

## Lost Coastlines

Okkervil River

Packed and all eyes turned in, no one to see on the quay. No one waving  
for me just the shoreline receding. Ticket in my hand and thinking wish I  
didn't hand it in. Cause who said sailing is fine? leaving behind all the  
faces that I might replace if I tried on that long ride, looking deep inside  
but I don't want to look so deep inside yet.

Sit down, sit down on the prow to wave bye, there might not be another  
stop, further on the line. Look out, look out at each town that glides by,  
and there's another crowd, to drown in crying eyes. And see how that  
light you love now just won't shine, there might just be another star,  
that's high and far in some other sky.

We sing, is that marionette real enough yet to step off of that set to decide  
what her hands might be doing. Ruining the play to in the ensuing melee  
escape. We packed up all of our bags the ship's deck now sags from the  
weight of our tracks as we pace beneath flags black and battered rattling  
our swords in service of some feted foreign lord.

We sail out on order from him but we find that the maps he sent to us  
don't mention lost coastlines. Where nothing we've actually seen has been  
mapped or outlined, we don't recognize the names upon these signs.

And every night finds us rocking and rolling on waves wild and wide, well  
we have lost our way, nobody's gonna say it outright. Just go l  
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la la la la...