

Listen, Mr. Bilbo

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Listen and I'll show you that the foreigners you hate
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In 1492 just to see what he could see
Columbus, an Italian, looked out across the sea
He said, Isabella babe, the world is round
And the U.S.A.'s just a-waiting to be found

In 1609 on a bright summer's day
The Half Moon set anchor in old New York Bay
Henry Hudson, a Dutchman, took a good look around;
He said, "Boys, this is gonna be a helluva town."

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When the King of England started pushing Yankees around
We had a little trouble up in Boston town
There was a brave Negro, Crispus Attucks was the man;
Was the first one to fall when the fighting began

Colin Kelly was a pilot flying down low;
Levine pushed the button that let the bomb go
They sunk the Haruna to the bottom of the sea;

It was foreigners like those kept America free

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Now Bilbo, you're taking one heck of a chance;
Your good friends, the Duponts, came over from France
Another thing, I'm sure, will be news to you
The first Mister Bilbo was a foreigner, too

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Well, you don't like Negroes, you don't like Jews;
If there is anyone you do like, it sure is news
You don't like Poles, Italians, Catholics, too;
Is it any wonder, Bilbo, that we don't like you!

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