

We All Went Down With The Ship

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We were only doing what the captain said
We all went down with the ship
The Crow's Nest splintered on the figurehead
We all went down with the ship

The kamikaze pilots and the virgin assassins
Were told they would reach paradise
Down is an army with following orders
Can see it in these zealous eyes

They pulled out the monsters lie deep in the mind
We all went down with the ship
The bayonets rusted on the firing line
We all went down with the ship

I heard of all the men who were sent to the trenches
And those with the unmarked graves
Horrors of the British in the Boer War
A Charge of the Light Brigade

And it's a long long way down
To the bed of the sea
Oh I will sink until she
She covers me

We'll suffer for another man's falling
Blindsided by an ego that can't stop
We sink to the bottom to rise to the top and say
We all fall under the spell of the charmer
Devil's tongue from the shepherd to his flock
We sink to the bottom to rise to the top and say

We were only taking what the general desired
We all went down with the ship
For the good and the evil and the noble empire
We all went down with the ship

And the gentle persuasion of the master's hand
Shadowed in the ark of his rule
This history lesson takes a measure of sand
As as it twists and distorts every truth

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