

TSARINA, TSARINA

ALAN REID

THE NEWS ARRIVED TO EXCITE MY CURIOSITY
A LETTER CAME FROM JEFFERSON THAT BRINGS TO ME GREAT JOY
AN ENVOY SENT BY A FAMOUS FOREIGN MAJESTY
ENQUIRING FOR MY SERVICES TO JOIN IN THEIR EMPLOY

MY SKILLS WERE SOUGHT BY THE MIGHTY EMPRESS CATHERINE
TSARINA OF THE RUSSIAS, IMPERIAL, SUPREME
SO I BRAVED THE ICE FLOWS FROM SWEDEN TO ST. PETERSBURG
AND CAME TO BE PRESENTED AT THE COURT OF THIS GREAT QUEEN

TSARINA, TSARINA LET ME BE YOUR CHAMPION
TSARINA, TSARINA LET ME BE YOUR MAN
I WILL ORGANISE YOUR NAVY AND SECURE YOUR SOUTHERN BORDER
AIDING GENERAL POTEMKIN IN HIS PLAN
TO REPEL THE TURKISH FORCES AT LEMAN

I MADE MY WAY FOR DELAY WOULD BE REGRETTABLE
TO THE MOUTH OF THE DNIEPER WHERE THE TURKISH FORCES LAY
BUT SAD TO SAY I ENCOUNTERED JEALOUS ADMIRALS
EACH ONE OF THEM CONNIVING TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE AFFRAY

TSARINA, TSARINA I WANT TO BE YOUR CHAMPION
TSARINA, TSARINA I WANT TO BE YOUR MAN
I WOULD ORGANISE YOUR NAVY AND SECURE YOUR SOUTHERN BORDER
AIDING GENERAL POTEMKIN IN HIS PLAN
TO REPEL THE TURKISH FORCES AT LEMAN

MY SAILORS ALL FOLLOWED ORDERS LIKE THE BEST OF MEN
AND THE TURKISH NAVY FOUNDERED AT THE BATTLE OF LEMAN
BUT THE HONOURS AND THE MEDALS WERE HANDED OUT TO OTHER MEN
AND THAT CHARLATAN POTEMKIN HAS MADE ME A SLIGHTED MAN

TSARINA, TSARINA I TRIED TO BE YOUR CHAMPION
TSARINA, TSARINA I TRIED TO BE YOUR MAN
BUT YOUR MEDIOCRE GENERALS, EACH ONE OF THEM COMBINE
TO AID YOUR GENERAL POTEMKIN IN HIS PLAN
TO BELITTLE MY ACHIEVEMENTS AT LEMAN