



Oscar Wilde	<p style="text-align: center;">The Ballad of Reading Gaol By Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)</p> <p>Wilde's meditation on capital punishment, the Ballad of Reading Gaol comes after he was convicted and imprisoned under charges of gross indecency. The charges stemmed from his affair with Lord Alfred Douglas, the son of the Marquis of Queensberry. It relates the story of an execution of a man who murdered his wife which Wilde witnessed during his internment. Published in 1898, it was Wilde's last published poem as he would die in 1900 from cerebral meningitis, caused by syphilis. (Summary by John Gonzalez)</p> <p>Read by John Gonzalez. Total Running Time: 00:33:12</p> <p>This recording is in the public domain and may be reproduced, distributed, or modified without permission. For more information or to volunteer, visit librivox.org.</p> <p>Cover picture by <i>Goya (d. 1828)</i>. Copyright expired in US, Canada, EU and all countries with author's life +70 yrs laws. Cover design by Janette Brown. This design is in the public domain.</p>	The Ballad of Reading Gaol Oscar Wilde
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