

DOWNWIND CALYPSO SONG

By Jon Andrews - ^{3 Bands} Ship's Surgeon

1. On the twenty first October nineteen fifty seven
The Horizon proceeded slowly out of haven.
When the Spencer F. Baird followed later in the day,
The Downwind Expedition was under way.

Chorus: Oh we were far away, day after day,
From California where we long to stay,
and if you want the news, then you cannot refuse
To let us tell of the Downwind Oceanographical Cruise.

2. Now we each thought we'd like to be a movie star
So we borrowed an Italian with a camera.
But Maxwell's picture wasn't fit to release
As he was making dirty gestures and was covered in grease.

3. We have a seaman called Montgomery
Who started a textile store in Tahiti
And since we departed out of San Diego,
He hasn't stopped discoursing for a minute or so.

4. Tahiti is an island paradise,
The ladies all surrounded Bunky Rice,
and when he's been home for half ~~xxx~~ a year or more,
He will have many more children than he had before.

Chorus:

5. We were having a party on the Spencer Baird
When the voice of George from down below was heard.
We thought maybe he had too many gins
When he told us he was going to fetch the bar from Quinn's.

6. Early on in the trip we saw that it was true
That Maxwell Silverman had nothing to do
So the engineers tried to do all they were able
To put kinks and birdcages and arse-holes in the cable.

7. While the Baird was steaming near to Rapa Isle,
The Horizon was to eastward all the while,
Till a message came hurridly over the air
That they were stranded ~~xxx~~ on a coral reef that wasn't there.

Chorus:

8. From here we started on a Southward sprint
As they thought it would be nice to have our name in print,
But in the roaring forties winds did blow
And we had to go directly to Valparaiso.

9. Now down in the south it was not very warm
and we ran into a most incredible storm
So life was becoming just an absolute hell
Till we got a friendly message from Roger Revelle.

10. Then Christmas time was spent in Santiago,
And Pepin won some money in the Casino.
For Christmas in midsummer can be very fine,
When you've pretty señoritas and Chilean wine.

Chorus:

11. Now Pepin, Jones and Doctor Russell Raitt
They used to run Seismic stations very late;
But, thank God, they had to stop working after dark
When their hydrophones were eaten by a squid or a shark.
12. Meanwhile Norris tried to sample the ocean floor
But the sediment all ran out of his gravity core;
Until one morning he was happy to discover
That someone had a stock of little vlaves of rubber.
13. From Valparaiso, Chile, the H_{or} did sail,
And on January the thirteen they found a whale.
It saw their E_o head and took a bite,
So they had to stay in Callao extra night.

Chorus:

14. So next day we sailed into Callao, Peru
They asked a lot of questions about all the crew.
Mister Dragnovitch he was so very popular
That they took him off to prison when he landed there.
15. After Callao, Peru, the crew began to spend
a lot of time sitting on their after end
That 'twas amoebic dysentery there were grounds,
So at night they put refrigerator out of bounds.
16. Then in treating dysentery and other ills
The Doctor discovered he was out of pills
and so he decided he would make no bones
About borrowing from Porky or from Allan Jones.

Chorus:

17. Sala y Gomez is a desert island
With no native women or a bar on hand,
and Fisher and Norris had to quickly embark
While Victor Vogel was having a little chat with a shark.
18. The Horizon thought it would be rather cute
To bring back a statue for the Institute
At Easter Island they found one there
But when George couldn't lift it they gave up the idea.
19. Now Junior went ashore on Easter Isle of course
And he thought it would be nice to ride a horse,
But the ladies there were really overjoyed
When they found that he could be much better employed.

Chorus:

20. When we crossed the equator wexx were initiated
 With a piece of paper this was certificated;
 But Porky Parker's paper could not be found,
 So he'll have to be initiated next time round.
21. Oh when the H_Ori_Zon and the Spencer Baird
 L_Et the port of San Diego no one cared,
 But when they started sailing home once more
 There wa s a hell of a race between the Baird and the Hor.
22. On the twenty fourth of Febry nineteen fifty eight
 The Horizon discovered they were apt to be late
 So someone in the office sent a message on the air
 To tell Captain Phinney that it wouldn't be fair.

Chorus:

that

23. Then Trepani said he thought it would be grand
 To see the ships arriving hand in hand.
 So the peopè from the press and from the T.V. station
 would let the public think it was a two-ship operation.

Final Chorus:

We are home again despite the stress and the strain.
 In California where we will remain;
 And now youve heard the news, you ~~should~~ really should refuse
 To permit another South Sea island Holiday cruise.

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100 Main Entry: Fisher, Robert Lloyd,|d1925-

245 Title: Papers, 1957

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Downwind

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300 Physical Description:

1 reel to reel audio tape recording (approximately 15 minutes)

520 Description

The accession consists of one reel to reel audio tape of a song, "Downwind Calypso Song" written and performed by John Andrewes, ship's doctor on SIO Downwind Expedition in 1957-1958 to the South Pacific. The accession also includes a typescript with the words to the song.

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