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"First League Out From Land"

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Bred as we among the mountains how the sailor understands

The divine intoxication of the first league out from land Endless sea I've chosen vast and desolate it may seem But it's the way we all choose to go, the idea not the dream

The sun burns me back to consciousness on the deck on which I slept

I don't want to get up I don't want to go though no one here's inept

They've all gone their separate ways, all separate ways to home

That's when we find out where we've gone we travelled out alone

Time is a test of trouble on this endless sea of wine And only sailor knows this trouble, to each is theirs, is thine

The shanty's a fucking survival test that only the brutish know

And if I fall down into my own I won't ask you to go

'Tis only I who knows my travels all upon this endless sea

And my ship will never come into port lest 'tis by chaos my anarchy

Will be crushed and if I fall then I will let myself down go

I will never soon now dock at port though it's hard to get up and go

Oh well I mingle and I cluster and I fester down and sore

And I lay down where I end up like a wave upon the shore

And I scramble to get paid, but at least for what I've done and made

I'm not begging work of anyone no cheque it can persuade

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