

## Redemption

### "H.M.A.S. Australia"

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Here I am again in the ship's post office  
I want to send a telegram  
Send it to the captain  
Asking where the hell I am

I've been on this luxury cruise  
For twenty five years or more  
And I've just begun to wonder  
Where we're headed for

Band keeps playing American songs from 1973  
Getting wise to the officer's lies  
That we've even got a country  
You say we're independent  
And we've even got the right to choose  
Well we're sick of doing nothing  
We'd like some work,  
We'd like some work,  
We'd like some work to do

Swimming pools, the cocktail parties  
You keep us plied with drink  
But when we cruised through South East Asia  
It made us stop and think

We never take on passengers  
Though we seem to have lots of room  
And I can't escape the notion captain  
That this is a floating tomb

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Well we're sick of doing nothing  
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Some of us have calculated

We must be short of oil  
Someone mentioned fission  
And blood began to boil

The passengers are restless, captain  
This is how they feel  
Angry at how it came to be you  
Who sits beside the wheel

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We'd like some work to do

And the band keeps playing the Imperial Waltz From  
far across the sea  
Not a long way from discontent  
To open mutiny  
You say we're independent  
And we've even got the right to choose  
Well we're sick of being passengers,  
We've got some work,  
We've got some work,  
We've got some work to do

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