Incredible String Band "Old Buccaneer"

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Sissie wouldn't believe, when I told her the old man was gone

The one who lived all alone in the shack on the shore That's so hard to find, so had to go past

He used to light our cigarettes and never tell anyone He had blue tattoos and he'd tell us tall stories From the bottom of a rum glass

He's got things to see on the Spanish main He's gone away for awhile He's gone skull daggering on the Spanish main He's gone away far away

Thought I heard sails creaking as the stars paled Anchor chains clinking as the night failed way out on the bay

No one else knows how he crowed When they crowned him king of the cannibal isles Or how he'd really feel blind drunk At the wheel through a high hurricane

He could dupe the devil at dice
And charm charmers with his beguiling smile
How he fell in love in Lima and a schemer stole his
pearly girl
And broke his heart again

Now all the foes he killed, call him in to fight With their beckoning bones And all the gold he stole sparkles in the morning light His sweet ladies are all alone

Sissie dear, let's not go near the church today The big bells tolling the hearse Goes rolling the holy Jose pray As they lay him away

Lived one too many winters cold, cold weather Had to sail down to the south sea waters warm His old bones there

Let an old man go through Let an old man go through

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