

## The Incredible String Band

### "Ithkos"

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Ithkos

Sardis(Oud Tune)  
Lesbos-Dawn  
Lesbos-Evening  
Aegean Sea  
Dreams Fade  
Port of Sybaris  
Go down Sybaris  
Huntress  
Hold my gaze

I sailed out from Sardis just one day past  
Ithkos Ithkos  
Sailed ot meet the dawn on Lesbos fair  
Ithkos Ithkos  
My marchant's task on this isle is done  
I call soft evening forht  
To ease up my care

Aphrodite's temple is sweet with sandorac  
Bright torches start the night to praise her  
Ithkos wipes his mouth and drops the wineskin  
Salt wind fresh in his mind

Bark brown eyes has Ithkos  
From Sardis newly come  
The carmined lips of Lesbos fail to please  
And through the noisy night  
Just one plaintive song will match his heart

The beautiful Aegean sea  
Brings out a weeping need in me  
I can't stand by  
Like a thief in the night  
While that aching lovely light  
Shines on

Dreams fade now, a new day rings  
Trade pulls the galleon ever on  
To rich Sybaris, port of our call

Beyond the blue Aegean

How sweet the sight of peopled shores  
To a wanderer as I  
Kown from here to Lydia far  
Pale Sybaris knows not my tread  
And fear stalks in my heart  
For reason unknown

Gotta come right out and say it  
Pale Sybaris I bear you great scorn  
Tlakin' 'bout your fluted pillars and your muted life  
It's worse to me  
Than Death's own chariot rollin'

Oh hold my gaze light of day  
That my thoughts they will not stray  
To Hippolyta  
The vows that set her free  
Denied me

It was right there in Sybaris famed  
That I met with her who's named  
Hippolyta

Oh hold my gaze bring not the sight  
Of that awful wondrous night  
Far outside the city walls  
Hte Huntress Dance does call  
Hippolyta  
And the vows that set her free  
Denied me

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