

## **Dar Williams**

### **"Calamity John"**

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Come lovers, come loners, remember yourselves  
As lusty tempestuous fools  
When your dream was to conquer an ocean  
From your small secretarial pools

When you stood at the gulf of unknowing  
When you saw the great tundra of time  
And you cried for the winds to come blowing

And you called a monsoon from the tides of the moon  
'Cause the roads were all dusty and dry

Come lame dancing lonely tonight  
When what should appear in the distance  
Blown hither and yon it's Calamity John  
And hes coming to sweep you away---Aye I Aye Ayy

He'll tear through the homefront, he'll lift you up  
laughing  
He'll blow every signpost away  
As the weather report says high drama  
With a five percent chance that he'll stay  
Now the floor starts to rock and the roof floats  
And your friends say he's bad for your health  
And they've warned you about him on talk shows

So you told him to pack, hit the road, don't come back

And he says hey "Don't flatter yourself" ....and you  
say.....

I am closing my door to the storm  
I am saving myself from its freedom  
I have put the chain on, oh calamity john  
I don't want you to dance me away---Aye I Aye Ayy

So its seven months later you've bolted your hair back  
You're almost immune to the moon  
And at parties you stay in the kitchen  
Common sense with a big wooden spoon  
All at once you can feel the storm coming  
As you burst out into the old refrain

To the sound of America drumming

Call it pain, call it art, call it open your heart  
Let it go let it fly, let it rain(Oh yeah)

He smiles and the clouds turn to black  
With the wind through the flowers come blowing  
The warning bell's on, "What's your name, Oh it's John",  
That's such an unusual name---Aye I Aye Ayy

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