

Randy Newman, The Great Nations of Europe

The Great Nations of Europe had gathered on the shore  
they'd conquered what was behind them and now they wanted more  
so they looked to the mighty ocean and took to the western sea  
The great nations of Europe in the 16th century

Hide your wives and daughters, hide the groceries too  
The great nations of Europe come through

The Grand Canary Islands first land to which they came  
they slaughtered all the canaries there which gave the land its name  
there were natives there called Guanches, Guanches by the score  
bullet's, disease the Portuguese, they weren't there any more

now they're gone, they're gone, they're really gone  
you never seen anyone so gone  
there's pictures in a museum, some lines written in a book  
but you won't find a live one, no matter where you look

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The great nations of Europe come through

Columbus sailed for India found Salvador instead  
he shook hands with some Indians and soon they all were dead  
they got TB and typhoid and athlete's foot, diphtheria and the flu  
'scuse me great nations come through

Balboa found the Pacific and on the trail one day  
he met some friendly Indians whom he was told were gay  
sooooooooooooooooooooo  
he had them torn apart by dogs on religious grounds they say  
the great nations of Europe were quite holy in their way

now they're gone, they're gone, they're really gone  
you never seen anyone so gone  
some bones hidden in a canyon some paintings in a cave  
they're no use tryin to save them, there's nothin left to save

hide your wives and daughters, hide your sons as well  
with the great nations of Europe you never can tell

where you and I are standing on the end of a century  
Europe's have sprung up everyone as even I can see  
but there on the horizon is the possibility  
that some bug from out of Africa might come for you and me  
destroying everything in its path from sea to shining sea  
like the great nations of Europe in the 16th century

