

Cherokee Louise

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Cherokee Louise is hiding in this tunnel
In the Broadway Bridge
We're crawling on our knees
We've got flashlights and batteries
We've got cold cuts from the fridge Last year about this time
We used to climb up in the branches
Just to sway there in some breeze
Now the cops on the street
They want Cherokee Louise People like to talk
Tongues are waggin' over fences
Waggin' over phones
All their doors are locked
God she can't even come to our own house
But I know where she'll go To the place where you can stand
And press your hands like it was bubble bath
In dust piled high as me, down under the street
My friend poor Cherokee Louise Ever since we turned 13
It's like a minefield walking to the door
Going out you get the 3rd degree
And comin' in you get the 3rd World War Tuesday after school
We put our pennies on the rails
And when the train went by
We were jumpin' 'round like fools
Goin', "Look, no heads or tails"
Goin', "Look, my lucky prize" She runs home to her foster dad
He opens up a zipper
And he yanks her to her knees
Oh please be here, please
My friend poor Cherokee Louise Cherokee Louise is hiding in this tunnel
In the Broadway Bridge
We're crawling on our knees
I've got Archie and Silver Screen
I know where she is The place where you can stand
And press your hands like it was bubble bath
In dust piled high as me, down under the street
My friend poor Cherokee Louise, oh Cherokee Louise Cherokee Louise
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