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Elysian Fields "Tope Of Weeds"

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Night cracked like a skull Made the moon convulse Wrapped its chilly tongue around my mast A fortnight it would be Since I'd been out at sea Ne'er another soul had crossed my path Ne'er another soul had crossed my path

I was hauling salt In my bleached and battered boat Trawling just to pass the restless night When I felt the queerest lug Against that fraying cord Reeling in a devastating sight In the brackish sound Somebody had drowned She wrapped her raven rings around my line She wrapped her raven rings around my line

In a tangled open dress The most comely bloodless breasts A distant look was frozen in her eyes A fiend possessed my soul As I helped her to disrobe A rope of weeds was woven round her thighs A rope of weeds was woven round her thighs

My ill and frenzied heart And the quiet lapping song

Beaten by the splendor of her hips I had to lay her down Atop those briny beds And press my mouth against her silent lips

The frigid moon was green Upon my wicked scene My wasted angel shimmering in sand I had to be with her And leave the world behind I knew that no one else could understand And I slipped her silver palm inside my hand Married to the bower I threw our bodies overboard Our hearts were bound by heavy rusted chain Now I roam the ocean floor With the lady I adore This is where we remain This is where we remain This is where we remain This is where we remain

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