

How Was Your Trip?

We've all heard ol' Hugh on the morn' radio
Talk of the cruises and the places they go.
Those trips he's a selling and he brags them up right
To the point we decide to go see the sights.
So Karen and Jim sold us tickets, Wife packed clothes in a sack
Double fed the critters, left the kids at the shack.
All head up 'bout warm weather, soft beaches and surf
Fancy coffees, fruity drinks, and of course surf and turf.
Hopped the ship in the States and soon they set sail
We grabbed a chair by the pool, beer and ice in a pail.
First stop San Diego, city tour for our bunch
Full feed on the ship, so no need for a lunch.
Day 2 we hit Cabo, shrewd vendors lined the streets
But getting pesos from farmers is no easy feat.
Next port La Paz, a developing stop by the shore
Hoping to get just a few tourists more.
Then we hit Loreto, mission church on the walk
Sat in the shade with cervezas, nachos, and guac'.
Next was Puerto Vallarta, whose name fills this whole line
With another port adventure we had a grandiose time.
So with that it was done, they spun her round to the North
Started chugging back home as we rocked back and forth.
2 days all that's left of ocean and sun
Gave me time to reflect on the things we have done.
Now don't get me wrong we had a wonderful time
But on a chair in the sun this is what sticks in my mind.
Jim and Karen keeping track, "Remember your sunblock and hat"
Keeping us straight must have been like herding cats!
Kathy with Mark, and Mark with camera did go
Snapping pics all the time for their next great slide show.
Reg, Ed, Lorne, Don and Hugh pick and sing those old songs
Them or us, who had more fun, I knew all along.
And who could forget the smile from Marie
As she kept them in time with her old tambourine.
We met Ranchers and Farmers, some Teachers, a Nurse
an Accountant, a few Truckers, Electricians; they were the worst!
(In case you didn't know, I'm an electrician.)
Salesmen and Oilmen, from ranch and from town
no one's out of place because together we found
We shared the same values, and we all think the same
A common Love of our lifestyle be from mountain or plains.
5 provinces, from British Columbia across to Ontario
Brought together by Hugh McLennan's "Spirit of the West" Radio Show.
Some of us are still farming, others have had to quit
But if you can, take the time, stop and talk, shoot the ... bull.
Because one thing's for certain, we all have a story
Some end with a punch line, others make you feel sorry.

**But from my heart of all hearts, if you go on this trip
It's not 'bout where you go, it's about the people you're with.**

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