

Ahab The Arab

Ray Stevens

(sung)

Let me tell you about Ahab the Arab
The sheik of the burning sand
He had emeralds and rubies just drippin' off 'a him
And a ring on every finger of his hand
He wore a big ol' turban wrapped around his head
And a scimitar by his side
And, every evenin', about midnight
He'd jump on his camel named Clyde, and ride

(spoken)

Silently through the night to the sultan's tent
where he would secretly meet up with
Fatima of the Seven Veils,
swingin' grade "A" number one US choice dancer in
the sultan's whole harem, 'cause, heh, him and her had
a thing goin', you know, and they'd been carryin' on
for some time now behind the sultan's back and you
could hear him talk to his camel as he rode out across the dunes,
his voice would cut through the still night desert air and he'd say
(imitate Arabic speech and finish with "Sold! American)
which is Arabic for, "Stop, Clyde!" and Clyde'd say, (imitate camel
sound), which is camel for, "What the heck did he say anyway?"
(sung)

Well, he brought that camel to a screechin' halt (verbal screeching sound)

In the rear of Fatima's tent

Jumped off Clyde, snuck around the corner

And into the tent he went.

There he saw Fatima layin' on a zebra skin rug

With (Spoken in falsetto and possibly with female backups) "Rings on her fingers and
bells on her toes and a bone in her nose ho, ho."

(spoken)

There she was, friends, lyin' there in all her radiant
beauty, eating on a raisin, grape, apricot, pomegranate, bowl o
f chittlin's, two bananas, three Hershey bars, sipping on a RC
co-cola listenin' to her transistor, watchin' the Grand Ole Opry
on the tube, readin' a Mad magazine while she sung, "Does your
chewing gum lose it's flavor?" Yeah, Ahab walked up to her and
he say, (imitate Arabic speech), which is Arabic for "Let's
twist again like we did last summer, baby.!!" Ha, ha, ha!!

You know what I mean! Whew! She looked up at him from off the rug
give him one of the sly looks,

She said (suggestive giggles, then outright laughter) "Crazy, crazy,
crazy, crazy baby!"

('round and around and around and around, and around and around
and around)

(sung)

Yeah, and that's the story 'bout Ahab the Arab

The sheik of the burnin' sand

Ahab the Arab, the swingin' sheik of the burnin' sand

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