

## **Paul Kantner**

# **"Sketches Of China"**

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He's stronger by talk than by sight  
But by sight he'll know you  
You buy him a ride he'll know you  
Somebody's bound to lead you  
Sooner or later you're bound to go

You don't know what this man feels like  
He doesn't care if you think you know  
Somebody's bound to lead you  
If that man got a smile on his face  
Sooner or later you're bound to go  
bound to go

Let me tell you bout a man I knew  
He roamed the depth and the breadth of China  
On a horse that he grew himself  
From the bark of a tree on mainland China  
And he had a time yes he had the time of his life in  
China  
He carried strife and harmony to all the people on the  
mainland

And there was a warlord who rode the murky depths of  
China  
With a shotgun in his hand and he wondered where the  
people'd gone to  
Have you got the time to listen while i sing this song  
I had the time to listen to the man go right and wrong  
and right thru  
China  
chorus

And it ain't what you want it's what you need  
No it ain't what you want it's what you need  
And I'd rather be here than yesterday  
It ain't what you want it's what you need

And there was a lady she rolled around in town in China  
And there was a lady she rolled and rolled

And she killed a war she made the warlord rise in time  
She sat him down took him down and she laid him out  
for just one more  
round

Drunk in a beautiful garden celebration  
Here comes the Khan Storm the palace look for Alice  
Rising Oriental girl diving back for just one more pearl

chorus

And it ain't what she wants it's what she needs  
She don't want your sound she wants your country  
And I'd rather be next year than on the way to Bombay  
It ain't what you want it's what you need

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