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"Once Upon A Time"

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"Tell me a storyâ€¦"

- It's too late. You have to sleep now.

- No! Not yetâ€¦ Tell me a story!

- Well, listen:

Once upon a time, a liner

Once upon, my love,

Certainly the most beautiful and the biggest

That anyone had ever seenâ€¦

Four tall smokestacks and tree different part

Differentiating the social classes

Ticket won thanks to poker

Or our aristocracy allowed us a lot of thingsâ€¦

Four thousand souls

Not enough precaution

Unsinkable

Call for help ignored

First class get on board

And third class will waitâ€¦

Evening with classical music and festive meals

Evenings with beer, poker and Celtic music

Dress and ironed suit among so many others

One of the rare pants present hereâ€¦

Come to visit, be informed of the few precautions we have

But don't don't be afraid cause nothing can destroy her

Don't need more precaution, it's not necessary

Though her first crossing was the lastâ€¦

Four thousand souls

Not enough precaution

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First class get on board
And third class will waitâ€¦

I still can smell the fresh paint
The china was new
The sheets have never been slept in
She was called: The ship of dream

From Ireland to the USA
From Belfast to New York
Overnight
From Earth to the depths of the oceanâ€¦

And we said: It's the largest moving object
Ever made by the hand of a man in all history
They envisioned a steamer so grand and so luxurious
That her supremacy will never be challengedâ€¦

We said: Her she is
Willed into solid reality
She conveyed sheer size and stability
Luxury and above all strength

Solid as a rock
Built by big Irish hands
The third class thought "That's typical,
First class dogs come down to take a shit
Lets us know where we rank in the scheme of thing
Like we could forget
Cotillion, yacht and polo games
But what does the first class know about misery?

We had more than foreseen
But nothing was sufficient
And all she hid enclosed her hullâ€¦
Tones of goods andâ€¦ so many peopleâ€¦

We kept ourself busy reading
Playing cards and chattering
Would you think
Something would break everything?

Do you feel the night getting colder
And the ice surrounding us?
Can you feel the sea

Becoming dark? â€¦ so deceptive?

A silhouette in the water
Engines stopped and doors locked
Then bells were sounded three times
The time to reverse and bump into the iceâ€¦

That was not exactly a collision but almost a strokeâ€¦
Feeling something unknown
We were all thinking
We'll be at homeâ€¦ soonâ€¦

First rocket thrown
But no reaction
Ignoring their destiny
Waiting for fate to guide their wayâ€¦

Music relentlessly
To calm the atmosphere
To conceal the seriousness
"Tomorrow, we'll be at homeâ€¦"

No one understood
First class first in the lifeboats
But none of them were full
None of them were full â€¦

Her last vestiges
Disappeared into the Atlantic
In a silence bated in screams
To give way to an underwater graveâ€¦

People stayed on board
Buried in the freezing water
Only one turned back
To attempt to save the rare lucky onesâ€¦

No one held responsible And I'm still thinking:
Even if we were not born
Even if the revolts will come to nothing

And if the world was fairer?
Even if we don't understand
Even if we won't accept

Even if you tell me you love me

Even if you're smiling
The past will never disappear

And all these questions around
The most famous shipwreck
Will remain without any answer

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Once upon, my love,
Certainly the most beautiful and the biggest
That anyone had ever seen

Fou thousand souls lost
But not enough precautions
Unsinkable
Calls for help ignored
First class gets first
Third class last...

Sleep now
Close your eyes
Fall asleep
Sleep my love
And don't ask me why, don't
Don't ask me why...

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A song about the Titanic's tragedy...

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