The Ship on His Arm

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"Where are you now" She writes, "Where are you now, my love? Do you have food to eat, shoes for your tired feet Am I the one you're dreaming of?"

"Do you know how I miss you How I long to kiss you Pray for the day you will come Back to me, my darling one"

He thinks about her All through the long watches of night The bullets are flying, young men are dying He prays for the first crack of light

And when he can finally slip into his dream She'll sweep on the sweet web she has woven And for a while they are one

When she kisses the ship on his arm All of his sorrows unravel He knows he will come to another one Over all of the miles he has traveled

Her love is an anchor Her love is forever It's true now her love is the charm When she kisses the ship on his arm

Blessed are they, these fearless young lovers Their lives are just barely begun Blessed is the day they return to each other After all of the battles are done And finally they are one

When she kisses the ship on his arm And all of their sorrows unravel They've come through the eye of the storm Unafraid of the miles left to travel

Their love is an anchor Love is forever It's true now that love is the truth When she kisses the ship on his arm