

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

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

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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