My Father Was A Lighthouse Keeper

The Incredible String Band

Lying on the beach with desire Rocking to the music of the waves I was in despair My heart needed repair My lover had lied to me but I was bored by what I saw there Why? Why! Why? My father was a lighthouse keeper Watched the waves getting steeper Watched the ships going down In cadillacs they sailed with the tide Beneath the pier the sea she stroked the night I rocked a little then I moved my body again My lover kissed my lips I was digging what I saw there Why! Why? Why! My father was a lighthouse keeper Watched the waves getting steeper Watched the ships going down We watched the days slip by and the stars explode And we watched them once again Oh the laughter rose a cheer Oh the laughter so nice to hear Oh the laughter so good and free Oh the laughter so nice to see

I lay among the shells and coke cans
In my lover
All the people were eating
And smiling sadly in their big cars
My father looked down from his lighthouse
He saw it all he knew it all
Then he laughed a little
Oh so pretty
Oh so easy