

# Somewhere Over China

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For the crazy flying tigers

Just a semi-normal person

Thought he had the future planned

Then he won some silly sweepstakes

Now he had a hundred grand

Never stopped to think of taxes

He was gone before they knew

With a flair for ol' romantics

To the orient he flew When they fueled in papeete

Placed a call to big mamou

With an honest explanation

Just to tell the whole damn truth

It's his one chance in a million

Who'd deny the simple fact

'twas no use to talk it over

He'd be home when he got back Chorus:

Now he's somewhere over china

Lookin' down on all the trails

On the mountains lookin' back at him

It's a real live fairy tale

Put a little distance

Between causes and effects

Like a day old fortune cookie

Askin' who or what comes next What the hell did marco polo think

When he ran into the wall

Or the crazy flying tigers

Doin' spins and loops and stalls

Just a taste for somethin' different

Perking up a borin' day

Now our man from louisiana

Feels exactly the same way Chorus:

They're all somewhere over china

Shanghai or old peking

On a plane or a boat in an envelope

Real adventure has it's ring

Just to put a little distance

Between fact and fantasy  
Still six thousand miles away from  
Where I'd really rather be  
How I would love to drive the shuttle  
Just to feel the engines roar  
And to operate the levers  
That control the payload doors  
I could buzz the himalayas  
Barrel roll above hong kong  
Set her down in san francisco  
To the clangin' of a gong  
Chorus:  
We're all somewhere over china  
Headin' east or headin' west  
Takin' time to live a little  
Flyin' so far from the nest  
Just to put a little distance  
Between causes and effects  
Like an ancient fortune teller  
Knowin' who and what comes next

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