

Johnnys Far Away
Richard Thompson

verse 1

Dm

Johnny s joined a ceilidh band

Dm

They re known quite well throughout the land, The Drones

Dm

The Drones are signed up on a cruise

Dm

While Tracey s laying in the booze back home

Bb

She s got herself another man, a smoothie

Bb

While the kids are in the front room watching movies

F

She s got him in a head lock, in an arm lock, in a jam

Am

She says, I can t express myself with my old man

Dm

G

Bb

While Johnny s far away on the rolling, rolling

Dm

G

Bb

C

Dm

Johnny s far away on the rolling sea

Dm

G

Bb

While Johnny s far away on the rolling, rolling

Dm

G

Bb

C

Dm

Johnny s far away on the rolling sea

G

Dm

On the rolling sea, On the rolling sea

C

Bb

On the rolling sea, On the rolling sea

verse 2

Dm

Johnny s cruising out to sea

Dm

And he believes in chastity - for some

Dm

The wealthy widows bill and coo

Dm

He fends off one or two, and then succumbs

Bb

As they re turning hard-a-port in the Bahamas

Bb

He s turning her right out of her pyjamas

F

He s turned her every which way to the rhythm of the sea

Am

He says, I can t express myself with my old lady

Dm

G

Bb

While Johnny s far away on the rolling, rolling

Dm

G

Bb

C

Dm

Johnny s far away on the rolling sea

Dm

G

Bb

While Johnny s far away on the rolling, rolling

Dm

G

Bb

C

Dm

Johnny s far away on the rolling sea

G

Dm

On the rolling sea, on the rolling sea

C

Bb

On the rolling sea, on the rolling sea

verse 3

Dm

Johnny s home, he opens up his door

Dm

While someone s sneaking out the back

Dm

And Tracey says, you look so poorly

Dm

Sores and all, you need to see the quack

Bb

She wipes the snot from off the kiddies noses

Bb

He charms her with eleven battered roses

F

And by and by they get down to the job of man and wife

Am

Back to the old comforts of the missionary life

Dm

G

Bb

While Johnny s far away on the rolling, rolling

Dm

G

Bb

C

Dm

Johnny s far away on the rolling sea

Dm

G

Bb

While Johnny s far away on the rolling, rolling

Dm Bb C Dm

Johnny s far away on the rolling sea

G Dm

On the rolling sea, on the rolling sea

C Bb

On the rolling sea, on the rolling sea