## Archipelago

## **Smokey Bastard**

Our ship rolls in to Nagaev Bay

Where we'll toil from the dawn to the last light of the day

Yeah the life of a Zek is one of decaying

Slowly as the form falls from your frame

Kulaks roll in on the endless trains

Torn from the land that they dared to claim

Tyres lashed to their feet where their boots gave way

Their back and barrow doomed to the same fate2000 miles of dirt beget the Road of Bones

Carved in the snow beneath our hacks and hoo-oo-oes

(wo-hoo-hoo-hoo-hoo-hoo)

Checkas and thieves will rob you blind

So carry only that which fills your mindDarkness forms part of every heart

It's been within us from the start

Hold memories close for all else goes

Fall to the snow...

On your knees in the wastes of the Archipelago (guitar player gets grabbed)(accordionist - JP!!! - gets

grabbed)All you may own you must carry with you

To mourn for the things that you've lost will destroy you

Let your soul be enriched by the friends that surround you

Pray the strength and the will of the good men still holds true

It alone is the seed that must grow to save us

In this ravaged land that the stool pigeon gave us

Father, Father, Heaven save us 2000 miles of dirt beget the Road of Bones

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(wo-hoo-hoo-hoo-hoo-hoo)

Checkas and thieves will rob you blind

So carry only that which fills your mind(the Mighty Beard gets grabbed)Darkness forms part of every heart It's been within us from the start(as the surviving band members get more and more spooked, the chorus

interlaces with the next verse) Chatter here and there (Darkness forms part ...)

Careless talk is overheard

(... of every heart)

And the Black Mariah rolls off like a hearse

Spies are everywhere in this land (It's been within...)

Where a question brings a curse

(...us from the start)

Calls for clemency (Hold memories...)

Pleading only makes it worse

(...close for all else goes)

And the charge is none of your concernFall to the snow...

On your knees in the wastes of the Archipelago(bass player gets spooked, then chills, then gets grabbed)Sharashka spare me from Kolyma

La-lalalaa-lalalaa-lala

From the black of the mines and the bite of the taiga

La-lalalaa-lalalaa-lala

From the lice and the stick and the heel of the Checka

La-lalalaa-lalalaa-lala

Three months or more mark a true survivor

La-lalalaa-lalalaa-lala2000 miles of dirt beget the Road of Bones

Carved in the snow beneath our hacks and hoo-oo-oes (punk mandolin player gets grabbed)

(wo-hoo-hoo-hoo-hoo-hoo)

Checkas and thieves will rob you blind

So carry only that which fills your mindDarkness forms part of every heart It's been within us from the start(as the last surviving band member get more and more bald, the chorus interlaces with the next verse)Chatter here and there (Darkness forms part ...)

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On your knees in the wastes of the Archipelago(guitarist singer goes crazy for he's the last survivor) (everything's cool though, his guitar supports him)

(singer gets grabbed - we're frakked)

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