

JEAN BAPTISTE CADOTTE

Born beneath the fleur-de-lis
Jean-Baptiste Cadotte
Quebec, 1723
Jean-Baptiste Cadotte
Who traveled to Sault Ste. Marie
Jean-Baptiste Cadotte
with Louis de Repentigny
Jean-Baptiste Cadotte
Louis built a fort and then
left for to fight the Englishmen
Guess who was left to trade and tend
Jean-Baptiste Cadotte

CHORUS

Ho, ho, oh
Ho, ho, oh
Ho, ho, oh
Who spoke like other men could not?
Jean-Baptiste Cadotte

Who married Athanasie?
Jean-Baptiste Cadotte
Who spoke Ojibway fluently?
Jean-Baptiste Cadotte
Who soon became himself a chief?
Jean-Baptiste Cadotte
Who worked hard to preserve the peace?
Jean-Baptiste Cadotte
When tempers raged across the land
and bloody violence was at hand
Who spoke so all could understand?
Jean-Baptiste Cadotte

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Who joined Alexander Henry
Jean-Baptiste Cadotte
with fur trading and mining?

Jean-Baptiste Cadotte
Who stopped young Henry's being killed
Jean-Baptiste Cadotte
by warriors wanting blood to spill?
Jean-Baptiste Cadotte
When Madjeckewiss made demands
to hand over the Englishman
Who stood his ground and changed their plans?
Jean-Baptiste Cadotte

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Who did the British count upon
Jean-Baptiste Cadotte
to speak to the Sault Indians
Jean-Baptiste Cadotte
Who went there with the wampum belt
Jean-Baptiste Cadotte
Who made peace without any help
Jean-Baptiste Cadotte
Who led eighty canoes from there
to Michilimackinaw, who dared
to speak when other men just stared
Jean-Baptiste Cadotte

CHORUS

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Who spoke like other men could not?
Jean-Baptiste Cadotte
Who kept the peace when others fought?
Jean-Baptiste Cadotte
Who cooled things down when heads were hot?
Jean-Baptiste Cadotte

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