



Painting of a caravel, from SVM Shipping Blog

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Glorified Bodies

Wanderlusting seated
busser drover
horny intercity wrangler
varsity student study
tooling beefcake reveries
interior theater life
on the road
voyageurs
high day night flights
boymen's ball games
Toronto, Buffalo tough
glacial lakeland dream craft
petting pecking cockerels
flying forest city fortress Rique

corvette corsair
the smoldering icemen
naked blades
lost Erie nation bucks
in the snowtire sleigh
in the hate of love –
sullen, reluctant love.

Suited off
swell hearted
duck bunk demi-gods
delectable spread
fairy hawk, American eagled
cigarette gunboat speed cruze
coy cabin bruiser boy
sylvanian burghville slugger
queen cinnccity
drifting ashtree bones
detritus river
put-in haven hero sailor
saint commodore lake
clarion organ stop
no ferry service
hell iced over
touring statuesque phaeton sonny
reel play
damned infectious guilt
ill-eye nigh
novel treatment
dockster Chicago
fleshly motion pictures
hog belly sales up
pirate art
men skin swim
blue gonest pikeperch fishmen
Canuck insect soldier flies
hooked hung life studies
Milwaukee's finasst
ice fish guns
blunt rose crayons
the drawing exquisite

swell buddying
aquatic ultra green blue marine
raw drowned brawn
sweetly pricked
spear pierced ball players
caught coin-gray carp
Cathay versus Vinland
Yank warhorse reins
soldier dudey bit
barracks lounge
sparring scrimmage
all-America singing
dulcet, catchy
toothsome concoction
dolorous confection
sport force whoresmen
down long wasted boulevards
these city wide and narrow ways
this fantastic wheeling studio trip.

Then a hazed Cleveland evening
real dream message angel
nunnish priest tail
gay guy of God
sorry sympathetic hypocrite
pretty strong maverick challenger
practicing in earnest
out ass tossed out
all love unalloyed
fleshly partners solely objects
willful penitence
heavenly wedding banquet
gracious faith
vital wine, rich as blood
divine groom
seafarer's mate
salvage craft
marvelous caravel
convertible trip
new world
an expedition home

fatherly prodigal love
water borne vessel
breath of heaven ketch
netted glad man
immortally wounded swoon
felt mystical artistic miracle like
chiseled baroque stone in motion.

Caelestial change
big winged clipper
drifting muscle marauder
floating sport fury
valiant creek swan lift off
firebird rising live
free from the burning lake unchained
junky old Terraplane on fumes
now filled up
all Triune Spirit
blessed legions of spirit
rushing close
roiling lovingly kindly
in the caerulean
new earth aeternal high sea of air
azure sphere of tonic aethereal ozone
the very breath beatific
divine aesthetic corporeal vision
of the living loving Christ
Jesus!

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