## **Tobacco Island**

## **Flogging Molly**

All to hell we must sail

For the shores of sweet Barbados

Where the sugar cane grows taller

Than the God we once believed in Till the butcher and his crown

Raped the land we used to sleep in

Now tomorrow chimes of ghostly crimes

That haunt tobacco island'Twas 1659 forgotten now for sure

They dragged us from our homeland

With the musket and their gunCromwell and his roundheads

Battered all we know

Shackled hopes of freedom

We're now but stolen goodsDarken the horizon

Blackened from the sun

This rotten cage of Bridgetown

Is where I now belongAll to hell we must sail

For the shores of sweet Barbados

Where the sugar cane grows taller

Than the God we once believed in Till the butcher and his crown

Raped the land we used to sleep in

Now tomorrow chimes of ghostly crimes

That haunt tobacco islandRed leg down a peg

Blistered burns the soul

The floggings they're a plenty

But reasons there are noneOur backs belong to landlords

Where branded is there name

Paid for with ten shillings

Cheap labor never breaksThe silver moon is shinin'

Cools the copper blood

Where the livin' meet the dead

And together dance as oneAll to hell we must sail

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Than the God we once believed in Till the butcher and his crown

Raped the land we used to sleep in

Now tomorrow chimes of ghostly crimes

That haunt tobacco islandAgony, will you cleanse this misery?

For it's never again I'll breathe

The air of home

From this sandy edge

The rolling sea breaks my revenge With each whisper a thousand waves I hear roar, I'm coming homeDark is the horizon Blackened by the sun This rotten cage of Bridgetown Is where I now belongAll to hell we must sail For the shores of sweet Barbados Where the sugar cane grows taller Than the God we once believed in Till the butcher and his crown Raped the land we used to sleep in Now tomorrow chimes of ghostly crimes That haunt tobacco islandAll to hell we must sail For the shores of sweet Barbados Where the sugar cane grows taller Than the God we once believed in Till the butcher and his crown Raped the land we used to sleep in Now tomorrow chimes of ghostly crimes That haunt tobacco island

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