

# The Hourglass

Savatage

Standing alone by the edge of a river  
He's traded his life for a glass full of tears  
The bargain was quick for one's life is less dearer  
When the sand's running out and the ending is near

The ending is near  
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The ending is...

The man climbed aboard and set sail for the ocean  
He put on the mast all the canvas she'd take  
Then laid himself down on the deck neath the tiller  
The ship was his coffin this moment his wake

Runaway reasons  
Runaway seasons  
Time is a treason  
That I give back to you now

The wind touched the sail and the ship moved the ocean  
The wind from the storm set the course she would take  
From a journey to nowhere towards a soul on the ocean  
From the wake of Magellan to Magellan's wake

Runaway reasons  
Runaway seasons  
Everything in it  
Hours and minutes  
You take tomorrow  
Because it means nothing  
To me, To me, To...

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Asking him to understand  
In the desert look for water  
On the ocean look for land

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And there in the waves  
Was a man in his grave  
That he saw in the night  
'Tween the flashes of light  
And he could not be there

And all he had prayed  
Or had given away  
He now found to be wrong  
In the grip of the storm  
And he could not be there

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Safely back onto the shore  
Could you grant this last illusion

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And all at once the heavens bled their fire  
The anchor broke the chains they flew away  
And suddenly the waves were reaching higher  
And in the dark I thought I heard them say

[1.]

Could you keep our lives together  
Safely back onto the shore  
Could you grant this last illusion  
Only this and nothing more

[simultaneously - add a new stanza each second time]

[2.]

Everything I ever had for one more tomorrow  
Everything I ever had for just one more night  
And if this is not to be I pray could I borrow  
Just another final hour onto my life

[3.]

Did you ever really want to  
Did you ever really want to

[4.]

Lord, tell me how it will be  
Lord, tell me how it will be

[all together]

Nothing more  
Nothing more  
Nothing...