

John Prine "Slow Boat To China"

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Let's take a slow boat to China
Leave from South Carolina
Let's take our time and go the long way

On a junk boat to Thailand
With your hand in mine hand
We're sure hope we got something to say

Well, this old boat's got no sail
So won't you please hold our mail
For a while

But thanks anyway pal
But the Suez Canal
Ain't our style

Let's take a slow boat to China
And maybe we'll find a
New way to play those same old games

The stars just might show us
And the Captain will know us
Shake our hands and call us
By our first names

We'll send a postcard to Grandpa
Of a vase or rickshaw
He don't care

We'll buy Mom a Kimono
Or maybe we'll just phone her
When we're there

We'll drink Saki at night
Beneath the soft harbor lights
On the bay

We'll build house on the hill
Next to Shangrila Bill
And we'll stay

Let's take that slow boat to China

(Let's go)
Slow boat to China
(Real slow)

Slow boat to China
(Let's go)
Slow boat to China
(Real slow)

Let's go real slow
Let's go real slow
Let's go real slow

We get a slow boat to China
(Let's go)
Slow boat to China
(Real slow)

Slow boat to China
(Let's go)
Slow boat to China
(Real slow)

Let's go real slow
Let's go real slow

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