

MARSEILLE, 1720 (in $\frac{3}{4}$)

Am D
The year it was seventeen twenty
Em Am
A city at peace at the shore
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Buzzing with traders and merchants
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With artisans, workers and more
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The sea brought ships full of riches
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The traders they bought and they sold
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The council of regents decided
Am Em Am
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The city was safe behind bridges and walls
The people were feeling secure
No threat from outside was allowed to come in
No disease they had to endure
The rules they were strict and forbidding
The rules they were strictly enforced
Outside a disaster was looming
Inside, they prepared for the worst
Outside a disaster was looming
Inside, they prepared for the worst

A ship was entering the harbour
Full of riches prepared for the trade
But the merchants and crew on board of the ship
Were ordered to stay out and wait
No one was allowed to enter the city
until it was perfectly clear
That not one of them was carrying the plague
And the city had nothing to fear
That not one of them was carrying the plague
And the city had nothing to fear

So the merchant ships sailors they waited
While the city, it waited as well
But the city's own merchants were grumbling
They wanted to buy and to sell
The council of regents conceded
The ship and its crew could come in
The merchants were having the time of their life
While death was about to begin
The merchants were having the time of their life
While death was about to begin

The plague, it entered the city
The plague did its work very well
What once was a place of contentment
Was quickly turned into hell
In order for some to make money
Protection was set cruelly aside
After the story was over and done with
Half of the city had died
After the story was over and done with
One hundred thousand had died
After the story was over and done with
One hundred thousand had died

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