One of the most overlooked aspects of the Clash sound is the use of unusual, humorous, and sometimes surreal lyrics. For example, the song "Charlie Don't Surf" is a satirical take on the idea of a rock star being типа на пляж. The lyrics state:

"Charlie don't surf and you know that it's a fact.
Charlie don't surf and we think he's a nautical hitchhiker.
Charlie's gonna be a napalm star
When the world is done with you, you'll know it's true.

Charlie can't be put right, Charlie can't be put wrong.
Somebody got murdered and it's left
A small stain on the pavement, they'll
Cannot be found
So be timid and don't question anything.
Charlie don't surf and we think he's a nautical hitchhiker.

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