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"The Ballad of Dirty Joe"

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Out upon the briny deep where the wild and wet winds
blow, There sailed a cruel and evil man, the pirate Dirty
Joe. He sailed upon the scummiest craft that ever left
the docks He roamed the world and seven seas in
search of dirty socks.

He wore a scratchy, scraggly beard, he had but one
good eye, And with a tattered piece of sail, his oily hair
hed tie. Hook on his arm? Aye, yes, that too - he found
it very handy For picking in between his teeth to get out
sticky candy.

His one good eye surveyed the seas, searching for
some ship And when he spied a boat out there, hed
sneer and lick his lips All hands on deck, hed order,
theres treasure to be had! Hed shake his one fist in the
air and laugh like he were mad.

Hed fire his cannons cross their bow, and board the
other craft Then make the crew take off their shoes,
and with a horrid laugh He tied the sailors all up tight,
and rob them of their socks Then leave their ship a-
floundering to run up on the rocks.

The socks he took from other ships, youll be surprised
to learn He tied upon his rigging lines that reached
from bow to stern They flapped and fluttered in the
breeze, a thousand little flags - And the smell that
those old socks gave off would make you cough and
gag.

From China to the Ivory Coast, Australia up to Spain,
The pirate did his dirty work across the bounding Main -
You could always tell a boat Joe robbed by looking at
the crew - Fear was deep within their eyes, and all there
toes were blue.

Till one day as he sailed his ship somewhere near
Mandalay His lookout spied another boat beating cross
the bay Ah ha! said Joe, lets get that boat, well catch it
now by thunder, For sure as I am Dirty Joe, theres socks
there we can plunder.

The pirates cheered and set their sails to catch up with
their prey They sharpened up their knives and swords,
their boat danced in t

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