

# Erik the Awful

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Way back in history along the Nordic coast  
that was the sound all the people feared the most  
It would echo thru the night up and down the foggy fj-ord  
It was Erik and the bloodthirsty Horde! Chorus: Erik the Awful, the Brutal and Tenacious  
Erik the Awful, the Ruthless and Courageous  
Subtle as a chainsaw, lacking all the Social Graces  
You can run, but you cannot hide! YES! And as the oars of the sleek, fierce Viking ship cut thru  
the water like  
knives thru the fog-shrouded Nordic sea, transporting the wild, marauding  
band of Viking heathens stealthily towards their unsuspecting, slumbering  
victims, there he stood, on the foredeck, Erik the Awful, the wildest,  
bloodthirstiest Viking of them all! (his Momma named him Erik 'cause she couldn't spell  
AHHGGGRRRRFFFFLLLLQQHH!)

He had a hairy head, a hairy face, hairy chest, hairy legs, hairy boots and a  
hairy hat, shaped like a big bullet with horns comin' out the sides... and  
once he started after ya he'd NEVER stop!

He'd turn to his oarsmen in his 37 oared fj-ord and he'd say: "MORDEN BORDEN  
FJORDEN GORDEN!" which was Viking for: "YA-HOO!, RAVAGE, PILLAGE, PLUNDER,  
MAIM AND PUT BIG HICKEYS ON ALL THEM FAIR DAMSELS!" Chorus: And it was  
Erik the Awful, the Brutal and Tenacious  
Erik the Awful, mercy sakes! and goodness gracious!  
His appetite for slaughter was simply voracious  
You gotta sleep with your sneakers by your side! YES! And when the villagers heard that awful  
battle-cry: \* YA-HOOOOOOOOOO! \* That's the one! They would run for their lives, fleeing  
over hills and  
thru valleys to the river, whereupon they would walk mid-stream for 37 and 1/2  
miles, climbing out on the low-lying branch, shinnying down a young sapling  
onto rocky ground and leaping from stone to stone until they arrived one week  
later at a secret cave 97 miles away, and as they sat down for the first time  
to catch their breath, outside they heard:  
"YA-HOOOO! MORDEN BORDEN FJORDEN GORDEN!" Chorus: Yes, it was Erik the  
Awful, the Brutal and Tenacious  
Erik the Awful, turned up in the darndest places  
Subtle as a chainsaw, lacking all the Social Graces  
You can run, but you cannot hide! OH! And this time they cut south to Paris, bought tickets on  
the Orient  
Express to Istanbul, hired a U-Haul to the Coast, jumped a Greek freighter  
across the Mediterranean Sea to MON-golia, hooked up with a camel caravan into  
the heart of the Gobi Desert, and as they paused at an oasis, to lift one  
handful of cool water to their parched lips, over their shoulder they heard: "YA-HOOOO!  
MORDEN BORDEN FJORDEN GORDEN!" They fled to Calcutta!  
\* YA-HOOOOOOOO! \* They fled to the Himalayas!

\* YA-HOOOOOOOOO! \*Tokyo!  
\* YA-HOOOOOOOOO! \*Toronto!  
\* YA-HOOOOOOOOO! \*Toledo and Heyhailea, Georgia...  
\* YA-HOOOOOOOOO! \*But it was no use! They finally succumbed to a savage plundering and  
pillaging followed by a big hickey party on the outskirts of what is now  
Washington, DC, where the decendants of Erik can still be found today,  
working as Special Agents for the IRS!Erik later amassed a small fortune posing for Molly  
Hatchet album covers,  
and did stuntwork for Arnold Schwarzenegger in Conan the Barbarian! He also  
won an Academy Award for his dual role as a train wreck and his tender  
portrayal of King Kong's daddy! Oh, you might remember the end of that one:  
there wasn't a dry eye in the house when he married the Empire State Building.  
And who could forget the evening he ate the entire Kingdom of the East?  
With no sugar?Chorus: Erik the Awful, the Brutal and Tenacious  
Erik the Awful, the Hungry and Voracious  
Subtle as a chainsaw, lacking all the Social Graces  
You can run but you cannot hide!\* YA-HOOOOOOOOOOOOO! \*

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