## **Sea Stories**

## Sturgill Simpson

Basically it's just like papaw says: "Keep your mouth shut and you'll be fine" Just another enlisted egg In the bowl for Uncle Sam's beater When you get to Dam Neck Hear a voice in your head Saying, "my life's no longer mine" Have you running with some SAG SOG BMF sandeater

Sailing out on them high seas Feels just like being born That first port call in Thailand Feels like a pollywog turning nineteen They've got king cobras fighting in boxing rings And all the angels play Connect Four Seems like a sailor's paradise But turns out to be a bad dream

Now you hit the ground running in Tokyo From Kawasaki to Ebisu Yokosuka, Yokohama, and Shinjuku Shibuya, Ropongi, and Harajuku Aw, from Pusan and Ko Chang, Pattaya to Phuket From Singapore to Kuala Lumpur Seen damn near the whole damn world From the inside of a bar

I've got sea stories They're all true Might seem a little bit far-fetched But why would I lie to you Memories make forever stains Still got salt running through my veins I've got sea stories And my shellback, too

Sometimes Sirens send a ship off course Horizon gets so hazy Maybe get high, play a little GoldenEye On that old 64 And if you get sick and can't manage the kick And get yourself kicked out the navy You'll spend the next year trying to score From a futon life raft on the floor And the next fifteen trying to figure out What the hell you did that for

But flying high beats dying for lies In a politician's war