

Requiem

Charles:

Nobody don't blame this man.

You don't understand.

Willy was a palisman. There's no rock bottom to the life.

He don't put a hole to a nut,

He don't tell you the lean or give you medicine.

He's a man way out there in the field

riding on a smile and a shoeshine.

And when they start not smiling back --

that's an earthquake. And then you get

a couple of spots on your hat, and you're finished.

Nobody don't blame this man.

A palisman is got to dream, now,

it comes with the territory.

Death of a Palisman

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