Louie, Louie

Words & Music: The Kingsmen

Yeah, these are the actual words to the song. It's hard to believe our tax dollars went to several years of studying this little tune looking for subversive & pornographic lyrics. But that's what happened when people with overactive imaginations assumed the worst after a teenager with a mouth full of braces sang into an overhead mike in a garage and the result became a one-hit wonder. Gotta love the '60s.

A D Em D [riff for whole song]

CHORUS:

Louie, Louie. Oh, no...!
I say, we got to go. Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah!
I said, Louie, Louie. Oh, baby...!
Say, we got to go.

A fine little girl, she waits for me. Me catch a ship across the sea. Me sail that ship all alone. Me never know how I'll make it home.

CHORUS:

Night and day, we sail the sea. Me think of girl constantly. On the ship, I dream she there. I smell the rose in her hair.

CHORUS:

INSTRUMENTAL VERSE

Me see Jamaica & the moon above.
It won't be long, me see my love.
To take her in my arms again.
I'll tell her I'll never leave her then.

CHORUS: