

# Dance Band On the Titanic

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Dance band on the titanic  
Sing "Nearer, my God, to thee"  
The iceberg's on the starboard bow  
Won't you dance with me? Mama stood cryin' at the dockside  
Sayin' "Please son, don't take this trip"  
I said "Mama, sweet mama, don't you worry none  
Even God couldn't sink this ship" Well, the whistle blew and they turned the screws  
It turned the water into foam  
Destination sweet salvation  
Goodbye home sweet home I'm in the dance band on the titanic  
Sing "Nearer, my God, to thee"  
The iceberg's on the starboard bow  
Won't you dance with me? There was a trombone and a saxophone  
The bass and drums were cookin' up the bandstand  
And I was strummin' in the middle with this dude on the fiddle  
And we were three days out from land And now the foghorn's jammed and moanin'  
Hear it groanin' through the misty night  
I heard the lookout shout down  
"There's icebergs around but still everything's all right" Oh, the dance band on the titanic  
Sing "Nearer, my God, to thee"  
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Won't you dance with me? They were burnin' all the flares for candles  
In the banquet they were throwin' in first class  
And we were blowin' waltzes in the barroom  
When the universe went crash "There's no way that this could happen"  
I could hear the old captain curse  
He ordered lifeboats away, that's when I heard the chaplain say  
"Women and children and chaplains first" Well, they soon used up all of the lifeboats  
But there were a lot of us left on board  
I heard the drummer sayin'  
"Boys, just keep playin', now we're doin' this gig for the Lord" I heard the dance band on the titanic  
Sing "Nearer, my God, to thee"  
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Won't you dance with me? There's a wild-eyed boy in the radio shack  
He's the last remaining guest  
He was tappin' in a morse code frenzy  
Tappin', "Please God, SOS" Jesus Christ can walk on the water  
Where a music man will drown  
They say that Nero fiddled while Rome burned up

Well, I was strummin' as the ship go down I'm in the dance band on the titanic  
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