

# The Grateful Dead, Ship Of Fools

Went to see the captain  
Strangest I could find  
Laid my proposition down  
I laid it on the line  
I won't slave for beggar's pay  
Likewise gold and jewels  
But I would slave to learn the way  
To sink ship of fools

Ship of fools  
On a cruel sea  
Ship of fools  
Sail away from me

It was later than I thought  
When I first believed you  
Now I cannot share your laughter  
Ship of fools

Saw you first ship sink and drown  
From rockin' of the boat  
And all that could not sink or swim  
Was just left there to float  
I won't leave you drifting down  
But, whoa, it makes me wild  
With thirty years upon my head  
To have you call me child

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The bottles stand as empty  
As they were filled before  
And time that was in plenty  
But from that cup no more  
Though I would not caution all  
I still might warn a few  
Don't lend your hand to raise no flag  
Atop no ship of fools

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