

## **Kinky Friedman "Ahab The Arab"**

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Let me tell you 'bout Ahab The Arab  
The Sheik of the burning sand  
He had emeralds and rubies just a dripping offa him  
And a ring on every finger of his hands  
He wore a big ol' turban wrapped around his head  
And a scimitar by his side  
And every evenin' about midnight  
He'd jump on his camel named Clyde...and ride  
Spoken  
Silently through the night to the sultan's tent where he  
would secretly meet up with Fatima of the Seven Veils,  
the swingiest number one dancer in the Sultan's  
whole harem, 'cause, like him and her had a thing  
going, you know, and they'd been carrying on for some  
time now behind the Sultan's back and you could hear  
him talk to his camel as he rode out across the dunes,  
his voice would cut through the still night desert air and  
he'd say [imitate Arabic speech], which is Arabic for,  
"Stop,Clyde"! And Clyde'd say, [imitate camel  
voice],Which is camel for " What the heck did he say  
anyway?"!  
Wellâ€¦he brought his camel to a screeching halt  
In the rear of Fatima's tent.  
Jumped off Clyde, snuck around the corner and into the  
tent he went.  
There he saw Fatima, laying on a Zebra skin rug,  
With rings on her fingers and bells on her toes  
And a bone in her nose ho, ho.  
Spoken  
There she was, friends and neighbors, laying there in  
all her radiant beauty. Eating on a raisin, and a grape,  
and an apricot, a pomegranate, a bowl of chitterlings,  
two bananas, three Hershey bars, and sipping on a  
"ROC" Co-Cola, listening to her transistor, watching the  
Grand Ole Opry, and reading Mad magazine while she  
sung, "Does Your Chewing Gum Lose it's Flavor?" And  
Ahab walked up to her and he'd say [imitate Arabic],  
which is Arabic for, "Let's twist again like we did last  
summer, baby" [giggles]. And she'd say [coy, girlish  
laugh] "Crazy baby!"  
[Background singers] Turn around, turn around, turn  
around, turn around , turn around.

All of a sudden, the Sultan walked in.  
Ahab knew that this was the end.  
Him and Fatima was caught by surprise,  
And the Sultan had fire flashing outta his eyes.  
Well, the Sultan charged at Ahab, intending to make a  
dentâ€™in his head.  
But he fled with Fatima, and out of the tent they went.  
They jumped on Clyde and started to ride,  
Cutting out across the sand,  
With the Sultan's whole army in hot pursuitâ€™on and on  
they ran.  
Spoken  
Well, to make a long story short, they got away, cause  
there weren't no animal alive what could keep up with  
Clyde once he got started. Cuz he was the swiftest  
steed on the whole desert, babies. And they made it  
across the border, where he had hocked all his rubies  
and emeralds and they bought 'em a swinging little  
split-level pad and lived happy ever after.  
Yeah, and that's the story 'bout Ahab the Arab  
The Sheik of the Burnin' sand  
Ahab the Arab  
The swinging Sheik of the burnin' sand.

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