

WHEN I WAS YOUNG

WHEN I WAS YOUNG YOU KNOW I SERVED THE MOTHER COUNTRY
I SERVED HER WELL WHEN I WAS YOUNG
I WAS PREPARED TO MAKE HER STRONG AND DO MY DUTY
WHEN I WAS YOUNG I SERVED MY COUNTRY WELL

MY NAME IS IVAK AND I COME FROM COSSACK COUNTRY
THEY CALLED ME IVAK THE OX WHEN I WAS YOUNG
I WAS CONSCRIPTED IN THE OLD TSARINA'S ARMY
AND I REMEMBER ONE WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY WELL

PAVEL IVANOVITCH WE CALLED HIM
PAVEL IVANOVITCH THE KONTRA ADMIRAL
HE LED US ALL INTO THE FIERY CAULDRON
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HE WAS A LITTLE MAN WHO HAD NO FEAR OF BATTLE
HE LED US WELL WHEN I WAS YOUNG
HE SAID THAT HE WOULD TAKE US TO CONSTANTINOPLE
WHEN I WAS YOUNG HE SERVED OUR COUNTRY WELL

BEFORE THE BATTLE PAVEL CHOSE ME FOR A MSSION
WE ROWED ACROSS THE LINES TO COUNT THE TURKISH GUNS
YOU KNOW I TRUSTED HIM AS IF HER WERE A RUSSIAN
AND WE GAVE THE PASHAS HELL WHEN WE RETURNED

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WE HAD COMRADES FROM THE UKRAINE AND THE VOLGA
WITH THE COSSACK, THE MUSCOVITE, THE POLE
AND EVERY ONE OF THEM WAS PROUD TO FIGHT FOR PAVEL
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