

## **Eric Clapton**

# **"Tales Of Brave Ulysses"**

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You thought the leaden winter would bring you down  
forever  
But you rode upon a steamer to the violence of the sun

And the colors of the sea blind your eyes with  
trembling mermaids  
And you touch the distant beaches with tales of brave  
Ulysses  
How his naked ears were tortured by the sirens sweetly  
singing  
For the sparkling waves are calling you to kiss their  
white laced lips

And you see a girl's brown body dancing through the  
turquoise  
And her footprints make you follow where the sky loves  
the sea  
And when your fingers find her, she drowns you in her  
body  
Carving deep blue ripples in the tissues of your mind

The tiny purple fishes run laughing through your  
fingers  
And you want to take her with you to the hard land of  
the winter

Her name is Aphrodite and she rides a crimson shell  
And you know you cannot leave her for you touched the  
distant sands  
With tales of brave Ulysses, how his naked ears were  
tortured  
By the sirens sweetly singing

The tiny purple fishes run laughing through your  
fingers  
And you want to take her with you to the hard land of  
the winter

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