

# E MORTE KAPITÔN

Ive Kora

# AND THUS DIED THE CAPTAIN

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Kasîl je  
tûji  
i komûnski  
grêb  
u zrôkú  
tamjôn  
u dûši  
zêb.

Ùmro je  
stôri Kapitõn.

Ćutî je  
da ga je živôt  
obandunô.  
Da nî ženê  
ni ditèta,  
da mu je  
pod gòbu  
tûjo koçeta.

Tûga je svè  
inkrožala  
ko bršjõn.  
Cêrti se rugâli  
siromâhu  
da je pjôn.

Dûšà mu  
ćutila  
vèli zvôn  
dì ga zovè  
dîn

dôn  
dôn.

The coffin  
is someone else's  
laid in the common grave.  
Incense lingering  
in the air  
the soul filled with  
anxiety and  
chill.

The old Captain  
is dead.

He felt  
that life  
had abandoned him.  
That he was  
wifeless  
and childless,  
that his body was laid  
in someone else's bed.

The sorrow  
pervades all  
like ivy.  
Some have mocked  
the poor man  
saying that he was drunk.

His soul  
heard  
the big bell  
the death knell calling him  
ding

dong  
dong.

Kojô je  
môra viđit  
kojê svê  
krâje  
a čeko je  
nôjslaje  
da mu  
prîd noge  
kríž i velèta  
ko bandîra  
na jôrbul ventulô  
i nestâje  
ko za krmön  
morèta.

What seas  
he had seen,  
what  
lands!  
and he had waited  
with a happy anticipation  
for a cross and a veil  
at his feet  
to be flying  
like a flag on his mast  
disappearing  
as the furrow  
behind  
the stern.

## RJEĆNIK

obandumàt	napustiti
gèba	grba, leđa
koćeta	starinska postelja
inkrožât	prepletom učvrstiti
bršjôn	bršljan
cérti	neki, pojedini
pjôn	pijan
velèta	veo
bandîra	zastava
morèta	val od broad