## Woody Guthrie "Talking Sailor"

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In bed with my woman, just a singing the blues
And I heard the radio a telling the news
Said, the big Red army took a hundred towns
And the allies dropping them two ton bombs
I started hollering, yelling
Dancing up and down like a bullfrog

Doorbell rung, in come a man
I signed my name, I got a telegram
Says,"If you want to take a vacation trip
Got a dish washing job on a liberty ship"
Woman a crying, me a flying
Out the door and down the line

'Bout two minutes I run ten blocks
I come to my ship down at the docks
Walked up the plank and I signed my name
Blowed the whistle and was gone again
Right on out and down the stream
Ships as far as my eye could see, pulling away

Ship loaded down with TNT
All out across the rolling sea
I stood on the deck and watched the fishes swim
I was a-praying them fishes wasn't made of tin

Sharks Porpoises Jelly beans, rainbow trouts, mud-cats, jew-gars All over that water

This convoy's the biggest I ever did see
It stretches all the way out across the sea
The ships blow their whistles and ring their bells
Gonna blow them fascists all to hell
Win some freedom, liberty, stuff like that

Walked to the tail, stood on the stern Looking at the big brass screw blade turn Listened to the sound of the engines pond Came sixteen feet every time it went round Gets closer and closer, look out, you Fascists I'm just one of the merchant crew
I belong to the union called the NMR
I'm a union man from head to toe
I'm U-S-A and C-I-O
Fighting out here on the waters
Win some freedom on the land

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