Zippy Morocco

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Zippy morocco with a hat on his head
Set sail for the seven seas
When his mother took to deadBarely out of teenagedom
When his mental map was unfurled
The next thing that he knew

He found himself halfway around the worldWith nobody to send exotic postcards to With nobody to send exotic postcards toZippy morocco as the admiral of fleet Might've been wet behind the ears

But he certainly was fast on his feetPut down a mutiny at the edge of the earth He knew the value of the swirling sun

He never overestimated his own worthIt was the grief that whetted his appetite It was the grief that whetted his appetiteAnd the waves they do not tell you welcome

And the sand on the shore
Does not spell out a hello
Salutations they are below the surface
Listen to zippy morocco, he says,
"that is what I know"Zippy morocco as the perfect pragmatist
Had a hold on the astronomical odds
And he knew what to riskStaked a million on an easterly wind
Collected the holy city

Now the horse traders come to himWith their beads and cheese and horses With their beads and cheese and horses

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