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The Pirate Of Penance

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I've written out just the chord shapes above the words. The numbers simply give you the fret positions for the chords, with the lowest string on the left. An 'x' means don't play this string. e.g. in standard tuning, this would be a regular D chord: xx0232

Verse 1:

(Slide between the two shapes at the end of the first line)

087800 x0878x x0767x x0878x x0767x

The pirate anchored on a Wednesday

087800 444444

And why he came to port I wonder

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to see a lady so my friends say

087800 065600

She dances for the sailors in a smokey cabaret bar underground

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Down in a cellar in a harbour town

Verse 2:

087800 x0878x x0767x x0878x x0767x

I know he told her love was treasure

087800 444444

And they would reap the fullest bounty

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He only comes to port for pleasure

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So when the winds of morning blew the curtains in she woke and

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found he'd gone

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I saw his sails unfurling Thursday dawn

Middle 8:

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The pirate he will sink you with a kiss, he'll steal your heart and sail away

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He'll leave you drowning in the flotsam of a broken promise in the bay

 $4\,4\,4\,4\,4\,4$

He came again to see her yes I think they told me it was Saturday

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I was at sea then I didn't see them

Verse 3:

(same chords as before)

I don't believe what you are saying
It isn't true I hardly knew him.
Is this some game that you are playing
Go ask the dancer she's the one who saw him last the one who drew him here
He hasn't come to me since Spring last year

2nd Middle 8:

There was a time when he would bring me silks and sandalwood and Persian lace And he would hold me close and tell me sailing stories by the fireplace I was at sea, I tell you I was nowhere near the mentioned murder place Go ask the dancer
She knows the answer
She knows the answer

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She knows the answer

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