

Amsterdam

David Bowie

Am

In the port of Amsterdam

Em

There s a sailor who sings

F

Of the dreams that he brings

E

From a wide open sea

Am

And in the port of Amsterdam

Em

There s a sailor who sleeps

F

E7

While the river bank weeps

Am

To the old willow tree

C

And in the port of Amsterdam

G7

E7

There s a sailor who dies

Am

Full of beers full of cries

E7

In a drunken down fight

F

And in the port of Amsterdam

Em

There s a sailor who is born

Dm7

E7

On the hot muggy morn

Am

By the dawns early light

Am

In the port of Amsterdam

Em

Where the sailors all meet

F

There s a sailor who eats

E

Only fish heads and tails

Am

He ll show you his teeth

Em

That have rotted too soon

F

E7

That can haul up the sails

Am

That can swallow the moon

C

And he ll yell to the cook

G7 E7

With his arms open wide

Am

Oh bring me more fish

E7

Though it s down by my side

F

And he wants so to belch

Em

But he s too full to try

Dm7 E7

So he stands up and laughs

Am

And he zips up his flies

Am

In the port of Amsterdam

Em

You can see sailors dance

F

Paunches bursting their pants

E

Grinding women s with paunch (not sure about this line)

Am

They ve forgotten the tune

Em

That their whiskey voice croaks

F E7

Splitting the night

Am

With the roar of their jokes

C

And they turn and they dance

G7 E7

And they laugh and they lust

Am

Till the rancid sound

E7

Of the accordion bursts

F

And then out of the night

Em

With their pride in their pants

Dm7 E7

And the slut that they tow

Am

Underneath the street lamps

Am

In the port of Amsterdam

Em

There s a sailor who drinks

F

And he drinks and he drinks

E

And he drinks once again

Am

Oh he drinks to the health

Em

Of the whores of Amsterdam

F

E7

Who have given their bodies

Am

To a thousand other men

C

It s their worth and their goodness

G7

E7

Their virtues all gone

Am

For the few dirty coins

E7

When he just can t go on

F

Throws his nose to the sky

Em

And he aims it up above

Dm7

E7

And he pisses like I cry

Am

For an unfaithful love

Am

In the port of Amsterdam

Em

Dm E7 Am

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