

Jimmy Buffett

"Somewhere Over China"

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For the crazy flying tigers

Just a semi-normal person

Thought he had the future planned

Then he won some silly sweepstakes

Now he had a hundred grand

Never stopped to think of taxes

He was gone before they knew

With a flair for ol' romantics

To the orient he flew

When they fueled in papeete

Placed a call to big mamou

With an honest explanation

Just to tell the whole damn truth

It's his one chance in a million

Who'd deny the simple fact

'twas no use to talk it over

He'd be home when he got back

Chorus:

Now he's somewhere over china

Lookin' down on all the trails

On the mountains lookin' back at him

It's a real live fairy tale

Put a little distance

Between causes and effects

Like a day old fortune cookie

Askin' who or what comes next

What the hell did marco polo think

When he ran into the wall

Or the crazy flying tigers

Doin' spins and loops and stalls

Just a taste for somethin' different

Perking up a borin' day

Now our man from louisiana

Feels exactly the same way

Chorus:
They're all somewhere over china
Shanghai or old peking
On a plane or a boat in an envelope
Real adventure has it's ring
Just to put a little distance
Between fact and fantasy
Still six thousand miles away from
Where I'd really rather be

How I would love to drive the shuttle
Just to feel the engines roar
And to operate the levers
That control the payload doors
I could buzz the himalayas
Barrel roll above hong kong
Set her down in san francisco
To the clangin' of a gong

Chorus:
We're all somewhere over china
Headin' east or headin' west
Takin' time to live a little
Flyin' so far from the nest
Just to put a little distance
Between causes and effects
Like an ancient fortune teller
Knowin' who and what comes next

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