

Ahab, The Arab
Ray Stevens

INTRO: **Am F (3x) C**

N/C C
Let me tell you bout Ahab, the Arab
F C
The sheik of the burnin sand
C
He had emeralds and rubies just drippon offa him
F G
And a ring on every finger of his hand
C
He wore a big ol turban, wrapped around his head
F Am C
And a scimitar by his side, and
N/C
Every evenin, about midnight, he d jump on his camel named Clyde

And ride

(Spoken)
Am (alternate between Am and F on the chant)
Silently through the night to the sulten s tent where he would secretly meet up
with Fatima of the Seven Veils, swinginest grade A number one US choice
dancer
in the Sultan s whole harem, cause, hehe, him and her had a thing goin on, you
know,
and they d been secretly carryin on for some time now behind the Sultan s back
And you could hear him talk to his camle as he rode out across the dunes, hsi
voice
would cut through the still night desert air and he d say:
Oyyyya bibibia bibibia bibia bibia aaaaaaaaa oohhh aaaaa ooooh ayaaaa ayaaaa
ayyaaa aaa oohh aaayaaa twennya myesh mya ayyyyiii ayyyyyya ooohhh aaiiii
Sold! American!
Which is Arabic for Stop, Clyde! And Clyde d say:
Bleeeeah bleeeeah! Which is camel for What the heck did he say anyway

C
Well he brought that camel to a screeching halt
F C
(eeeeerrrrrh!) in the rear of Fatima s tent

Jumped off Clyde, snuck around the corner
F G
And into the tent he went
C F Am C
There he saw Fatima, layin on a zebra skin rug, with
N/C

(Rings on her fingers and bells on her toes and a bone in her nose ho ho)

(Spoken)

Am (alternate between Am and F on the chant)

(laugh) There she was friends, lyin there in all her radiant beauty, eatin on a

raisin, grape, apricot, pomegranate, bowl of chittlin s, two bananas, three Hershey

bars, sippin on a RC cola listenin to her transistor, watchin the Grand Ol Opry on

the tube, readin a Mad Magazine while she sung Does Your Chewin Gum Lose Its Flavor

Yeah, Ahab walked right up to her and he say:

Oyya bibibia bibibia ayyyya ayyyyyyaaaaa (about four or five times) ehhhhhh
ehhhhaaaa ehhhhaaaa

Which is Arabic for Let s twist again like we did last summer baby

Ha ha ha! You know what I mean Whew! She looked up at him from off the rug,

give him one of them sly looks, she said:

oooh, hehuuuu, hehuuhuuuuuuuu, hihuuhuuuuuuuu, haahaahuuhahuuhahahuuuuuuu
Oooh, oooh, Crazy, crazy cracy baby!

C

(Round and around and around and around and around and around and around)

C

Yeah, that s the story bout Ahab, the Arab

F

C

The sheik of the burnin sand

Am C Am C F-Am-C

Ahab, the Arab, the sheik of the burnin sand