

Jimmy Buffett

"The Captain And The Kid"

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I never used to miss the chance
To climb upon his knee
Listen to the many tales
Of life upon the sea

We'd go sailin' back on barkentines
An' talk of things he did
Tomorrow just a day away
For the captain and the kid

His world had gone from sailin' ships
To rakin' mom's backyard
He never could adjust to land
Although he tried so hard

We both were growin' older then
Wiser with our years
That's when I came to understand
The course his heart still steered

He died about a month ago
While winter filled the air

And though I cried I was so proud
To love a man so rare

He's somewhere on the ocean now
A place he outta be
With one hand on the starboard rail
He's wavin' back at me

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The world was just a day away
For the captain and the kid

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And this kid

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