Ballad Of The Sloop Clearwater

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E     E              E                   A                    E
I Was Sitting On My Front Porch As I Watched This River Rot
E                  E                   B7                 B7
Thinking About The Sturgeon That Are Gone But Not Forgot
       E            E                 A                   E
And The Buffalo All Restless Underneath The Prairie Sod
       E                     E                 B7                E
And The Smoke Stacked Up To Heaven Sos It Hid The Face Of God
   E             A                    A                    E             E
 There Were Soldiers Marching Past My Door And A Tap Upon My Phone
       E                 E                      B7                 B7
 A Freeway Inching Toward Me That Would Someday Take My Home
              E                    E                      A           E
 And The Smokestacks Hid A Sunset That Would Never Come Again
                E                          E     B7                    E
 When They Brought The Sloop Clearwater Sailing Round The Bend
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The Captain Had A Moustache That Was Nineteen Inches Long
The Shanty Master Paced The Deck, Roaring Out A Song
The Man Who Held The Till Er Wore His Hair Down To His Knees
And A Hundred Tons Of Canvas Billowed Out Into The Breeze

But The Redwood Trees Are Crashing Down Out On The Western Coast
An Angry Shadowy Army Follows Crazy Horses Ghost
The Eagles Nest Is Barren As The Mountain L Ions Den
As They Brought The Sloop Clearwater Sailing Round The Ben
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The Sloop Cut Through The Sewage Lying On The Rivers Face
They Docked Her Mid The Garbage That Was All Around The Place
The Crew Struck Up A Hornpipe And The Boots Rang On The Wood
It Echoed On The River And The River Found It Good

But Theres Lighting In The Asian Skies And Thunder In The Slums
You Can Hear The Indians Tuning Up Their Long -Forgotten Drums
Children Clap Th Eir Hands And Laugh While Men Are Killing Men
As They Brought The Sloop Clearwater Sailing Round The Bend
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I Said, You People Must Be Fools To Dance And Sing And Shout
When Your Ships So Deep In Liquid Shit, It Never Can Get Out
Right Now Children Cry From Hunger, Grown Men Get Mean With Shame
A War Rages In Every Heart; The Very Grounds In Flame

You Sail Your Dirty River; You Sing Your Little Songs
You Dance Your Pretty Dances And Recite Your Petty Wrongs
Dont You Know That Abiyoyos Making Footprints In The Fen
While You Bring Your Sloop Clearwater Sailing Round The Bend
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The Crew Just Laughed And Danced Some More, An D Beads Began To Ping
Beards Were Lifted To The Skies As The Crew Began To Sing
A Black Man Rose Upon The Deck And Preached A Sermon There
And A Crewman Capered On The Mast Like A Dancing Grizzly Bear

I Said, You People All Are Fools, But I Guess I Am O Ne Too
Suddenly The Guns Went Quiet. The River All Was New
The Smoke Clouds Cleared. I Almost Wept To See The Sky Again
When They Brought The Sloop Clearwater A -Sailing Round The Bend
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Well, The Mountains Rang, The Children Laughed, The Women Sang A Song
The Bison Thundered Down The Plain A Hundred Thousand Strong

The Ghost Dance Tent Was Raised Again, The Lion Wandered Free
The River Ran Like Silver From The Mountains To The Sea

There Was Love And Joy And Brotherhood, And Peace The Whole World Round
Life And Paint And Energy, And Trees And Taste And Sound
And Abiyoyo Danced A Solemn Waltz Out In The Fen
When They Brought The Sloop Clearwater A -Sailing Round The Bend
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Now, The Sloop Is Gone, Once Again Im Ready To Watch That River Rot
While Others Feel The Skyfire, And Others Hug The Shot
But Some Folks In Town Are Up And Around Asking What, How, Why, And When?
Ever Since That Sloop Clearwater Came Sailing Round The Bend
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