Remittance Man

Jimmy Buffett

Sinner on the mainland he's a sinner on the sea
He looks for absolution not accountability
How many destinations oh God he's seen them all
He collects his precious pittance never a port of callRemittance Man
Black sheep of the family clan broke too many rules along the way
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So far away from home no they'll never understand
The Remittance ManA man of empty pockets from jingling his change
The idleness and grieving for all that he retains
By the harbor lights of Sydney or the Bora Bora moon
He recites his sad confession to the seagulls and the loonsRemittance Man
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The Remittance ManWell you could claim that you were born a prince
But you're the only one you can convince
Survivor with no livelihood that you could ever make it good
But still you dream of what you can pretendAn unexpected passenger boarded in Marseilles
An angel full of tenderness she gave her heart away

She was but a gypsy he was just a stray

They almost made a miracle but it slowly slipped awaySo he follows the equator with a wish to run a ground

It's a very vicious circle goin' round and round and round

And he watches from the fantail as the mainland disappears

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Just like the Flying Dutchman he's a prisoner of his fearsRemittance Man

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