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"Topsy Turvy"

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Come one, come all
Leave your looms and milking stools
Coop the hens and pen the mules
Come one, come all
Close the churches and the schools
It's the day for breaking rules
Come and join the Feast of Fools

Once a year we throw a party here in town
Once a year we turn all Paris upside down
Every man's a king and every king's a clown
Once again it's Topsy Turvy Day
It's the day the Devil in us gets released
It's the day we mock the pig and shock the priest
Everything is topsy turvy at the Feast of Fools

(Topsy turvy)
Everything is upsy-daisy
(Topsy turvy)
Everyone is acting crazy
Dross is gold and weeds are a bouquet
That's the way on Topsy Turvy Day

(Topsy turvy)
Beat the drums and blow the trumpets
(Topsy turvy)
Join the bums and thieves and strumpets
Streaming in from Chartres to Calais
Scurvy knaves are extra scurvy on the sixth of January
All because it's Topsy Turvy Day

Come one, come all
Hurry, hurry, here's your chance
See the mystery and romance
Come one, come all
See the finest girl in France
Make an entrance to entrance
Dance la Esmeralda, dance

Here it is, the moment you've been waiting for
Here it is, you know exactly what's in store
Now's the time we laugh until our sides get sore

Now's the time we crown the King of Fools

So make a face that's horrible and frightening
Make a face as gruesome as a gargoyle's wing
For the face that's ugliest will be the King of Fools
Why?

(Topsy turvy)
Ugly folks, forget your shyness
(Topsy turvy)
You could soon be called, "Your Highness"
Put the foulest features on display
Be the king of Topsy Turvy Day

Everybody

Once a year we throw a party, here in town
(Hail to the king)
Once a year we turn all Paris upside down
(Oh, what a king!)
Once a year the ugliest will wear a crown
(Girls, give a kiss)
Once a year on Topsy Turvy Day
(We've never had a king like this)

And it's the day we do the things that we deplore
On the other three hundred and sixty-four
Once a year we love to drop in, where the beer is never
stoppin'
For the chance to pop some popinjay
And pick a king who'll put the top in Topsy Turvy Day
Topsy turvy, mad and crazy, upsy-daisy, Topsy Turvy
Day

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