

# Randy Newman, The Great Nations Of Europe

The great nations of Europe  
Had gathered on the shore  
They'd conquered what was behind them  
And now they wanted more  
So they looked to the mighty ocean  
And took to the western sea  
The great nations of Europe in the sixteenth century

Hide your wives and daughters  
Hide the groceries too  
Great nations of Europe coming through

The Grand Canary Islands  
First land to which they came  
They slaughtered all the canaries  
Which gave the land its name  
There were natives there called Guanches  
Guanches by the score  
Bullets, disease, the Portugese, and they weren't there anymore  
Now they're gone, they're gone, they're really gone  
You've never seen anyone so gone  
They're a picture in a museum  
Some lines written in a book  
But you won't find a live one no matter where you look

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Great nations of Europe coming through

Columbus sailed for India  
Found Salvador instead  
He shook hands with some Indians and soon they all were dead  
They got TB and typhoid and athlete's foot  
Diphtheria and the flu  
Excuse me, Great nations coming through

Balboa found the pacific  
And on the trail one day  
He met some friendly Indians  
Whom he was told were gay  
So he had them torn apart by dogs on religious grounds they say  
The great nations of Europe were quite holy in their way

Now they're gone, they're gone, they're really gone  
You've never seen anyone so gone  
Some bones hidden in a canyon  
Some paintings in a cave  
There's no use trying to save them  
There's nothing left to save

Hide your wives and daughters  
Hide your sons as well  
With the great nations of Europe you never can tell

From where you and I are standing  
At the end of a century  
Europes have sprung up everyone as even I can see  
But there on the horizon as a possibility  
Some bug from out of Africa might come for you and me  
Destroying everything in its path  
From sea to shining sea  
Like the great nations of Europe  
In the sixteenth century