

THE THING

A A7 D A
AS I WAS WALKING DOWN THE BEACH, ONE BRIGHT AND SUNNY DAY,

A B7 E
I SAW A GREAT BIG WOODEN BOX, A-FLOAHN' IN THE BAY,

A A7 D E
I PULLED IT IN AND OPENED IT UP, AND MUCH TO MY SURPRISE,

A E A E A
I DISCOVERED A (DUM DE DUM), RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES,

A E A E A
OH, I DISCOVERED A (DUM DE DUM), RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES.

I PICKED IT UP AND RAN TO TOWN AS HAPPY AS A KING,
I TOOK IT TO A GUY I KNEW, WHO'D BUY MOST ANYTHING,
BUT THIS IS WHAT HE HOLLERED AT ME AS I WALKED IN HIS SHOP,
"GET OUT OF HERE WITH THAT (DUM DE DUM) BEFORE I CALL A COP,
OH, GET OUT OF HERE WITH THAT (DUM DE DUM) BEFORE I CALL A COP.

I TURNED AROUND AND GOT RIGHT OUT, A-RUNNIN' FOR MY LIFE,
AND THEN I TOOK IT HOME WITH ME, TO GIVE IT TO MY WIFE,
BUT THIS IS WHAT SHE HOLLERED AT ME AS I WALKED IN THE DOOR,
"GET OUT OF HERE WITH THAT (DUM DE DUM) AND DON'T COME BACK NO MORE
OH, GET OUT OF HERE WITH THAT (DUM DE DUM) AND DON'T COME BACK NO MORE

I WANDERED ALL AROUND THE TOWN, UNTIL I CHANCED TO MEET,
A HOBO WHO WAS LOOKIN' FOR, A HAND-OUT ON THE STREET,
HE SAID HE'D TAKE MOST ANY OLD THING, HE WAS A DESPERATE MAN,
BUT WHEN I SHOWED HIM THE (DUM DE DUM), HE TURNED AROUND AND RAN,
OH, WHEN I SHOWED HIM THE (DUM DE DUM) HE TURNED AROUND AND RAN.

I WQNDERED ON FOR MANY YEARS, A VICTIM OF MY FATE,
UNTIL ONE DAY I CAME UPON ST. PETER AT THE GATE,
AND WHEN I TRIED TO TAKE IT INSIDE, HE TOLD ME WHERE TO GO,
"GET OUT OF HERE WITH THAT (DUM DE DUM) AND TAKE IT DOWN BELOW,
"OH, GET OUT OF HERE WITH THAT (DUM DE DUM) AND TAKE IT DOWN BELOW.

(SLOWLY)

THE MORAL OF THIS STORY IS, IF YOU'RE OUT ON THE BEACH,
AND YOU SHOULD SEE A GREAT BIG BOX, AND IT'S WITHIN YOUR REACH,
DON'T EVER STOP AND OPEN IT UP, THAT'S MY ADVICE TO YOU,

(BACK TO NORAL SPEED)

'CAUSE, YOU'LL NEVER GET RID OF THE (DUM DE DUM) NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO,
OH, YOU'LL NEVER GET RID OF THE (DUM DE CUM) NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO.

(TAG) ONE BEAT (DUM DE DUM) NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO (STINGER)