

## Napster Piracy

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To the tune of *Barrett's Privateers* by Stan Rogers

Oh the year was Nineteen Ninety Eight

*How I wish I was on Freenet now*

When people first heard of MP3

And music out on the Web for free.

God damn them all! I was told

You download all your computer can hold

We'd take our music and pay no fee

Now I owe three years' pay in royalty

Because of Napster piracy

Shawn Fanning he wrote a program kewl

*How I wish I was on Freenet now*

A fairly trivial piece of code

For sharing files from node to node

But the clever part was the Napster site

*How I wish I was on Freenet now*

Where people could trade their songs for free

And pay not a nickle of royalty.

So I got a big disk and a cable line

*How I wish I was on Freenet now*

Then I logged on and began to get

The biggest collection on the net

There were thousands of songs there up for  
grabs

*How I wish I was on Freenet now*

I was hooked up in one of the fastest ways

But to fill a hundred gig took two whole days

At length they were sued by RIAA

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They said "You have done us many wrongs

To go and make copies of all our songs."

But Napster said "There's no music here."

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"We're a kind of search engine, don't you  
know.

(Our users may have some trouble, though)"

So it looks like Napster may get off clean

*How I wish I was on Freenet now*

I laughed 'til the summons came down for me

And the charge they made was piracy.

Well I learned my lesson and paid my fine

*How I wish I was on Freenet now*

But they can't take my MP3's away

'Cause I got Gnutella yesterday.

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