

# Ferdinand the Imposter

The Band

Ferdinand standing in the tower  
Thinkin' how to get the power  
Empress knows that it would cost her  
For Ferdinand The Impostor

Came to me to make a deal  
Dressed like General Butterfield  
Couldn't wait to thank him for  
The stuffed birds and rubber door

Donated to him from the poor  
It's just his game  
And he carries no shame  
But he done nobody wrong

He knew he didn't belong  
But he went along  
Looking to see if there's somebody  
Else he'd like to be

Benny the Barber, Luke and me  
Passed out tickets cautiously  
To see the burning of the soup  
Down at Lucy's chicken coop

Then of course Ferdinand  
Started out doing Charlie Chan  
That last atlas honky's fall  
He says he's gonna do them all

A voice just said he's not for real  
But it's just his game  
And he carries no shame  
But he done nobody wrong

He knew he didn't belong  
But he went along  
Lookin' to see if there's somebody  
Else he'd like to be, mainly free

It's hard, oh, don't you know?  
To be somebody that you don't even know  
But he's friendly, yes he's kind  
I can't help wonderin'  
Why they'd want to change his mind?

I got a message in the mail  
Ferdinand was thrown in jail  
I left the snow with Abigail  
Went on down to fix his bail

Locked in a gunny sack  
His hands were tied behind his back  
He claimed he was a Doukhobor  
But they never heard of that in Baltimore

The police said

He'd better go home  
And he went back alone  
Back to the snow

But still he done nobody wrong  
He just didn't belong but he went along  
Lookin' to see if there's somebody  
Else he'd like to be, mainly free