

Ian's rhyme for remembering the French kings

The story begins with Hugh Capet,
succeeded by Robert the Pious, they say,
Henri, Philippe, and Louis six, seven,
Philippe and Louis, and Louis in heaven.

Philippe the Third led to Philippe the Fair,
who left three sons, each one was his heir:
Louis the tenth – who had a son, John –
Philippe and Charles. The Capetians were done.

Phil de Valois took the throne as his prize
and left it to John, then Charles the wise;
Charles six, seven, then Louis, Charles, Lou,
Francois, Henri, then young Francois two.

With Charles and Henri, the Valois ended.
So the throne to the Bourbons descended.
Henri the fourth and Louis thirteen;
Three Louis more, then one guillotine.

Louis the seventeenth never did reign.
Bonaparte's loss was the next Louis' gain.
Charles the tenth ruled, Louis P. ran away.
The French royal family thus had its day.