attempted to burn the corpse."

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