

## Marie La Cordelière

Fairport Convention

On the tenth' of August 1512  
We passed the headland west of Saint-Mathieu  
English galleons  
50 strong English galleons

And so it was that I did see  
The finest ship I'd ever seen  
Marie la Cordelière  
Belle Marie la Cordelière

She was so fine, such a sight to see  
Sailing high on the summer sea  
And I am proud to say that I have seen  
Belle Marie la Cordelière

And when the Breton captain he did see  
The English flags out on the reach, he cried  
"Weigh the anchors high and we will fight  
Weigh the anchors high!"

And the Belle Marie came sailing proud  
200 canons shining on her sides  
15 hundred men prepared to die  
15 hundred men

Well the battle raged for many'an hour  
Till her decks ran red with blood and we breached her side  
Then the captain cried "Though we may die  
We'll not surrender her"

Across the heaving deck he ran  
In each hand a blazing brand he bore  
Into the powder store and he blew her high  
He fired the powder store