

## You Sailor

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no longer will i beneath you shelter  
all that you have given to me  
it was never on my behalf

all this, all and more i cede to you  
swear away in fealty  
as i sail for warmer climes

i am a king, you can't deny me my kingdom

what's this camaraderie of country  
that turns before me salty  
rust on fragile parts

all this, all you have inspired  
the crew and ship of empire  
rig and mast and spars  
box of stripes and stars

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you, sailor, on the lonely sea  
will you turn and promise me  
you'll always be alive

oh i might stutter, i might falter  
sail uncharted waters  
drowning, lost, then found  
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