B.C. Orienteering

Said the Whale

You're taken by the woods even though you're aware of the slippery cliffs and the big black bears and the salal snares taller than yourself Ferns growing as thick as the trees You're looking for a flag at the top of the hill It's a race against the light And one false step could mean staying the night That's why you should never travel alone You should never travel alone and you know that one false step and you might not make it home And so you watch for loose rocks under your feet Stepping onto wet stones, crossing over creeks Climbing up cliffs and over dead trees You watch your step, you get your footing right A broken compass could mean staying the night and you should always know where you're going Even if you've got a map you should always know where you're going And you know that even if you've got a map you might not make it home

You take your time just to breathe the air and appreciate having never met a bear You capture the flag at the top of the hill With daylight to spare Orienteering comes naturally You read the map right One wrong turn could mean staying the night ad though you carry your phone You should never travel alone And you know that because one false step and you might not make it home and

Even if you've got a map
and you know where you're going
You're still a long way from your home
And even if you've got a map
you should never travel alone
And you know that
But you're not dead yet
and you might just make it home