

High Barratry

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TTTO: *High Barbary (trad)*

This really needs an introduction that mentions both The SCO Group, originally a Linux distributor called Caldera that changed their name when they got delusions of grandure and started suing their customers over bogus IP claims, and barratry, which is what they were doing.

C G F G
 Of a company called S-C-O, the tale I'll briefly tell
 C G F G
 With *G-P-L*, our software all is free
 G C F C G C F
 Who turned their hands to barratry when software wouldn't sell
 G C G F C G C
Sailing through the legal straits of High Barratry
 "And are you selling Linux or old Unixware?" said we
 With *GPL*, our software all is free
 We're the owners of all Unix come demanding of our fee!
Sailing through the legal straits of High Barratry
 You've stolen code from System V and given it away
 With *GPL*, our software all is free
 So buy licences for Linux, or we'll sue and make you pay
Sailing through the legal straits of High Barratry
 They first sued IBM over a million lines of code
 With *GPL*, our software all is free
 Though a subroutine or two from BSD was all they showed
Sailing through the legal straits of High Barratry
 Well, RedHat sued them next so they went gunning for Novell
 With *GPL*, our software all is free
 Autozone and Daimler-Chrysler soon were on their list as well
Sailing through the legal straits of High Barratry
 Then lawsuit and lawsuit we fought for many a day
 With *GPL*, our software all is free
 'Till the research done at Groklaw² blew their cases clean away
Sailing through the legal straits of High Barratry
 Oh, please buy us out, the SCOUNdrels made their plea
 With *GPL*, our software all is free
 But the buyout that they'll get is in a court of bankruptcy
Sailing through the legal straits of High Barratry
 And oh, it was a sorry thing to hear them rant and roar
 With *GPL*, our software all is free
 With their options underwater as their stock sank through the floor
Sailing through the legal straits of High Barratry
 Though they started as Caldera selling Linux long ago
 With *GPL*, our software all is free
 Soon a huge volcanic crater will be all that's left of SCO
Sailing through the legal straits of High Barratry

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²<<http://www.groklaw.net/>>
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