

JOHN JONES

ALAN REID

THERE WAS A SLOOP SAILIN' ON THE POTOMAC
GOT STUCK ON A MUDBANK
SHE RAN AGROUND AT THE END OF LAST YEAR
AND FROM THIS SLOOP THERE COMES A STRANGER
AND HE'S LOOKIN' FOR A FARMER
THAT CAN LEND HIM A HORSE
GET HIM OUTA HERE, GET HIM OUTA HERE
SAYS HIS CREW HAVE DESERTED HIM
HE'S GOT TO FIND ANOTHER ONE RIGHT NOW

IN GOOCHLAND COUNTY (I WAS THERE IN THE SPRINGTIME)
I MET WITH A YOUNG MAN
AT A PLANTATION WHERE I WAS A GUEST
HE SAYS THAT HIS BROTHER IS GONE TO HIS MAKER
AND HE IS A SAILOR
HE SAYS THAT THE OCEAN
IS WHAT HE LOVES BEST, IS WHAT HE LOVES BEST
SAYS HIS FRIENDS ARE TRYIN' HELP HIM FIND
A SHIP AND A COMMISSION RIGHT NOW

HERE IN VIRGINIA YOU CAN FIND RICH MEN
IN ALEXANDRIA AND RICHMOND
THERE'S PLENTY BIG HOUSES, PLENTY OF LAND
YOUNG MEN WITH AMBITION NEED FRIENDS WITH CONNECTIONS
TO HELP THEM FIND POSITIONS
AND YOU CAN GO FAR
WITH A SHAKE OF THE HAND
IF YOU KNOW
HOW TO SHAKE A MAN'S HAND, HOW TO SHAKE A MAN'S HAND
HE SAID TO CALL IF I'M IN PHILADELPHIA SOMETIME
AND ASK FOR JONES, JOHN JONES, JOHN JONES.