Sing Another Song, Boys

Leonard Cohen

Let's sing another song, boys

This one has grown old and bitterAh, his fingernails, I see they're broken

His ships, they're all on fire

The moneylender's lovely little daughter

Ah, she's eaten, she's eaten with desireShe spies him through the glasses

From the pawnshops of her wicked father

She hails him with a microphone

That some poor singer, just like me had to leave herShe tempts him with a clarinet

She waves a Nazi dagger

She finds him lying in a heap

She wants to be his womanHe says, "Yes, I just might go to sleep

But kindly leave, leave the future, leave it open"

He stands where it is steep

Oh, I guess he thinks that he's the very first oneHis hands upon his leather belt now

Like it was the wheel of some big ocean liner

And she will learn to touch herself so well

As all the sails burn down like paperAnd he has lit the chain

Of his famous cigarillo

Ah, they'll never, they'll never ever reach the moon

At least not the one that we're afterIt's floating, broken on the open sea, look out there, my friends

And it carries no survivors

But let's leave these lovers wondering

Why they cannot have each other And let's sing another song, boys

This one has grown old and bitter

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