

## Pearls Before Swine

### "Riegel"

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First I will describe the scene to you  
Do you have it right?  
In 1944 the riegel she went down  
She went down with 4, 000 prisoners  
Asleep on board

Well now do you,  
I want to know if you  
Have it right, is it like  
The borders of a dream  
Have taken you inside?

The riegel was a mighty ship  
4, 000 prisoners strong  
The captain he was gallant  
Or perhaps he was a prisoner, too  
Who's to know for sure who's who?

One night it was very late  
The riegel tore it's side  
4, 000 prisoners and the captain  
They were trapped inside

Has there been any news?  
I feel so out of place  
The captain's always busy

Being in a state of grace  
But what I want to know is:  
Are you listening out there?

The crew they were a sorry lot  
Blinded by their blood  
The captain he whispered orders  
You could not hear him above the flood  
Then somebody said, "the ocean's here,"  
But someone said "no, there's more"  
And the last thing I remember  
Is a broken hand clinging to the captain's door

Has there been any news?

I feel so out of place  
The captain's always busy  
Being in a state of grace  
But what I want to know is  
Anybody listening?  
Is anybody listening?  
Is anybody listening?

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