

Ahab the Arab (Remastered)

Ray Stevens

(intro: Arabian flute) Let me tell you about Ahab the Arab

The sheik of the burning sand

He had emeralds and rubies just drippin' off 'a him

And a ring on every finger of his hand

He wore a big ol' turban wrapped around his head

And a scimitar by his side

And, every evenin', about midnight

He'd jump on his camel named Clyde, and ride [Spoken] Silently through the night to the sultan's tent where he

would secretly meet up with Fatima of the Seven Veils,

swingin' grade "A" number one US choice dancer in

the sultan's whole harem, 'cause, heh, him and her had

a thing goin', you know, and they'd been carryin' on

for some time now behind the sultan's back and you

could hear him talk to his camel as he rode out across the

dunes, his voice would cut through the still night desert

air and he'd say (imitate Arabic speech and finish with "Sold! American)

which is Arabic for, "Stop, Clyde!" and Clyde'd say, (imitate camel

sound), which is camel for, "What the heck did he say anyway?" Well, he brought that camel to a screechin' halt

(verbal screeching sound)

In the rear of Fatima's tent

Jumped off Clyde, snuck around the corner

And into the tent he went.

There he saw Fatima layin' on a zebra skin rug

With

[Spoken in falsetto and possibly with female backups] "Rings on her fingers and bells on her toes and a bone in her nose ho, ho." [Spoken] There she was, friends, lyin' there in all her radiant

beauty, eating on a raisin, grape, apricot, pomegranate,

bowl of chittlin's, two bananas, three Hershey bars,

sipping on a RC co-cola listenin' to her transistor,

watchin' the Grand Ole Opry on the tube, readin' a Mad

magazine while she sung, "Does your chewing gum lose

it's flavor?" Yeah, Ahab walked up to her and he say,

(imitate Arabic speech), which is Arabic for "Let's twist

again like we did last summer, baby.!!" Ha, ha, ha!!

You know what I mean! Whew! She looked up at him from off the rug,

give him one of the sly looks, She said (suggestive giggles, then outright laughter) "Crazy, crazy, crazy baby!" ('round and around and around and around, and around and around and around) Yeah, and that's the story

'bout Ahab the Arab

The sheik of the burnin' sand

Ahab the Arab, the swingin' sheik of the burnin' sand

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