

# Mărië Antøinætte:

The quote »*qu'ils mangent de la brioche*«  
[“*Let them eat cake*”].

There are a variety of versions in terms of the circumstances in the popular culture (*ranging from peasants coming to her gate begging for food, to her driving through PARIS and seeing the condition of the peasants*), where she said this in response to the peasants.

# Hōwěvër,

the quote actually comes from

JEAN-JAQUES ROUSSEAU, who comments that a

## *çertain prinçefs*

said it, the supposed princefs referred to being LOUIS XIV's queen, MARIA THERESA of *España*. ¶ Her quote was

»S'IL AIT AUCUN PAIN, DONNEZ-  
LEUR LA CROÛTE AU LOIN DE PÂTÉ«

which roughly translates to “*If there be no bread, give them the crust off of the pâté*”. ¶ Though the claim

to the Spanish princefs is also backed up by the

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it is unknown if she, or any other French queen, actually

# ěveř šāid it.