

# John Cale

## "Charlemagne"

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The manager is waiting to be paid  
Along with priests and deacons of his court  
A quartermaster, quite a man, a mistress of the line  
Has found a last cent avenue of pain

A mardi gras just passed this way a while ago  
Making hungry people of us all  
Along the mississippi you can hear the fiddlers play  
Fandangos and boleros to the lord

Many times, many tried,  
Simple stories are the best  
Keep in mind, the wishful kind,

Don't wanna be like all the rest.

My uncle was a vicar in the big parade  
Selling fountain pens that never write  
San sebastian gamblers never cheat nor lie  
They know good fences make good neighbours

I wish I knew what time of year it was what kind of  
people will be there when gruesome tales of two cities  
ran running all the way father might have heard his  
prayers were answered inhibitions a  
E way from home consider now, consider then before  
the deed is done the blood of consolation runs so true  
many times, many tried, simple stories are the best  
keep in mind, the wishful kind, don'  
Na be like all the rest.

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