

## Ray Stevens "Erik the Awful"

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Way back in history along the Nordic coast  
that was the sound all the people feared the most  
It would echo thru the night up and down the foggy fj-  
ord  
It was Erik and the bloodthirsty Horde!

Chorus: Erik the Awful, the Brutal and Tenacious  
Erik the Awful, the Ruthless and Courageous  
Subtle as a chainsaw, lacking all the Social Graces  
You can run, but you cannot hide!

YES! And as the oars of the sleek, fierce Viking ship cut  
thru the water like  
knives thru the fog-shrouded Nordic sea, transporting  
the wild, marauding  
band of Viking heathens stealthily towards their  
unsuspecting, slumbering  
victims, there he stood, on the foredeck, Erik the Awful,  
the wildest,  
bloodthirstiest Viking of them all!

(his Momma named him Erik 'cause she couldn't spell  
AHHGGRRRRFFFFLLLLLQQHH!)

He had a hairy head, a hairy face, hairy chest, hairy  
legs, hairy boots and a  
hairy hat, shaped like a big bullet with horns comin' out  
the sides... and  
once he started after ya he'd NEVER stop!  
He'd turn to his oarsmen in his 37 oared fj-ord and  
he'd say: "MORDEN BORDEN  
FJORDEN GORDEN!" which was Viking for:

"YA-HOO!, RAVAGE, PILLAGE, PLUNDER,  
MAIM AND PUT BIG HICKEYS ON ALL THEM FAIR  
DAMSELS!"

Chorus: And it was Erik the Awful, the Brutal and  
Tenacious  
Erik the Awful, mercy sakes! and goodness gracious!  
His appetite for slaughter was simply voracious  
You gotta sleep with your sneakers by your side!

YES! And when the villagers heard that awful battle-cry:

\* YA-HOOOOOOOOOO! \*

That's the one! They would run for their lives, fleeing  
over hills and  
thru valleys to the river, whereupon they would walk  
mid-stream for 37 and 1/2  
miles, climbing out on the low-lying branch, shinnying  
down a young sapling  
onto rocky ground and leaping from stone to stone  
until they arrived one week  
later at a secret cave 97 miles away, and as they sat  
down for the first time  
to catch their breath, outside they heard:

"YA-HOOOO! MORDEN BORDEN FJORDEN GORDEN!"

Chorus: Yes, it was Erik the Awful, the Brutal and  
Tenacious  
Erik the Awful, turned up in the darndest places  
Subtle as a chainsaw, lacking all the Social Graces  
You can run, but you cannot hide!

OH! And this time they cut south to Paris, bought tickets  
on the Orient  
Express to Istanbul, hired a U-Haul to the Coast,  
jumped a Greek freighter  
across the Mediterranean Sea to MON-golia, hooked up  
with a camel caravan into  
the heart of the Gobi Desert, and as they paused at an  
oasis, to lift one  
handful of cool water to their parched lips, over their  
shoulder they heard:

"YA-HOOOO! MORDEN BORDEN FJORDEN GORDEN!"

They fled to Calcutta!

\* YA-HOOOOOOOO! \*

They fled to the Himalayas!

\* YA-HOOOOOOOO! \*

Tokyo!

\* YA-HOOOOOOOO! \*

Toronto!

\* YA-HOOOOOOOO! \*

Toledo and Heyhailea, Georgia...

\* YA-HOOOOOOOOO! \*

But it was no use! They finally succumbed to a savage  
plundering and  
pillaging followed by a big hickey party on the outskirts  
of what is now  
Washington, DC, where the decendants of Erik can still  
be found today,  
working as Special Agents for the IRS!

Erik later amassed a small fortune posing for Molly  
Hatchet album covers,  
and did stuntwork for Arnold Schwarzenegger in  
Conan the Barbarian! He also  
won an Academy Award for his dual role as a train  
wreck and his tender  
portrayal of King Kong's daddy! Oh, you might  
remember the end of that one:  
there wasn't a dry eye in the house when he married  
the Empire State Building.  
And who could forget the evening he ate the entire  
Kingdom of the East?  
With no sugar?

Chorus: Erik the Awful, the Brutal and Tenacious  
Erik the Awful, the Hungry and Voracious  
Subtle as a chainsaw, lacking all the Social Graces  
You can run but you cannot hide!

\* YA-HOOOOOOOOOOO! \*

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