

A Whiter Shade of Pale

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We skipped the light fandango
And turned cartwheels cross the floor.
I was feeling kind of seasick
The crowd called out for more.
The room was humming harder
And the ceiling flew away
When we called out for another drink
The waitress brought a tray
And so it was that later
As the miller told his tale
That her face at first so ghostly
Turned a whiter shade of pale. She said "There is no reason,
And the truth is plain to see",
But I wandered through my playing cards
And would not let her be
One of sixteen vestal virgins
Who were leaving for the coast
Although both my eyes were open
They might just just have well been closed.
And so it was that later
As the miller told his tale
Her face at first just ghostly
Turned a whiter shade of pale. [The following are additional lyrics
as sung in concert] She said she wanted shore leave
Tho in truth we were at sea
So I took her by a looking glass
And forced her to agree
Saying you must be the mermaid
Who took Neptune for a ride
Well she smiled at me so sadly
That my anger straightway died
And so it was, etc?

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