

# **TWO COATS COLDER**

## **UNSEEN HIGHWAY - LYRICS**

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## Six Thousand Miles

I can see her now  
Off the starboard bow  
In a rainbow cloud she glides

Thirty seconds – then  
She'll be gone again  
Far beneath the rain and tides

Chorus: Six thousand miles between the winter and the spring  
Following the centuries on calendars within  
The unseen highway on the great Pacific Rim  
Forever homeward bound

As they passed the lands  
Of the coastal bands  
With spears in hand they came

But their balanced ways  
Were of numbered days  
Nothing ever stays the same

Chorus:

For all too soon  
Their approaching doom  
By the bright harpoon fulfilled

No whalers wish  
For the devilfish  
But even this they killed

Chorus:

They were almost gone  
When the fleet moved on  
From oblivion reprieved

But a greater threat  
Is before them yet  
If we can't protect the seas

Chorus x 2

## Sailor's Tale

Saw three ships come sailing by  
Blown on winds with tides so high  
Winter storms that never end  
Broken sailors' souls to mend  
Swab the decks and mend those sheets  
Break the hearts of girls they meet

It's a long way home, a long way home

Sailors laugh and sailors cry  
Mainly sailors live to die  
Husbands, fathers, brothers, sons  
Working for their daily rum  
Cat of nine and keel haul trail  
Making of a sailor's tale

It's a long way home, a long way home

It's a long way home  
It's a long way home  
It's a long way home  
It's a long way home

## Truth and Lies

Golden Gate – once you enter it's far too late  
Taking food from another's plate  
When you're through the Golden Gate

It's fair to say people who behave in such a way  
Sell their souls to the bankers who dictate  
How we're living now

Easy paths have been laid, broken promises made  
No time to repay

Truth and lies, truth and there's lies  
Truth and lies from the start  
Truth and lies, don't be surprised  
Truth and lies from your heart

It's greed that makes people think that it's theirs to take  
To hell with the other's fate  
When you're through the Golden Gate

Saw a line in the sand and one side is fine  
Stepping over it takes no time  
It's not too late

Easy paths have been laid, broken promises made  
No time to repay

Truth and lies, truth and there's lies  
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## The King's Navy (Tony Phillips)

The stories that I loved the best  
From sailors when they're home on rest  
Are stories tall as old oak trees  
That kept them sailing on the sea

Those sunburned men with smiling eyes  
They boast of how they won that prize  
Frenchy's gold they took their ease  
And lived like lords, did what they pleased

Well they talked of cannon roaring loud  
And smoke so thick it seemed like cloud  
It settled on that battle scene  
Hiding death behind a screen

Well I know now that wasn't true  
And red blood stained the sailors' blue  
No ghostly mist can hide away  
The lessons that I learned that day

I believed what I'd been told  
About the silver and the gold  
That lie in wait for boys like me  
When serving in the King's Navy

I believed what I'd been told  
And bought the lies that others sold  
And lost both legs below the knee  
When serving in the King's Navy

What shall we do with the drunken sailor?  
What shall we do with the drunken sailor?  
What shall we do with the drunken sailor?

Hooray and up she rises  
Hooray and up she rises  
Hooray and up she bloody rises

Back then it was such a thing  
To serve my country and my king  
I ran from home to volunteer  
On a three-mast privateer

Now I'm returned from overseas  
There are no daydreams left for me  
I curse those men with smiling eyes  
Who took me captive with their lies

I believed what I'd been told ...

What shall we do with the drunken sailor?  
What shall we do with the drunken sailor?  
What shall we do with the drunken sailor?

Hooray and up she rises  
Hooray and up she rises  
Hooray and up she bloody rises

Well I still see them every day  
Lads hang upon each word they say  
I see them but they don't see me  
I'm not the one they yearn to be

And I curse those men with smiling eyes  
Their grey beards make them seem so wise  
But there's no wisdom to be found  
When you're six feet underground

I believed what I'd been told ...

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What shall we do with the drunken sailor?

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Hooray and up she rises  
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What shall we do with the drunken sailor?

## The Devil Rode By

Saw an angel in my head  
“Can’t be true” my Father said  
“Takes one minute, maybe two  
To steal the smile away from you”

But you always laugh  
And you always sing  
And you always try to see the good within  
And you never lie  
But you sometimes cry  
Tears for times gone by

People’s hearts and people’s minds  
Come together once they sign  
On the dotted line for me  
I drag ‘em down for all to see

But you always laugh  
And you always sing  
And you always try to see the good within  
And you never lie  
But you sometimes cry  
Tears for times gone by

You won’t need heart, you won’t need song  
You won’t need friends around for long  
You won’t keep looking to your soul  
Follow me down and away we go ...

‘Cause you always laugh  
And you always sing  
And you always try to see the good within  
And you never lie  
But you sometimes cry  
Tears for times gone by  
(I said) Tears for times gone by

## Mirage

Faces that I've never seen  
Tanks are rolling through my dreams  
Sometimes I hear the screams echo in my head

Hopeless future, young men's shame  
Everyone knew who to blame  
From despair a burning flame turned to hope instead

The tyrants who decide our fate  
Never ask, they just dictate  
And it's already far too late to step back from the edge

So we die for freedom in our lives

Been inside for four days now  
Heard the tanks go through the town  
Got to find some food somehow, some water and some bread

Neighbours left us here alone  
Headed for the safety zone  
But if they drive us from our home we might as well be dead

My brother joined the rebels' band  
I don't want blood on my hands  
How can I defend my land? Become the things I dread?

Should I kill for freedom in our lives?

