

# The Harbor Is Yours

Aesop Rock

Dead men tell no tales (Uh-huh)  
Up push the daisies till the soil is stale  
In a powder blue tux for the farmer's sale (Here we go)  
Mr. Big sleep with the carp and kelp

Once upon a time in the days of yore  
When the people lived fresh outta legend and folklore  
There was an old pirate who piloted vile slang  
Had a bird perched on him and swash buckled the same  
Peg leg navigate him starboard to port  
By the nautical starry night yelling "The harbor is yours!"  
And you should tell them where you situate the gold  
That is unless you'd like a vacation with Davy J-J-J-Jones

Like "walk the plank" for whom the shark thank  
Maroon the mutineers consume the souvenirs  
And while the shiny spoils piled higher every year  
He was suffocating slow in the box of a buccaneer  
Ten summers prior on a night like this  
Crows nest scopes something afloat to the boats west  
Swore it blew him a kiss  
When he focus seen the face of an angel upon the body of a  
F-f-f-fish

"What the heck!" frazzled, his telescope shattered  
Gathered himself she was ghost he was down the rope ladder  
To deck circled the vessel 360 swiftly  
Found nothing in the water but salt, piss and whiskey  
Yarr, heckled by the swabbies at the bar  
He'll be the laughing stock of the Barbary Coast War  
Like this dude either got two glass eyes  
Or he wearing his patch on the wrong s-s-s-side

Now he knew what he saw  
But had to prove he was raw  
So he raped and he pillaged and  
And he feud and he brawled  
Try to rekindle his rep via sabers and gun smoke  
And vowed to always find her though he never told his cutthroats  
Meanwhile, back in the now, got a brand new skeleton crew  
On the move out when they aren't manning thirty burning cannons stern and bow  
They are prying shiny metals out your m-m-m-mouth

Okay, youth wanes old age holler wisdom and disease  
Like the scurvy made his yellow gums bleed  
And he was achy from his boots to the feather in his hat  
Until his quartermaster showed up with a stolen treasure map  
One look down and left off the dock  
See if you can guess where X marked the spot  
The capital was buried at sea in a cursed cave  
Only one mile from where he'd seen the mer-mer-mer-maid

Anchors up, hoist the jolly roger thank you much  
Day and night with his hook hands raised and clutched  
But see the vitamin deficiency was strong  
So by the time they bumped into the island he could barely lift his grog

Crawled off the boat, collapsed in the sand  
Prayers in the air, seashells in his hand  
And nary a high tide so grand as the one that put  
The lady of the lake on dry la-la-la-land

I wish I could tell you that it ended happy  
Pretend like his bones weren't practically snapping  
Pretend like her gills didn't dry up and suffer  
But that's a half-dead pirate and a fish outta water  
No lie, scout's honor, got a million more  
From the burgundy lighting above the shores of whores  
Before your visions of grandeur go to swell those sails  
Remember dead men tell no t-t-t-tales

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