

## Sinead Oconnor "Ship Ahoy"

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A song by a band called "Marxman" containing background vocals by Sinead.  
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A thousand cultures stolen ships that came sailing  
Sighted from the shoreline people stood waiting  
But armies came invading and raiding to conquer  
Understood nothing of a land that stood longer  
But might was much stronger than right could ever be  
Took away the land planned a new destiny  
Butchery and murder and still I say murder  
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Wait! Hold up cos Phrase will break the mould  
Culture growing stronger aging never old  
Death accelerating, and I don't want to die  
Fish hooked by a ship, Lord take me where I lie  
Gone where the lucky ones, disease or suicide  
The pride of survivors to cry for those that died  
To resurrect the status and overcome the ploy  
No bells or beads to barter for this young black boy

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Gone are the days now the ships cease to sail  
I don't think so what does a wage entail  
Nine of five slavery or a twenty four seven  
Most slaves tricked by the promise of a heaven  
Controlled by the sound of a whip that goes sack  
Mind - forged manacles make sure there's no slack  
Think your not a slave, cos no whip marks your back  
Now a bureaucrat wields the nine tails of the cat

Ain't nothing changed but the weather the song  
remains the same  
Hollis comes left set up upon the Lamebrain  
You can't tame the beast, the beast can't be changed  
Have to smash the system, wisdom rearranged  
Slavery claimed to be histories mystery

Wished it could be....It's still part of we  
Search and look around my birthplace is torn  
But England has fallen dusk negates dawn

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Ship ahoy, ship ahoy, now they call it perestroika  
Mandela's free but still can't stop the slaughter  
Now they call it free trade, free choice for all  
But the real freedom is ten per cent small  
Freedom is a song which the caged bird sings  
They keep the key all we see is the keyring  
Fooled by the glisten, but the glisten is not gold  
And I will not buy the beads that I'm sold

I stand here stand clear truth be my witness  
How many Hitlers before you see the litmus  
Test I won't rest, slave who won't behave  
And no I want not the freedom of the slave  
If the East wants the beast let the beast roam  
Cos in the East the death of the beast was sown  
You can fool the people that they're equal  
But you won't fool me with a sequel

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children  
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children  
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children  
etc.....

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