Eamon

Guy Clark

Eamon swallowed anchor and stepped himself ashore Set seaboot down on cobblestone he'd never trod before A lone fog on the harbour did obscure the rigging lights And the terra firma tavern cast a warm and glowing light

Sing fare thee well Calm seas or swell Red evening sky Home and dry

Eamon went to sea for life the day he turned fourteen On a merchant cargo steamer bound for Kwajalein By way of Cartagena he wound up in Istanbul Nineteen times around the horn would make a Dutchman drool

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Now Eamon headed inland till he could not smell the sea Where they'd never seen a boat, that's where he went to be And they dressed him in his peacoat pulled his seaboots on Stitched him in his hammock and sent him sailing home

Sing fare thee well Calm seas or swell Red evening sky Home and dry

Sing fare thee well Calm seas or swell Just close your eyes Home and dry