

# Long Way Round

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I stood and looked across the water  
I had to get to the other side  
Because I knew that you'd be waitin'  
I didn't want to take the long way 'round.

The captain said the ship was leavin'  
And that we'd better get on board  
I settled down to watch the sunrise  
And wondered if I'd see the sun go down.

The sea was rough and the wind was howlin'  
But I was laughing all the way  
I didn't care about the weather  
Because I knew that you'd be waitin'  
I didn't want to take the long way 'round

Then a stranger sat beside me  
It was my brother in disguise  
He said he knew where I was goin'  
He asked me why I took the long way 'round.

The sea was rough and the wind was howlin'  
But I was laughing all the way  
I didn't listen to the stranger  
Because I knew that you'd be waitin'  
I didn't want to take the long way 'round

At last, I came to my destination  
The stranger turned and walked away  
He didn't know where he was goin'  
He said he had to take the long way 'round.

I stood and looked across the water  
I thought of what I'd left behind  
Because I knew that you'd be waitin'  
I didn't want to take the long way 'round.

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I didn't want to take the long way 'round.