Faces that I've never seen  
Tanks are rolling through my dreams  
Sometimes I hear the screams echo in my head

Hopeless future, young men's shame  
Everyone knew who to blame  
From despair a burning flame turned to hope instead

By our leaders we're betrayed  
Bitter choices, desperate trades  
The lofty goals and plans we made are hanging by a thread

If we kill for freedom in our lives  
If we kill for freedom in our lives



## Reasonable Doubt

Summer evening - scary film on the TV  
In the darkness ... something she didn't quite see

They were teasing - showing off, having fun  
It was easy to forget they were young

What if she lied? What if he tried?  
Got to decide what's wrong and right  
She's got to work out who to believe

Thought she was tough – clever enough  
To know when to trust and when to fight  
Now she just feels scared and naïve

They were best friends; girls of a feather in school  
Lied for each other, ignored all the rules

Now there's trouble - she doesn't know what to do  
Someone's used her; she just can't decide who

What if she lied? What if he tried?  
Got to decide what's wrong and right  
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To know when to trust and when to fight  
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What if he tried? What if she lied?  
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To know when to trust and when to fight  
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When you're thirteen you think you can conquer the world  
Gone forever is that trusting young girl

## All Inside

And my mind it is racing forward in time  
And my feeling is running over the line  
And my heart it is trying hard –  
All inside

I can feel in my heart  
What you felt from the start  
And I know it ain't smart  
To remember all the wasted years apart

Well I don't give a damn  
But I do understand  
To be here by your side  
Gives me all the things inside I desire

And my mind it is racing forward in time  
And my feeling is running over the line  
And my heart it is trying hard –  
It's all inside (All inside)

Well I called the other day  
And you looked, and turned away  
But I saw behind the door  
A look that made me love you even more

And my mind it is racing forward in time  
And my feeling is running over the line  
And my heart it is trying hard –  
It's all inside (All inside)

It's a small price to pay  
It's a strange way to say  
It just feels right to lay  
Down with you in our own special way

And my mind it is racing forward in time  
And my feeling is running over the line  
And my heart it is trying hard –  
It's all inside  
All inside  
All inside  
All inside

## So Alive

Lay down next to my heart  
Feel my breathing start  
To quicken as the wind blows and rages like a storm  
Shallow as the water that rises and is born  
Cooler than the ice floes that are moving through the dawn  
And it's so alive

Keep your hand in mine  
Hold on tightly this time  
Times when it's awkward and times when we know  
Times when our feelings get buried in the snow  
Times when the sunshine doesn't seem to show  
And it's so alive

Walk inside of my shoes  
Footsteps we can't lose  
Travel from close distance or travel from afar  
Leaves the faintest imprint on the world and all its charms  
Never really showing or doing any harm  
And it's so alive

Lay down next to my heart

## Never Let Go

Twelve years old, with dreams of gold and thoughts of far-off places  
He left his school for Liverpool in Nineteen hundred

He was employed as a cabin boy on board the Arethusa  
But the captain's whip made him hate the ship and his cruel abuser

Hey, ho, where shall we go?  
What shall we do when the cold wind blows?  
You fight for your life, you fight for your rights  
And you never let go

He was so thin when he walked in that his mother did not know him  
He walked for days when he ran away but he gained his freedom

He settled down in his home town and married Anne Louisa  
But the war advanced – he was sent to France with the Tommy soldiers

Hey, ho, where shall we go?  
What shall we do when the cold wind blows?  
You fight for your life, you fight for your rights  
And you never let go

They reached the line amazed to find between the ruined houses  
Trenches filled with men in chilled and shivering thousands

To go outside was suicide but the trenches killed more slowly  
Many drowned in the muddy ground or froze in misery

Hey, ho, where shall we go?  
What shall we do when the cold wind blows?  
You fight for your life, you fight for your rights  
And you never let go

He was still alive when spring arrived with thousands gone forever  
Then through the trees came a Chlorine breeze and his war was over

Home once more, starving and poor, his health forever ruined  
And his hero's reward for the wounds he bore was seven shillings

Hey, ho, where shall we go?  
What shall we do when the cold wind blows?  
You fight for your life, you fight for your rights  
And you never let go

This paltry claim turned his pride to shame and then it turned to anger  
Then he heard the news of the worn-out shoes of the Geordie marchers

And he understood that it does no good to sit and rage in silence  
Burning bright for the workers' fight, he joined a union

Hey, ho, where shall we go?  
What shall we do when the cold wind blows?  
You fight for your life, you fight for your rights  
And you never let go

His life was hard but he never tired of the fight against injustice  
He organised far and wide, always on a blacklist

Heavy loads, lonely roads poverty and hardship  
Injury, cruelty - never broke his spirit

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You fight for your life, you fight for your rights  
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## The Garden

I saw her standing in the garden  
Hair was blowing in the wind  
Thoughts were fixed upon the song she played  
In the morning light  
In the growing light of spring

Saying "Hi" was all I offered  
It seemed a simple thing to do  
I didn't know just what to say to her  
In the morning light  
In the garden with you

Saw the day go by  
Saw the flames grow high  
Had to stay for a while in the morning light  
In the growing light of spring

Girly dress and boots to work in  
Silver rings upon her hand  
Big guitar that played a summer sound  
In the morning light  
In the garden in our town

So we started our long way home  
Separate people, separate lives, different phones  
Hadn't realised the seed had been sown

Sang a song for you  
Got it wrong, that's true  
Should have thought it through  
In the morning light  
In the garden with you

Many months went by as strangers  
Then my own life turned to dust  
But a chance remark on my facebook page  
And it made a start  
Made a start and that's enough

La la la la la la la ...