On a very dark and foggy night out down at the old Red Lobster Inn We were celebrating that the little payment from a job we'd done had just co me in

See, we'd lured a young and wooden hapless lad into the wicked business of s how

So then a coachman did approach, and he spoke in a voice so very low When he offered us ten times the coin we'd just raked in

For another gig that was no more big than the one that we had just taken He collected young hoodlums, troubled ruffians and punks

Juvenile delinquents, rugged ragamuffins, common riff riff and such

And once he got them in his grip, he'd put them on a ship and send them off across the sea

To a rock only heard in talk and some boozy rumors that we'd not believed With our eyes on the scratch still we had to ask him, "fine, man, but what's the catch?"

He said, "little boys go to Pleasure Island, but they never ever come back"

Hi diddle dee dee, hi diddle dee ho
All aboard, boys, off to Pleasure Island you go
Hi diddle dee dee, and a yo ho ho
Hoist the sails, lads, off to Pleasure Island you go
Off you go, baby

Now Pleasure Island was a very nice and perfect paradise for little boys All the food and drink that they could dream, and it was free, and everywher e a pile of toys

Not a mom or pop and not a single cop, not a schoolteacher around to make the em stop

Not a limit to a thing they'd wanna do, they were a herd of calves inside a china shop

Big old stogies for the smoking given to them on Tobacco Road

There was a rough house for the punch-

outs for the ones who want a scrap to go

And a lovely model home for busting up, the only reason it was even built And a pool hall where frosty mugs of frothy ale would all so quickly be refilled

Oh, they are and drank, and they smoked and fought, tearing everything aroun d apart  $\ensuremath{\text{a}}$ 

Smashing glass and thrashing axes, hacking into priceless works of art At this point we had to ask the coachman, "what part of this amasses any wea lth?"

He said, "give a bad boy enough rope and soon he'll make a jackass of himsel f"

Hi diddle dee dee, hi diddle dee ho Anchors away, boys, off to Pleasure Island you go Hi diddle dee dee, and a yo ho ho ho All lads on deck, off to Pleasure Island you go Off you go

Then the coachman came in close, and we were stunned with what he told us ne  ${\sf xt}$ 

See, all the vices and the  $\sin s$  the boys imbibed had been cursed with some e  $\sin s$  hex

And when they finally reached the very highest peak of self-indulgence, get a load of this

They turned to zombies then to donkeys, some ungodly metamorphosis

And shadow creatures without features, only creepy green and glowing eyes Shut the doors and locked them tight and slaughtered off the ones who weren't to size

But the livestock that was right got corralled into the shipping crates for selling to

The old salt mines, to the circuses, to the carnivals and farms and petting zoos

And they're never seen again, parents now and then search for their kids and fail

Ask that one taker, that old clockmaker in the belly of a giant whale For once our conscience finally stopped us, but it washed away with gold displayed

We put our puppet pal on the next boat and his ticket was the ace of spades

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