

# Sketches Of China

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He's stronger by talk than by sight  
But by sight he'll know you  
You buy him a ride he'll know you  
Somebody's bound to lead you  
Sooner or later you're bound to go You don't even know what this man feels like  
And he doesn't care, doesn't care if you think you know  
Somebody's bound to lead you  
If that man got a smile on his face  
Sooner or later you're bound to go  
Bound to go Let me tell you bout a man I knew  
He roamed the depth and the breadth of China  
On a horse that he grew himself  
From the bark of a tree on mainland China  
And he had a time, yeah he had the time of his life in China  
He carried strife and harmony to all the people on the mainland, yes he did And there was a warlord who rode  
the murky depths of China  
With a shotgun in his hand, and he wondered where the people had gone to  
Have you got the time to listen while I sing this song  
I had the time to listen to the man go right and wrong and right through China And it ain't what you want, it's  
what you need  
No it ain't what you want, it's what you need  
And I'd rather be here than yesterday  
It ain't what you want, it's what you need And there was a lady she rolled around in town in China  
And there was a lady she rolled and rolled  
And she killed a war, she made the warlord rise in time  
She sat him down, took him down, and she laid him out for just one more round Drunk in a beautiful garden  
celebration  
Here comes the Khan, storm the palace, look for Alice  
Rising Oriental girl diving back for just one more pearl And it ain't what she wants, it's what she needs  
She don't want your sound, she wants your country  
And I'd rather be next year than on the way to Bombay  
Oh, it ain't what you want, it's what you need

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