Dead Men And Sinners

Murder By Death

We set out for the sea with icicles in our beards Where the wind bit like dog's teeth And the sea swept our ship Like the hand of a God who had been enraged So we carried our dead to the shore And that left nine more There was violence in the air tonight When the ship split in half We lost two to the brine And the seawater swilled across the floor And the captain lives no more For he sleeps on the ocean floor The old bastard was as big as a bear And his coffin was made of a redwood's trunk His appetite never thinned His belly was wide as two barrels of gin Cut the engine, tie it off to the post Heave away at my call listen well, one and all We'll be rid of this scourge When his body goes overboard He'd been in irons for seventy days Fed just gunpowder to fuel his rage Screamed bloody murder and tore at his chains We've made him this way We were left on that isle with a skeleton crew Made of dead men and sinners Hell bound through and through Then it was he who came to our shore and he left no more

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