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## Paroles de chanson

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# Terrapin Station

Par Grateful Dead

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Let my inspiration flow

In token rhyme, suggesting rhythm

That will not forsake you

Till my tale is told and done

While the firelight's aglow

Strange shadows from the flames will grow

Till things we've never seen

Will seem familiar

Shadows of a sailor, forming winds

Both foul and fair all swarm

Down in Carlisle, he loved

A lady many years ago

Here beside him stands a man

A soldier from the looks of him

Who came through many fights

But lost at love

While the story teller speaks

A door within the fire creaks

Suddenly flies open

And a girl is standing there

Eyes alight with glowing hair

All that fancy paints as fair

She takes her fan and throws it

In the lion's den

Which of you to gain me tell

Will risk uncertain pains of hell?

I will not forgive you

If you will not take the chance

The sailor gave at least a try

The soldier being much too wise

Strategy was his strength

Not disaster

The sailor, coming out again

The lady fairly leapt at him

That's how it stands today

You decide if he was wise

The story teller makes no choice

Soon you will not hear his voice

His job is to shed light

Not to master

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Since the end is never told  
We pay the teller off in gold  
In hopes he will come back  
But he cannot be bought or sold

Inspiration, move me brightly  
Light the song with sense and color  
Hold away despair  
More than this I will not ask

Faced with mysteries dark and vast  
Statements just seem vain at last  
Some rise, some fall  
Some climb to get to Terrapin

Counting stars by candlelight  
All are dim but one is bright  
The spiral light of Venus  
Rising first and shining best

On, from the northwest corner  
Of a brand new crescent moon  
Crickets and cicadas sing  
A rare and different tune

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In the shadow of the moon

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And I know we'll be there soon

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I can't figure out

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If it's the end or beginning

Terrapin

But the train's put it's brakes on

Terrapin

And the whistle is screaming

Terrapin

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