

The Incredible String Band, Ithkos

Sardis(Oud Tune)
Lesbos-Dawn
Lesbos-Evening
Aegean Sea
Dreams Fade
Port of Sybaris
Go down Sybaris
Huntress
Hold my gaze

I sailed out from Sardis just one day past
Ithkos Ithkos
Sailed ot meet the dawn on Lesbos fair
Ithkos Ithkos
My marchant's task on this isle is done
I call soft evening forht
To ease up my care

Aphrodite's temple is sweet with sandorac
Bright torches start the night to praise her
Ithkos wipes his mouth and drops the wineskin
Salt wind fresh in his mind

Bark brown eyes has Ithkos
From Sardis newly come
The carmined lips of Lesbos fail to please
And through the noisy night
Just one plaintive song will match his heart

The beautiful Aegean sea
Brings out a weeping need in me
I can't stand by
Like a thief in the night
While that aching lovely light
Shines on

Dreams fade now, a new day rings
Trade pulls the galleon ever on
To rich Sybaris, port of our call
Beyond the blue Aegean

How sweet the sight of peopled shores
To a wanderer as I
Kown from here to Lydia far
Pale Sybaris knows not my tread
And fear stalks in my heart
For reason unknown

Gotta come right out and say it
Pale Sybaris I bear you great scorn
Tlakin' 'bout your fluted pillars and your muted life
It's worse to me
Than Death's own chariot rollin'

Oh hold my gaze light of day
That my thoughts they will not stray
To Hippolyta
The vows that set her free
Denied me

It was right there in Sybaris famed
That I met with her who's named
Hippolyta

Oh hold my gaze bring not the sight
Of that awful wondrous night
Far outside the city walls
Hte Huntress Dance does call
Hippolyta
And the vows that set her free
Denied me