

The Vigil (the Sea)

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Sail ho heave ho come on let go
Your time on earth is over
I watch you sleeping on the bed
I'm talking to your soul

Did you ever think, it'd be like this?
Did you ever think, you'd laugh so much?
Did you ever think, you'd have to try so hard?
Oh

I'm watching my sweet mama
From my vigil on this chair
I close my eyes I feel a change
Is this my lover here?

Did you ever think, it'd be like this?
Did you ever think, you'd walk away?
You and me running through the back streets of the world
Like a pack of hounds of two

Wanting more and more love and how much is too much?
Did you ever think we'd love so hard?
Fighting hard and hurting worse
Oh, you're sailing away

Go away just ignore them

Next time, I open my eyes, is this my father here?
I know it's you because I recognize the smiling little boy
On the sunny front porch holding his mama's hand
Remember when your mama said "we all need love"?

Well, we all need love
Did you ever think, you'd refuse love after all?
Did you ever think, you'd give love and then take it away?
And leave the lives around you in such shame and disarray and pain

It's alright
Put your arms around my neck
Hold me tight as we drift out now
While I have the strength of ten men

Hold me close as we drift out into the darkness
Pigeons rushing up past our heads
People in doorways
I think this is Europe somewhere

You're so thin you're so light, don't let go hold me
Are these yours or mine?
There is nothing, I'd rather have than for you
To put your hand upon my forehead

Just keep it there, don't take it away
And tell me that even though you may not like all
The things I do but say that you love my soul
And remember me, remember me?

Hold me close, put your arms around my neck
As we drift out I've finished it
Into the darkness, you're so thin, it's only a movie
Run Bambi run, it's only a movie

Brothers and sisters, fire
I'm there and there's a body lying at the foot of it
Hold me close, we're moving out across the water now
And you're lying on this beach, sleeping

And a tiger's watching you from the edge of the jungle
And the sun through the leaves and his stripes and it's
And you're sleeping and I'm watching and he's watching
And you're so beautiful

Sail ho heave ho come on let go
Your time on earth is over
You have done, well it's time to rest
I'm talking to your soul

Did you ever think, it'd be like this?
Do you ever think, we'll meet again?
How will I ever know it's you?
Maybe, will it be the love that I'll feel?

When I look into a stranger's eyes
When I look into a stranger's eyes
Oh, you're sailing away

I keep my vigil on this chair
Is this my lover here?
Is this my brother here?
Is this my baby?
Is this me lying here?