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"Great Nations of Europe"

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The Great Nations of Europe had gathered on the
shore
they'd conquered what was behind them and now they
wanted more
so they looked to the mighty ocean and took to the
western sea
The great nations of Europe in the 16th century

Hide your wives and daughters, hide the groceries too
The great nations of Europe come through

The Grand Canary Islands first land to which they came
they slaughtered all the canaries there which gave the
land its name
there were natives there called Guanches, Guanches by
the score
bullet's, disease the Portuguese, they weren't there any
more

now they're gone, they're gone, they're really gone
you never seen anyone so gone
there's pictures in a museum, some lines written in a
book
but you won't find a live one, no matter where you look

Hide your wives and daughters, hide the groceries too
The great nations of Europe come through

Columbus sailed for India found Salvador instead
he shook hands with some Indians and soon they all
were dead
they got TB and typhoid and athlete's foot, diphtheria and
the flu
'scuse me great nations come through
Balboa found the Pacific and on the trail one day
he met some friendly Indians whom he was told were
gay
soooooooooooooo
he had them torn apart by dogs on religious grounds
they say
the great nations of Europe were quite holy in their way

now they're gone, they're gone, they're really gone
you never seen anyone so gone
some bones hidden in a canyon some paintings in a
cave
they're no use tryin to save them, there's nothin left to
save

hide your wives and daughters, hide your sons as well
with the great nations of europe you never can tell

where you and i are standing at the end of a century
europes have sprung up everywhere as even i can see
but there on the horizon is the possibility
that some bug from out of africa might come for you
and me
destroying everything in it's path from sea to shining
sea
like the great nations of europe in the 16th century

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