

# Lucy Kaplansky, My Name Joe

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Joe threw another tantrum  
He could not to be understood  
He cries like baby Samson  
His English is not good

Joe's boss of the kitchen  
But on the outside he knows  
Low man on the totem's  
Wearing giveaway clothes

Joe he fights the good fight  
He wears a white uniform  
The waiters are all artists  
Out chasing unicorns

Joe works fourteen hours  
After ten he starts to booze  
He gets very sentimental  
Oh he sings the buddah blues  
He sings the buddah blues  
My name Joe my name Joe  
There is a king in Thailand  
And he plays the jazz drum  
He has a fine and healthy son  
Oh no I'm not the one  
My name Joe  
On the wall by the time clock  
Joe's beaming from a photograph  
Someone drew across his face  
The waiters began to laugh

Joe picked up a hatchet  
And he tenderized the wall  
And when he got through  
Time clock wasn't punching anymore

The waiters ran for cover  
The maitre d' began to lisp  
The drunkard in the corner  
Said his lettuce was not crisp

Owner called immigration  
Said there's someone you should know  
He's an illegal alien  
And I think his name is Joe  
Oh I know his name is Joe  
My name Joe my name Joe  
There is a king in Thailand  
And he plays the jazz drum  
He has a fine and healthy son  
Oh no I'm not the one  
My name Joe  
Came the man from immigration  
Said I've got a job to do  
Easy questions easy answers  
Just point me to the kitchen crew

He asked Leroy from Harlem  
He asked Cisco from Mexico  
He asked the white trash from Tennessee  
That all said my name Joe

My name Joe my name Joe  
The maitre d' he sputtered  
The kitchen crew they roared  
And while they were arguing  
Joe slipped out the back door

On the beach Joe tries to listen  
To the heartbeat of a whale  
How it echoes his own heartbeat  
And the distance he has sailed  
Oh the distance he has sailed  
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