

396 I'd like to get you on a slow boat to China" was a well-known phrase among poker players, referring to a person who lost steadily. The idea being that a "slow boat to China" was the longest trip one could imagine. In this song Loesser moved **ON A SLOW BOAT TO CHINA** the phrase to a more romantic setting. Of course, was that traveling by boat to China was about as long and slow a trip as one could imagine and most enjoyable with the one you love..1947.

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The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with corresponding guitar chords and lyrics. The chords are indicated by letters and numbers above the staff, and the lyrics are written below the staff. The score includes a key signature change to one flat (F major) for the second staff.

Staff 1: Chords: SLC5 (A#), WITH 5 (Dm7), G, Cm7. Lyrics: I'D LOVE TO GET YOU ON A

Staff 2: Chords: D#6, F7, A#, Dm7, G7. Lyrics: SLOW BOAT TO CHI-NA, ALL TO MY-SELF, A-

Staff 3: Chords: Cm7, Cdim7, A#, D7. Lyrics: LONE. { A GET TWIST YOU AND KEEP YOU IN MY

Staff 4: Chords: A#, D7b9, Dm7, G7, C7, Gm7, C9. Lyrics: ARMS EV-ER-MORE, LEAVE ALL YOUR LOV-ERS

Staff 5: Chords: Cm7, F#9, F9, F7, A#, Dm7. Lyrics: RIP IN THE SAIL, DRIFT-ING AND DREAM-ING; WEEP-ING ON THE FAR A-WAY SHORE,

Staff 6: Lyrics: THROW THE COM-PASS O-VER THE RAIL, OUT ON THE

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