

Ship of Fools  
Grateful Dead

          C                          G      F  
Went to see the captain,                  F#o7  
F#o7                  C  
Strangest I could find,  
          E      F                  Em  
Laid my proposition down,  
Dm                  G  
Laid it on the line.  
                          F          C  
I won't slave for beggar's pay,  
Em                  Dm  
Likewise gold and jewels,  
F                          C  
But I would slave to learn the way  
          G          F          C  
To sink your ship of fools.

          G          F      C  
Ship of fools on a cruel sea,  
          G          F          Am  
Ship of fools sail away from me.

                          F#o7  
It was later than I thought when I first believed you,  
          Dm                  G          F          C  
Now I cannot share your laughter, ship of fools.

Saw your 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.

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.

The bottles stand as empty,  
As they were filled before.  
Time there was and plenty,  
But from that cup no more.  
Though I could not caution all,  
I still might warn a few:  
Don't lend your hand to raise no flag

Atop no 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.

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