

Let It Ride

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These are just the simple facts, I will relate to you
Though they are not connected, each and every one is true
If they seem a bit untidy, well, unraveling them is fun
I will not stand corrected, I have not harmed anyoneI just let it ride
Ride, let it ride
Leavin' on the evenin' tide
Just let it rideBetter I listen to my heart, I sometimes fail to find
One sane and simple answer on the bright side of my mind
Even when I'm sleeping, I can't seem to unwind
I just let it rideI knew a man from Windsor who went to Detroit every night
And stateside of the tunnel customs agents gave him flight
He threw his stash in the river and his bedroll on the ground
And when they finally got there, a sleeping man was all that they foundHe just let it ride
Ride, let it ride
Leave on the evenin' tide
Just let it rideHear the steeple bell ring out above my lobster pots
I might be out here fishin' man but that ain't where it stops
The mouths I feed are many and they all say thanks a lot
They just let it rideOne day when I'm old and gray an' consider what's gone by
I always will be proud of every tear I've ever cried
And all of the old jokes we told around the candle light
To all those tender damsels who had helped us in the nightThey just let it ride
Ride, let it ride
Leavin' on the evenin' tide
Just let it ride
I'm gonna let it rideHere's to the girls from London and the ones from Montreal
We never will forget them, we still fantasize them all
I knew one in St. Louis on a Missouri afternoon
I met one up in Shanghai and another in RangoonI just let it ride
Ride, let it ride
Leave on the evenin' tide
Just let it rideRide, ride, ride
I'm gonna let it ride
Leavin' on the evenin' tide
Just let it ride