

JOHN JONES

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 HAS 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.