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"Yanqui Go Home"

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Yanqui wake up
you know it's time to go
the sun is almost up and we want to be alone

Yanqui head spin
better get some rest
tomorrow we can talk about the way you insulted the
guests

Ivan's outside
sulking in the yard
everyone go bad communication when the time gets
hard

Not a nice guy
but he's got troubles of his own
anyway it's best if you both just leave the rest of us
alone

Yanqui go home
you had too much
better go sleep it off
party's over --
time to meditate on it
time to tally up the cost

Yanqui wake up
don't you see what you're doing
trying to be the Pharoah of the West bringing nothing
but ruin

Better start swimming
before you begin to drown
all those petty tyrants in your pocket gonna weigh you
down

You're my friend but I say
Yanqui go home
you had too much
better go sleep it off
party's over
time to meditate on it

time to tally up the cost

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