My Name Joe

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Joe threw another tantrum He could not to be understood He cries like baby Samson His English is not goodJoe's boss of the kitchen But on the outside he knows Low man on the totem's Wearing giveaway clothesJoe he fights the good fight He wears a white uniform The waiters are all artists Out chasing unicornsJoe works fourteen hours After ten he starts to booze He gets very sentimental He sings the buddah blues Oh, he sings the buddah bluesMy name Joe, my name Joe There is a king in Thailand And he plays the jazz drum He has a fine and healthy son Oh, no I'm not the one, my name JoeOn the wall by the time clock Joe's beaming from a photograph Someone drew across his face The waiters began to laughJoe picked up a hatchet And he tenderized the wall And when he got through Time clock wasn't punching anymoreThe waiters ran for cover The maitre'd began to lisp The drunkard in the corner Said his lettuce was not crispOwner called immigration Said there's someone you should know He's an illegal alien And I think his name is Joe Oh, I know his name is JoeMy name Joe, my name Joe There is a king in Thailand And he plays the jazz drum He has a fine and healthy son Oh, no I'm not the one, my name JoeCame the man from immigration Said, I've got a job to do Easy questions easy answers Just point me to the kitchen crewHe asked Leroy from Harlem He asked Cisco from Mexico

He asked the white trash from Tennessee They all said my name Joe My name Joe, my name JoeThe maitre'd he sputtered The kitchen crew they roared And while they were arguing Joe slipped out the back doorOn the beach Joe tries to listen To the heartbeat of a whale How it echoes his own heartbeat And the distance he has sailed Oh, the distance he has sailed My name Joe, my name Joe There is a king in Thailand And he plays the jazz drum He has a fine and healthy son Oh, no I'm not the one, my name JoeMy name Joe My name Joe

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