

TODAY I AM ... QUEEN ELIZABETH I

Today I am Queen Elizabeth I
I am wearing a beautiful dress, it is made of silk and velvet,
It swishes as I walk and everyone stops to admire my magnificence.
The castle smells of roasting meats,
But even the smell of flowers and herbs can't cover the smell of dirty bodies and waste,
It's horrible, so I take a walk outside.
It's noisy outside, animals, people and my footsteps, the maids chatter round me.
The sky is cloudy so I get in my carriage and head to the docks.
The docks are noisy and even smellier,
Here my good friend Walter is hanging out.
He is handsome and wears clothes nearly as fine as mine!
He has just returned from his travels and he hands me something called ...
A potato! It is muddy and hard. I don't think much of it!
I go back to the palace and drink a glass of beer after a hard day's work.

TODAY I AM ... A TUDOR PEASANT

Today I am a Tudor peasant
I get out of bed, well off the floor I sleep on with rats and lice.
The room is dark, hot and crowded.
It smells awful, of sewage, but I am used to it now.
I eat a piece of bread and drink a small ale.
I stole them.
I walk through the loud, dirty London streets,
The muck squelching on my feet.
I steal to survive.
I steal anything.
I hate my life, I wish I were rich,
Dressed in robes, lots of lovely food to eat,
Time to play games and go to the theatre.
Instead I live from day to day
Hoping not to get caught.

