

# Slow Boat To China

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Let's take a slow boat to China  
Leave from South Carolina  
Let's take our time and go the long way On a junk boat to Thailand  
With your hand in mine hand  
We're sure hope we got something to say Well, this old boat's go no sail  
So won't you please hold our mail  
For a while But thanks anyway pal  
But the Suez Canal  
Ain't our style Let's take a slow boat to China  
And maybe we'll find a  
New way to play those same old games The stars just might show us  
And the Captain will know us  
Shake our hands and call us  
By our first names We'll send a postcard to Grandpa  
Of a vase or rickshaw  
He don't care We'll buy Mom a Kimono  
Or maybe we'll just phone her  
When we're there We'll drink Saki at night  
Beneath the soft harbor lights  
On the bay We'll build house on the hill  
Next to Shangrila Bill  
And we'll stay Let's take that slow boat to China  
(Let's go)  
Slow boat to China  
(Real slow) Slow boat to China  
(Let's go)  
Slow boat to China  
(Real slow) Let's go real slow  
Let's go real slow  
Let's go real slow We get a slow boat to China  
(Let's go)  
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Let's go real slow

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