

## **Maiden Iron**

### **"Rime Of The Ancient Mariner"**

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Hear the rime of the Ancient Mariner

See his eyes as he stops one of three

Mesmerises one of the wedding guests

Stay here and listen to the nightmares

of the sea.

And the music plays on, as the bride passes by

Caught by his spell and

the Mariner tells his tale.

Driven south to the land of the snow and ice

To a place where nobody's been

Through the snow fog flies on the albatross

Hailed in God's name,

hoping good luck it brings.

And the ship sails on, back to the north

Through the fog and ice and

the albatross follows on

The mariner kills the bird of good omen

His shipmates cry against what he's done

But when the fog clears, they justify him

And make themselves part of the crime.

Sailing on and on and North across the sea

Sailing on and on and North 'til all is calm.

The albatross begins with its vengeance

A terrible curse a thirst has begun

His shipmates blame the bad luck on the Mariner

About his neck, the dead bird is hung.

And the curse goes on and on and on at sea,

And the thirst goes on and on for them and me.

"Day after day, day after day,

we stuck nor breath nor motion

As idle as a painted ship upon a painted ocean

Water, water everywhere and

all the boards did shrink

Water, water everywhere nor any drop to drink."

There, calls the Mariner,

there comes a ship over the line

But how can she sail with no wind

in her sails and no tide.

See...onward she comes

Onward she nears, out of the sun

See...she has no crew

She has no life, wait but there's two

Death and she life in Death,

they throw their dice for the crew

She wins the Mariner and he belongs to her now.

Then...crew one by one

They drop down dead, two hundred men

She...She, Life in Death,

She lets him live, her chosen one.

"One after one by the star dogged moon,

too quick for groan or sigh

each turned his face with a ghastly pang,

and cursed me with his eye

four times fifty living men

(and I heard nor sigh nor groan),

with heavy thump, a lifeless lump,

they dropped down one by one."

The curse it lives on in their eyes

The Mariner he wished he'd die

Along with the sea creatres

But they lived on, so did he.

And by the light of the moon

He prays for their beauty not doom

With heart he blesses them

God's creatures all of them too

Then the spell starts to break

The albatross falls from his neck

Sinks down like lead into the sea

Then down in falls comes the rain.

Hear the groans of the long dead seamen

See them stir and they start to rise

Bodies lifted by good spirits

None of them speak  
and they're lifeless in their eyes.  
And revenge is still sought, penance starts again  
Cast into a trance and the nightmare carries on.  
Now the curse is finally lifted  
And the Mariner sights his home  
Spirits go from the long dead bodies  
Form their own light and  
the Mariner's left alone.  
And then a boat came sailing towards him  
It was a joy he could not believe  
The pilots boat, his son and the hermit.  
Penance of life will fall onto Him.  
And the ship sinks like lead into the sea  
And the hermit shrieves the Mariner of his sins.  
The Mariner's bound to tell of his story  
To tell his tale wherever he goes  
To teach God's word by his own example  
That we must love all things that God made.  
And the wedding guest's a sad and wiser man  
And the tale goes on and on and on

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