

# Let it Ride

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These are just the simple facts  
I will relate to you  
Though they are not connected  
Each and every one is true  
If they seem a bit untidy  
Well unraveling them is fun  
I will not stand corrected  
I have not harmed anyone  
I just let it ride  
Ride let it ride  
Leave on the evenin' tide  
Just let it ride

When I listen to my heart  
I sometimes fail to find  
One sane and simple answer  
On the bright side of my mind  
Even when I'm sleeping  
I can't seem to unwind  
I just let it ride

I knew a man from Windsor  
Who went to Detroit every night  
And stateside of the tunnel  
Customs agents gave him flight  
He threw his stash in the river  
And his bedroll on the ground  
And when they finally got there  
A sleeping man was all that they found

He just let it ride  
Ride let it ride  
Leavin' on the evenin' tide  
Just let it ride

Hear the steeple bell ring out  
Above my lobster pots  
I might be out here fishin' man  
But that ain't where it stops  
The mouths I feed are many  
And they all say thanks a lot  
They just let it ride

One day when I'm old and gray  
'N consider what's gone by  
I always will be proud of  
Every tear I've ever cried  
And all of the old jokes we told  
Around the candle light  
To all those tender damsels  
Who had helped us through the night

They just let it ride  
Ride let it ride  
Leavin' on the evenin' tide  
Just let it ride  
I'm gonna let it ride

Here's to the girls of London  
And the ones from Montreal  
We never will forget them  
We still fantasize them all  
I knew one in St. Louis  
On a Missouri afternoon  
I met one up in Shanghai  
And another in Rangoon

I just let it ride  
Ride let it ride  
Leavin' on the evenin' tide  
Just let it ride  
Ride ride ride  
I'm gonna let it ride  
Leavin' on the evenin' tide  
Just let it ride