

Amsterdam (2015 Remastered Version)

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In the port of Amsterdam
There's a sailor who sings
Of the dreams that he brings

From the wide open sea
In the port of Amsterdam
There's a sailor who sleeps
While the river bank weeps

To the old Willow treeIn the port of Amsterdam

There's a sailor who dies
Full of beer, full of cries
In a drunken town fight
In the port of Amsterdam
There's a sailor who's born

On a hot muggy morn

By the dawn's early lightIn the port of Amsterdam

Where the sailors all meet
There's a sailor who eats
Only fish heads and tails
And he'll show you his teeth
That have rotted too soon
That can haul up the sails

That can swallow the moonAnd he yells to the cook

With his arms open wide
"Hey, bring me more fish
Throw it down by my side"
And he wants so to belch
But he's too full to try
So he stands up and laughs

And he zips up his flyIn the port of Amsterdam

You can see sailors dance
Paunches bursting their pants
Grinding women to porch
They've forgotten the tune

That their whiskey voice croaked

Splitting the night

With the roar of their jokes
And they turn and they dance
And they laugh and they lust

Till the rancid sound of the accordion bursts

And then out of the night
With their pride in their pants
And the sluts that they tow
Underneath the street lampIn the port of Amsterdam
There's a sailor who drinks
And he drinks and he drinks
And he drinks once again
He'll drink to the health
Of the whores of Amsterdam
Who've given their bodies
To a thousand other men
Yeah, they've bargained their virtue
Their goodness all gone
For a few dirty coins
When he just can't go on
Throws his nose to the sky
Aims it up above
And he pisses like I cry
On the unfaithful loveIn the port of Amsterdam
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