



## Un débat politique et moraliste sur l'enfance abandonnée à Gênes

Andrea Spinola et le manuscrit *Ricordi* (vers 1624)

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