
KEVIN DUCEY

Cathar Kinks

The shepherds pursued their
animals back and forth over
the Pyrenees for generations—
almost a country in itself. The
Inquisition took its time,
waiting years for men to return
to Carcassone from the south
to be arrested by the soldiers,
questioned by the priests.

The
heretics had their own holy
men and women and in the end
these were reduced to refugees
in hiding from the Catholics.

Pierre
had hidden the holyman, for years,
listened to his preaching. This world
was made by the Devil, thus, we
should not take pleasure in evil,
do not make children, or love; this only
brings pleasure

to the Enemy. And
Pierre returned home
once from the mountain to find
the music cranked up full volume:
The Kinks singing Waterloo
and the holyman in Pierre's bed lying

while another gobbles it up.

Are you
using that last piece of bread?"

And the
Inquisition took the holyman up that year
and burned him for his work.