

The Great Tome    Jed Rivers

A C D x 2

A

I decided to take a trip

C D

You know, go around the world

A

So I got me a big old boat

C D

And its sails I did unfurl

A

I needed me some deckhands

C D

To navigate the craft

A

A couple of honest men

C D A

Who wouldn't give me the shaft

A C D x 2

A

I found two men of lore

C D

Named Ulysses and Ahab

A

Who had come with pedigree

C D

And had promised not to stab

A

My back or steal my food

C D

Or soil up the ship

A

They were finely spoken mates,

C D A

They were clean and well shampooed

G D

We began our quest to find

A

Our fortune and our fame

G D

And learn of other lands

A

as we went to stake our claims

G D

We were pulling up to a port

A

When the locals guessed our plan

G D

And they took us for our worth

A

And then chaos soon began

A C D x 2

A

Ulysses and Ahab

C D

Went and tied me to the mast

A

And sang some songs so sweetly

C D

Of old voyages from the past

A

They told their tales of plight

C D

And of tremendous fish they'd seen

A

Of conquests they had won

C D A

And went on with some routine

Chorus:

G D

I should have read their resumes

G D A

That they gave me when we met

G D

But their stories were too long

A

And now I do regret

G D

I skipped the part of the craziness

A

And compulsion and the greed

G D

To conquer and torment

A

Their inner child's need

A C D x 2

A

Now I'm floating down this river

C D

In a dugout bark canoe

A

With a quart of rotgut whiskey

C D

And the absence of a crew

A

Bobbing to and fro

C D

As the waves send me down

A

I should have realized it all before

C D A

And never left my town.

A C D A C D

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G D

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G D A

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G D

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