

Judy Collins

"Pirate Jenny"

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You gentlemen can watch while I scrubbing the floor
and I'm scrubbing the floor while your gawk'n. Maybe
once you tipped me and it made you feel swell in a rattie
water front in this rattie old hotel.

But you never know to who your talk'n, you never know
to who your talk'n.

Suddenly one night there'a a scream in the night and
you yell what the hell could that have been. And you
see me kind of grinning while I'm scrubbing and you
say what's she got to grin?

And the ship a black freighter with a skull on it's
masthead will be coming in.

Then you gentlemen can say hay girl finish the floor
get upstairs make the beds earn your keep here. You
toss me your tips and look out the ships, but I'm
counting your heads while I make up the beds.

Cause there noboby gonna sleep here, no tonite none
of you will sleep here.

Then that night there's a bang in the night and you yell
who's that kick'n round. Then you see me kinda stare'n
out the window, and you what she got to stare at now.

And the ship a black freighter turns around in the
harbor shoot'n guns from the bow.

Then you gentlemen can wipe off the laughs from your
face every building in town in a flat one, your whole
stinking place will be down to the ground only this
cheap hotel standing up safe and sound.

And you ask why do they spare that one, and you ask
why do they spare that one.

All night through with the nose and to-do you wonder
who's the person lives up there, then you see me

stepping out in the morn'n looking nice with a ribbon in
my hair.

And the ship the black freighter runs a flag up its
masthead and a cheer rings the air.

By noon time the dock is all swarm'n with men coming
off of that ghostly frater, and they are moving in the
shodows where no one can see their chaining up
people and bring'n to me.

Ask'n me kill them now or later, ask'n me kill them now
or later.

Loomed by the clock and so still on the dock, You can
here the fog horns miles away in that quite of death I'll
say, right now.

And they'l pile up the bodies and I'll say that'll learn ya.

And the ship the black freighter disaperes out to sea
and on it is me.

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