

How They Brought the Good News from Ghent to Aix

Explanation

These are only the first two verses of a poem, where three riders left 'Ghent' to take news to 'Aix', Only one of the riders eventually arrived

The places in this poem refer to C17 communes in Belgium.

Joris, Dirck and 'I' (the author) galloped from Ghent to Aix.

The writer (I) is on a horse called Roland.

The three riders galloped at a steady pace for many hours. Two collapsed, which left only one to take the news.

Possible questions / Activities

- *Listen to the rhythm of the poem - what does it suggest?
- *Why did the author choose to use this rhythm?
- *Mark rhythm points on the poem
- *What good news do you think the riders were bringing?
- *How could this poem be performed?